



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 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 6:01 p.m. President McCombs led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL:

All members were present except Heather Velez and Attorney Agostino.

III. MINUTES/DOCKET
APPROVAL

Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson presented the dockets to the council for review and signatures. No minutes were presented. President McCombs made a motion to accept all dockets as presented; seconded by Traci Newman; all in favor; motion carried.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS

President McCombs stated that the police will be participating in Operation Pullover, also known as OPO or CHIRP, which will reimburse the Overtime pay of participating officers to the town. Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson explained that the Employer portion of FICA will not be reimbursed through the program; President McCombs stated that the FICA can be paid from Police Operating in the General Fund. She then stated that any officer participating **MUST WORK THEIR NORMAL SHIFT.**

President McCombs reminded all that the town insurance is due next month, and will be over \$20,000. It will be increased over last year, as building values have increased significantly.

V. TOWN ATTORNEY

Absent.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President McCombs stated that the first order of new business is to decide who will do what on the board.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Traci Newman nominated Elizabeth McCombs for Council President; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

Elizabeth McCombs nominated Traci Newman to stay on over the Maintenance Department; seconded by Traci Newman; all in favor; motion carried.

Ms. Newman nominated Julie Mudrovich to remain as Zoning Commissioner; seconded by Elizabeth McCombs; all in favor; motion carried.

Councilwoman Traci Newman wanted to discuss the old "Welcome to Roseland" signage from which Outdoor One has removed the rotting wood. She stated that the new "wrap" is unattractive. President McCombs said that this was temporary, until the company has a new advertiser to replace the "Your Ad Here" sign.

Brief discussion was held regarding vacant buildings and rumors of potential businesses moving in or out of town.

VIII. TOWN HEALTH & SAFETY

Chief Avery Minor stated that the service calls were 291 and 21 reports were written. He is working with the town attorney to remove the van at 515 Dixieway North, as it is abandoned property but people are breaking into it and leaving clothes and trash all around. President McCombs thanked the Roseland Police Dept. for arresting the "drive-by shooter" from December's Pendle St. incident and everyone gave a round of applause.

IX. MAINTENANCE

Councilwoman Traci Newman reported that Carolyn has continued working on the garage, and still needs to add a spill kit to be MS4 compliant. Ms. Newman reported that the salt spreader cannot be repaired, and questioned if the town could afford a new one. Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson explained that the MVH Fund had been cut by \$25,000, and that she had removed the amount budgeted for capital equipment to meet the budget order. President McCombs stated that the Maintenance Dept. does not have enough manpower to plow the town regularly, and can put the plowing out for bids as has been done in the past. Ms. Newman presented quotes for new salt-spreaders; the range was \$9,000 - \$10,000; President McCombs suggested that

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the town look to other municipalities for a used one at a lower cost.

Ms. Newman also mentioned the need for another round of leaf pick-up on the west side of town. President McCombs explained that the trucks had to be converted for plowing season, so we would have to wait until spring.

President McCombs stated that the Indiana State Police has brought to our attention the need for a Property Room for items such as bicycles and lawn mowers that may be recovered by the police. We will need to commandeer a portion of the Maintenance Garage to build the room.

X. TOWN FINANCIAL

Clerk-Treasurer Robin Ackerson reported:

Balance - Dec. 1, 2022	\$ 682,593.93
Deposits, EFT's, Adj.	233,457.93
Checks, EFT's	<u>93,152.88</u>
Balance - Dec. 31, 2022	\$822,898.98

She explained that between \$500,000 - \$600,000 is in reserved funds for the water/sewer project we are planning. President McCombs reminded the public that the books are always open to the public in the Clerk-treasurer's office.

XI. TOWN PLANNING,
ZONING, &
DEVELOPMENT

Zoning Commissioner Julie Mudrovich stated that the Business Permit renewal letters have been mailed out, and the fees are coming in. She then began to read a letter from a Mr. Cook who is interested in buying the lot at 109 North Dixieway and wants to erect a double-faced billboard on the lot. President McCombs said that the town attorney would need to be involved, as there are leases to consider. She expressed a desire to limit the number of billboards in town and gave several reasons why the location would not be a desirable location for a billboard, such as the construction must withstand 100 mph winds.

XII. PARK

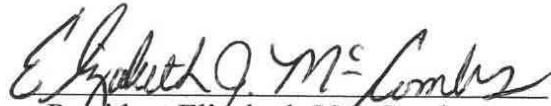
Councilwoman Traci Newman reported that the sledding signs will be installed next week. She also stated that we need to hire someone to replace Danny Allen this spring, as he has said he will not be able to mow this year.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Gail Woods stated that she had not been informed that the council had approved the Outdoor One agreement on the small billboards at each end of town. President McCombs explained that the Special Public Meeting agenda was amended to accommodate Outdoor One, and Ms. Woods was aware of the scheduled meeting; sometimes circumstances allow for such an amendment. Ms. Woods recommended that the town get an app to inform residents of upcoming agenda changes. Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson stated that the required notices to taxpayers are sufficient, as the taxpayers also have a responsibility to look for posted government activities. Mr. Shane Inez suggested that Ms. Ackerson email an agenda to Ms. Woods for any upcoming special meetings, and this was agreed to.


XIV. ADJOURN

President McCombs made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.; seconded by Traci Newman; all in favor; motion carried.


President Elizabeth J McCombs


Traci Newman, Council Member


Julie Mudrovich, Council Member

ATTEST: 
Robin E. Ackerson
Clerk-Treasurer