



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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.

II. ROLL CALL

All members were present .

III. MINUTES/DOCKET
APPROVAL

Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson presented the minutes and dockets to the council for approval. President McCombs made a motion to accept and approve all minutes and dockets as presented; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS

President McCombs read aloud the letter of resignation to the town council by Traci Newman. She then asked Chief Minor and Attorney Agostino to address the underage drinking/Indiana Excise investigation at Cheers Pub.

Chief Minor explained that underage drinking had been suspected for some time, and that minors were escaping detection by using fake IDs. Roseland Police, in conjunction with Indiana Excise authorities had performed a raid on the establishment, finding and ticketing many college students who were underage, and that the investigation is ongoing. He added that Cheers has been very cooperative, and wants to be a partner in correcting the problem. Attorney Agostino added that while the investigation is ongoing the pub can remain open, and it is still subject to the law. Some information will not be subject to disclosure and, at this point, that is the case.

Attorney Agostino then addressed Mr. Mitchell of LaMar Signs about the proposed replacement of two billboards with one digital sign. Mr. Mitchell explained that the current size is approximately

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500 square feet, which will be reduced to about 380 square feet of display space on the new billboard. President McCombs asked if there would be willing to provide promotion for town events at no cost or reduced cost, and he replied that they would when inventory is available and, additionally, at their other locations. Attorney Agostino asked how far the post is from the Indiana Toll Road, as the law requires a distance of at least 600 feet. President McCombs asked about the brightness of the illumination, and Mr. Mitchell stated that it is monitored for maximum efficiency, only emitting 3 candlefeet of light at night. As the attorney reviewed the site plan, Mr. Mitchell explained that the two billboards sit on one pole, and replacement would not be considered new construction. President McCombs suspended the Introductions and Announcements while Attorney Agostino reviewed the code pertaining to the billboard.

President McCombs made a motion to approve the sign permit for LaMar Advertising to replace the billboards with the new digital sign upon receipt of the fee; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

V. TOWN ATTORNEY

Suspended.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

President McCombs asked the clerk-treasurer for the quotes for the salt-spreader for the maintenance truck. She stated that we had quotes of \$10,956.80, \$9,806.55, \$7,825.50, and the lowest at \$5,752.40 which was given by Ferguson's. The lowest bid includes all materials, parts, and labor to install the Tornado salt spreader on Roseland's truck. Mike Schalk of 138 Murray Street questioned the capacity; if it was small, medium, or large; this would affect the size of the loads it could carry and how often it would need to be filled. The size was not listed, nor was there warranty information which council member Julie Mudrovich stated we should have. President McCombs made a motion to buy the salt spreader, installed, at a cost of \$5,752.40; Ms. Mudrovich stated that she would like to check the capacity with Carolyn Spear; the motion died for lack of a second.

V. TOWN ATTORNEY

Unsuspected. Attorney Agostino asked the dimensions of the digital sign, and agreed that they were within limits. President McCombs made a motion to approve the petition of LaMar Advertising for their digital billboard upon payment of the fee; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dale Anglin of 230 McCombs Street asked why the town needed a salt spreader when the plowing is contracted out. President McCombs explained that one person cannot plow for 24 hours at a time, and that Carolyn works in conjunction with the contractor who plows the streets. The parking lot, alleys, and the park also need plowing.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

**VIII. TOWN HEALTH
& SAFETY**

Chief Avery Minor stated that there were 313 service calls and 22 police reports written. He stated that there was a firearms incident at the park on Halloween, but nobody should be alarmed as the shooters thought that they were further out in the county where this is allowed. One of the persons was a juvenile; both were detained and both were cooperative. Humane Society services will resume on January 1, 2024.

Chief Minor has applied for a \$125,000 COPS grant which will pay for an additional officer for the town.

Chief Minor thanked All of the Roseland Police Officers as they ALL showed up for the Cheers Pub/Excise event from 10:00 p.m. until 2:30 a.m., and then worked their normal shifts the following day. They went above and beyond the normal call of duty.

Mike Schalk of 138 Murray Street wanted to know if any fines had been levied by the town due to this incident. Chief Minor replied that the investigation is still open, and he would like to see what Excise does before taking additional action. Other action would be up to the Town Council and Attorney. Attorney Agostino concurred with the chief.

Ms. Ann Rulli of 232 W. Pendle asked about the occupancy of Cheers; news reports had stated there were over 200 customers. Chief Minor responded that the occupancy is 87 with tables and chairs, but when the chairs and tables are removed it is well above 200.

IX. MAINTENANCE

President McCombs stated that Carolyn has been cleaning the streets of trash and patching, as well as trimming the alley behind Rulli's on Weber St. She will continue patching, weather permitting.

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Advanced Property Maintenance has offered two rounds of leaf pick-up; the first on November 17-18th, and the second on December 1st -2nd. The town will mail a flyer.

X. TOWN FINANCIAL

Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson reported:

Oct. 1, 2023 Balance	\$ 885,417.55
Deposits, EFT's, & Adj.	81,144.99
Checks & Electronic Payments	<u>92,357.64</u>
Oct. 31, 2023 Balance	\$ 874,204.90

Mike Schalk, 138 Murray St., asked the cost of having an attorney represent the town for a lawsuit that had been filed against the park. Ms. Ackerson stated that it was an insurance matter, and the town's insurance included the legal coverage in the suit at no additional cost.

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 she would like the leaf pick-up flyer to also mention the requirements of the town's trash barrel ordinance. President McCombs concurred.

Ms. Mudrovich presented an application for a new furnace and air conditioning unit at 224 W. Pendle, to be installed by Great Lakes Heating and Air Conditioning at a cost of \$5,686.00. President McCombs reviewed the application, then made a motion to approve the permit; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

XII. PARK

President McCombs stated that she met with Roseland Rotary earlier and they will contribute \$5,000.00 toward a new merry-go-round. The town will add to that and encumber the funds from the 2023 budget. The size and model will be available at the December meeting.

The park has been fully winterized; the water lines are cleared.

Mike Schalk, 138 Murray St., stated that a swing has been broken for quite awhile, and asked if it could be removed for safety or replaced. Ms. Mudrovich stated that the broken swing had been repaired, and wanted to know which one it was so it can be taken care of.



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XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

XIV. ADJOURN

President McCombs made a motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.;
seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.



President Elizabeth J McCombs

Traci Newman, Council Member

VACANT



Julie Mudrovich, Council Member

ATTEST:



Robin E. Ackerson
Clerk-Treasurer