



TOWN OF ROSELAND  
INCORPORATED 1916

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

Elizabeth J McCombs, President  
Julie Mudrovich, Council Member  
Traci Newman, Council Member  
Robin Ackerson, Clerk-Treasurer

Avery Minor, Town Marshal  
Peter Agostino, Town Attorney  
Heather Velez, Police Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER/  
PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

President Elizabeth J. McCombs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. President McCombs led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. She then asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence to honor the recent passing of resident Dan Hardman and co-worker Phil Stephens.

II. ROLL CALL:

All members were present except Traci Newman, Peter Agostino, and Avery Minor.

III. MINUTES/DOCKET  
APPROVAL

Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson presented the minutes and dockets to the council, and had additional claims to present. The first was to the St. Joseph County Treasurer in the amount of \$238.18 to reimburse the county for the restricted Opioid Fund payment that was distributed in error. The council concurred that the payment should be made. The second was to Asst. Chief Tim Witham to reimburse him for gas purchased to attend Officer Limon's graduation from the Academy in Indianapolis. President McCombs made a motion to approve the claim; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

Ms. Ackerson then stated that the party who had rented the town hall on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> had left a big mess, including chicken, balloons, and confetti all over the hall and parking lot, and she believed that their deposit should be forfeited. President McCombs made a motion to deposit the \$100 check left as a damage deposit for the Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> rental due to the mess that was left behind; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

Ms. Ackerson stated that she has two outstanding checks that are over two years old that she would be voiding. President McCombs stated

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as a point of order that the Clerk-treasurer does not need council approval, to which Ms. Ackerson stated that she was merely notifying them, as required.

President McCombs made a motion to accept all dockets and minutes as presented; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS/  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

President McCombs asked if there were any introductions or announcements. Clerk-Treasurer Robin Ackerson acknowledged that Roseland Rotary had sponsored a CPR class for the public at the town hall earlier today.

V. TOWN ATTORNEY

Absent.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

President McCombs addressed a public records request from resident Mike Schalk, stating that she had spoken with the town attorney about the matter. The Clerk-Treasurer has been working on finding the old code books as requested; however, when a municipality recodifies all of the previous laws that are no longer included become null and void. This is per attorneys, engineers, and even the state – laws change over time. In Indiana this usually happens in March and July. Per Attorney Agostino, you cannot enforce an outdated law. She reminded Mr. Schalk that the town had rescinded the ordinance pertaining to tying up horses on SR933; this happened long after the highway was converted to automobile traffic.

President McCombs then asked if anyone had questions about Cheers, and stated that resident Gail Woods had questioned whether she had called someone on the County Council. She stated that the question on the floor had been in regard to the construction fencing, and that she had contacted the Building Department about the matter. Ms. Woods asked who she had spoken to and what month did she make the call; President McCombs replied that she did not know the name of the woman who answered, but that she had sent someone out to investigate. She did not know which month, but referred Ms. Woods to the meeting minutes of the summer when the subject came up, and stated that she had made the phone call the next day. Ms. Woods continued to rant that there are wires above ground, a line is hanging down, and the building permit is not posted where it should be. President McCombs cautioned against anyone targeting a business because they have rights also, and Roseland needs its business community, and stated she would take a walk and make another call.

VI. OLD BUSINESS Ms. Woods stated that Cheers makes itself a target. President McCombs reminded Ms. Woods that the town does not have authority over the highway or the sidewalk; the building department governs over construction, the Indiana Dept. Of Transportation governs over the highway, and so on, but she will make those calls.

VII. NEW BUSINESS President McCombs stated that the town has filed court action against Mr. Norm Patel.

VIII. TOWN HEALTH & SAFETY Police Clerk Heather Velez stated that there were 349 service calls, 25 police reports written, and 3 animal complaints. Of these, there was one death, 2 DUI's, 4 domestic calls, 3 thefts, and 3 burglaries.

Ms. Velez also reported that she attended the first session of a two-part program with FEMA to update local vulnerabilities for disaster, and will attend part 2 in October, and the town will ultimately have a Disaster Mitigation Plan update. Ms. Velez also mentioned that she had attended the Roseland Rotary CPR training earlier that day. President McCombs thanked the entire Roseland Police Dept. And led in a round of applause.

IX. MAINTENANCE President McCombs stated that the truck is in the shop because it wouldn't start, but we have no further information yet. No patching or paving is being done without it. The electric at the Veteran's Park has been repaired.

X. TOWN FINANCIAL Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson reported:

August 1, 2023 Balance	\$ 931,364.32
Deposits, EFT's, & Adj.	105,743.64
Checks & Electronic Payments	<u>113,926.02</u>
August 31, 2023 Balance	\$ 923,181.94

She also reported that a reimbursement check was received from Operation Pull Over (aka CHIRP) for approximately \$3800, which leaves a balance due of over \$4500. President McCombs stated that the books are always open in the Clerk-treasurer's office.

XI. TOWN PLANNING, ZONING, & DEVELOPMENT Zoning Commissioner Julie Mudrovich stated that the dumpster situation at the Stevens Building has finally been resolved, and she has notified the owners of the Garland Building about the weeds and



XII. PARK                                The mulch estimate and application have been put on hold for a few weeks due to Phil Stephens passing, but the matter is being actively pursued. Meanwhile, the park looks great and is being utilized, rented, and patrolled. The water testing is coming back perfect.

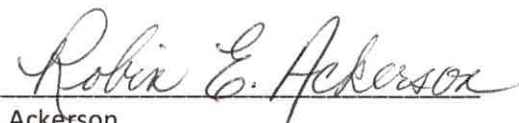
XIII. PUBLIC INPUT                        None.

XIV. ADJOURN                                President McCombs made a motion to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

  
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President Elizabeth J. McCombs

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Traci Newman, Council Member

  
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Julie Mudrovich, Council Member

ATTEST:   
Robin E. Ackerson  
Clerk-Treasurer