



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 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 except Peter Agostino and Heather Velez.

III. MINUTES/DOCKET
APPROVAL

Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson presented the dockets to the council for review and signatures. She also presented a claim for Sirchie, which was received after the dockets were printed. President McCombs made a motion to accept all dockets as presented; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS

President McCombs recognized Ms. Cindy Elliott of Roseland Rotary, 28015 SR 23, North Liberty, who stated that the Rotary Club would be hosting a membership drive on Thursday, May 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Weiss Gasthaus. The function will serve double duty as a fundraiser for Roseland Park, with 10% of the restaurant sales being donated toward a new merry-go-round. President McCombs thanked Ms. Elliott for coming.

V. TOWN ATTORNEY

Not here.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President McCombs read aloud Resolution 02-2023, A Temporary Transfer of Funds from CEDIT to General and MVH funds. She offered the subject for discussion and, without objection, made a motion to pass and adopt Resolution 02-2023; seconded by Traci Newman; all in favor; motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Clerk-Treasurer Robin Ackerson reported receiving a check for approximately \$17,000.00 from the Monsanto et.al. PCB lawsuit, intended to assist with cleaning waterways but not restricted. She noted that the town could potentially use some of the money for drinking water testing, which is a new expense this year, and for cleaning stormwater drains. The money must be appropriated before using, and council concurred on the possible uses.

VIII. TOWN HEALTH & SAFETY

Chief Avery Minor stated that there were 453 service calls and 44 case reports. There has been a lot of speeding going on, so he ordered an increase in traffic stops, totaling 164 from which there were 4-5 DUI arrests. All four cameras are now in place, and he has fielded calls from multiple agencies. The cameras are paying dividends already; a murder suspect from Chicago has been arrested and several stolen vehicles have been recovered. The chief has been doing research on disposal of old evidence, and has found a company that will auction the allowed items and return money to the town. He is waiting for more info, and for the town attorney's consultation on a policy.

Chief Minor attended a meeting about Operation Pull Over (OPO) and stated that they are catching up and everyone will be receiving reimbursements in the next few weeks. He stated that our officers are at a stand-still in the program and will not be participating until the town is caught up on reimbursement funds. President McCombs briefed the attendees on how the program works, and explained that this is one reason we are transferring funds this evening.

The chief reported that Cheers is doing much better and has been closing the door at 1:30 a.m.; however, officers are monitoring and see that some people who can't get in will then linger in the parking lot.

The planning of RPD Kid's Day at the Park is coming along well, and the department is receiving many business donations to help sponsor the event. It will be held on Saturday, July 15th, from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for the vendors and games, to be followed by an outdoor movie and finishing up the night with fireworks. Clay Fire will be on hand for safety, and U-93 will promote it on the radio. Most child food and games will be free.

VIII. TOWN HEALTH
& SAFETY

Resident Mike Schalk asked if Cheers should have a safety fence around the construction area of their patio build, and Chief Minor stated that the state inspector issued a citation for the cones placed in the road, and things are at a stand-still while the state brings them into compliance.

President McCombs thanked Chief Minor and the entire department for their hard work and dedication, which was enhanced with a round of applause.

IX. MAINTENANCE

Councilwoman Traci Newman reported that Carolyn has applied more cold-patch to the potholes as weather permits. She has also striped the town hall parking lot. The grass is being mowed regularly, but one mower will need a repair. Ms. Newman instructed Carolyn to replace the light at the Veteran's Park before Memorial Day.

President McCombs stated that Carolyn had called her about branches that went down on McCombs St.; Phil Stephens was contacted to remove it. Councilwoman Newman said that there had also been branches from a tree near the swings at the park that he needs to remove. Carolyn will be cold patching diligently, keeping the town well maintained.

X. TOWN FINANCIAL

Clerk-Treasurer Robin Ackerson reported:

Balance - Apr. 1, 2023	\$ 682,085.24
Deposits, EFT's, Adj.	93,057.07
Checks, EFT's	<u>93,332.33</u>
Balance - Apr. 30, 2023	\$ 681,809.98

The interest on savings for the month was \$1,259.78. She also reported that the town has not yet received any Operation Pullover (OPO/CHIRP) reimbursement.

She stated that PNC also could provide the town with a credit card reader, and would set up our website with an option to pay online. The setup cost is \$599.00, but they would issue a \$100.00 credit to the town if we participate. She explained that it is not required, but an option for convenience. After brief discussion, council concurred that we do not have enough activity to warrant the feature. The council agreed to come back to that in the future.

XI. TOWN PLANNING,
ZONING, &
DEVELOPMENT

Zoning Commissioner Julie Mudrovich stated that she had responded to complaints by sending out letters and that people are complying. She also presented a building permit application for a complete tear-off and re-roof at 133 Murray St. at a cost of \$6,800. President McCombs made a motion to allow the tear-off and re-roof at 133 Murray St. at a cost of \$6,800.00; seconded by Traci Newman; all in favor; motion carried.

Resident Mike Schalk questioned why the six properties at the end of David St. had never been annexed. President McCombs stated that she did not know, but the owners would benefit from lower taxes if it were done. Ms. Ackerson said that she had heard the residents living in the homes did not want to be annexed.

President McCombs addressed the recent news report about a CBD business trying to establish in Roseland, and stated that the matter is in the attorney's hands. She told that the company approached the matter out of order by going to the Board of Zoning Appeals instead of coming before the council, and the news report had misquoted our ordinances on controlled use. Attorney Agostino will be at the next BZA meeting to explain; meanwhile, our ordinances do not address CBD specifically, as it is a somewhat new product. We need to know what products will be distributed, as THC is not legal in Indiana. Delta 8 products are synthetic marijuana with THC content, while Delta 9 products are hemp derivatives with CBD only.

XII. PARK

President McCombs reported that Dan Allen has been mowing, picking up sticks, and cleaning the trash that a person has been dumping at the park near the dumpster. Dan, Carolyn, and RPD will be watching to try to find the culprit. Councilwoman Traci Newman wondered about getting new mulch; Rotary may be interested in helping to offset the cost. President McCombs will ask Carolyn to get estimates on mulch for the park.

Ms. Gail Woods of University Edge asked about a clean-up day for the community to help with the park. Ms. Newman stated that now that the water is on the clean-up of the pavilion can be addressed. Ms. Mudrovich stated that Dan Allen could now power wash the picnic tables, and that she would be happy to paint them.

XII. PARK

President McCombs reminded everyone about Kid's Day at the Park on July 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be activities and food vendors (kids are free!), followed by a movie and finishing up with fireworks after dark.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

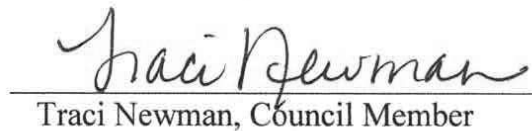
Ms. Cindy Elliott of Roseland Rotary announced that the District office has approved a grant for the merry-go-round, with Rotary International paying for half. The grant app has been submitted to International, and should be final by the end of June. The conversation returned to the mulch; types, estimates, amounts, etc. No decisions were made.

XIV. ADJOURN


President McCombs made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

President McCombs wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day!


President Elizabeth J McCombs


Traci Newman, Council Member


Julie Mudrovich, Council Member

ATTEST: 
Robin E. Ackerson
Clerk-Treasurer