

**February 5, 2008**

**Roanoke Town Council Minutes**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Roanoke Town Council convened on Tuesday February 5, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in accordance with this Council's rules and applicable laws. Those present from the Council were President John Stoeckley, Vice President Michelle Schwieterman, Councilman Brian Young and Councilman Nick Altman. Councilman Troy Karshner was not present. Also present were Town Superintendent Paul Swain, Asst. Town Superintendent John Hitzemann, Marshal Kip Rupert, Fire Chief Chad Taylor and JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer.**

**Vice President Schwieterman moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 15, 2008 as written. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**As there were no citizen comments, Mr. Larry Davis from "The Source" agency presented various in depth scenarios for renewing employee health insurance by March 1, 2008. Copies of the renewal plan choices may be obtained from the Clerk/Treasurer's office. The Council took the information under advisement and tabled the issue until the next regular Council meeting of February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**President Stoeckley discussed the request from Keller Development to the Council to waive and cap sewer connection fees for the proposed 35 unit senior apartments at \$10,000 from the \$57,400 per ordinance. In exchange the Town would receive the deeds for the six lots from the former plating operation, deeded over from Keller Development. After discussion and before a vote was taken, John asked JoAnne to comment on her thoughts and the proposed 93% rate increase in sewer rates received that afternoon from the municipal consultant, Greg Guerrettaz. After further discussion, the request was tabled and JoAnne was asked to find out what the appraisals were on the six lots.**

**Mrs. Rose Meldrum, Executive Director of the Huntington County Convention Bureau, was present requesting \$3,000 in funds from the Town to go toward repairs of their office in downtown Huntington. After her lengthy presentation and discussion, the Council tabled the issue to review the materials handed out by Mrs. Meldrum.**

**Fire Chief Chad Taylor gave the fire report for the month of January, copy available at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. He next addressed 2 quotes to correct the heat problem in the fire garage from Aboite Heating & Cooling and Mann's Inc. There was significant discussion regarding exactly what was needed. Therefore the Council determined definite specifications and asked for another quote from both companies for the next regular Council meeting.**

**Marshal Rupert gave the Police report and received consensus from the Council to appoint Mr. David Laspas as a new reserve officer. Kip stated he had worked several ID thefts the past month and cautioned everyone to keep personal records in a safe place and invest in a shredder.**

**Superintendent Swain gave the utility report stating the department had placed several new street signs, the three new overhead doors at the wastewater treatment building had been installed and the water lines at the new Kilsoghah Preserve subdivision were "cooking" chlorine before the lines were flushed and tested.**

**He addressed the two proposed amendments to the Canal Street sidewalks per the developer per distributed drawings, copies available at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. After lengthy discussion, Councilman Young moved to remain with the original plan already approved. Vice President Schwieterman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**JoAnne reviewed the proposed requests from department heads for the 2008 CEDIT plan draft to be forwarded to the County Commissioners, copy on file at the Clerk/Treasurer's office. After discussion, Councilman Altman moved to approve the draft as submitted. Councilman Young seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**The Council next reviewed proposed Resolution 2008-2, a Declaratory Resolution Designating Certain Real Estate Within the Town of Roanoke as an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 Et Seq., referring to the proposed 35 unit senior citizen complex, copy on file in the Clerk/Treasurer's office. Councilman Young moved to adopt Resolution 2008-2 as presented. Vice President Schwieterman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**Michelle then informed the Council that she could not attend the Region III-A meetings, having not known they were held at 7:00 A.M. in Kendallville. The Council did not assign another representative at this time.**

**President Stoeckley requested that JoAnne set up a meeting with Town Engineer Andy Dodzik, Phil Hibbert, Superintendent Swain, John S. and JoAnne for a Monday morning to determine if parts of the \$2.1 million proposed bond from the new wastewater rate study by the municipal consultant could be reduced by the worse infrastructure being addressed first over the next few years. The synopsis of prioritization could perhaps reduce the proposed 93% rate increase.**

**Last on the agenda was the presentation of bills for payment. After review and questions, Councilman Young moved to pay the bills as listed on the allowance of claims payable vouchers for \$82,969.33. Vice President Schwieterman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

**Councilman Young then moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Altman seconded and the motion was duly adopted.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**JoAnne Kirchner, Clerk/Treasurer**