



TOWN OF ROSELAND  
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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 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.

III. MINUTES/DOCKET  
APPROVAL

Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson presented the dockets to the council for review and signatures. She also presented three reimbursement claims: to Dan Allen for tools; to Avery Minor for ammunition; and Carolyn Spear for uniforms. Another claim was presented to refund for a hall rental for a baby shower that was canceled due to complications. 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 introduced Scott Franko of Elkhart Rotary, who spoke about high-speed fiber internet service, and stated he was on a fact-finding mission to discover where services are needed. President McCombs told him that Roseland currently has this service available, and he explained that sometimes people want another option, as various service providers do not perform equally. He also stated that Bill Schalliol of SJC Economic Development had suggested connectivity for the Roseland section of the trail, and that bandwidth is a necessary consideration.

V. TOWN ATTORNEY

Not here.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President McCombs asked if there is any new business to come before the council. Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson

VII. NEW BUSINESS

stated that we have received more information about the EV charging stations proposal, and that GM is now looking to charge the town approximately \$10,000 to install them at the park. We have not budgeted for this option, and it had originally been presented that we would actually make money if we installed them; St. Mary's offers free charging. The proposal is not an option at this time.

VIII. TOWN HEALTH & SAFETY

Chief Avery Minor stated that there were 454 service calls and 53 case reports. A lot of time has been spent on hotel investigations. He reported 3 shots fired at University Edge which he is still looking into. There have been several fights at Cheers, but no shots fired. One overdose death occurred at Motel 6. There were four animal complaints, including one man who was bitten by his own dog. President McCombs stated that she has spoken with the town attorney about negotiating the animal control contract; he stated that he would handle it and get back to her.

Chief Minor stated that the department has been consistently dealing with the indigent, who have been found camping on the trail and sleeping under the Cleveland bridge; it is an endless cycle. They have also kicked them out of the empty van at the abandoned hotel lot.

He also reported that preparations are ongoing for Kid's Day at the Park on July 15th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Children 12 and under will get free food and games. There will be an obstacle course, animals, Med-Flight helicopter, Clay Fire, etc. Afterward, there will be a movie in the park about 9:00 and ending the evening with fireworks.

President McCombs told the chief to put out a Notice to Businesses regarding fireworks regulations, and to deliver them to each business. Chief Minor reported that Officer Will Limon will be going to the Academy in a few weeks, and he was congratulated.

Police Clerk Heather Velez stated that reports have come from Weber Street about cars being raided, and that 341 Weber has been condemned but not boarded up. President McCombs stated that she would make a call to get it closed up so the vagrants do not make themselves at home.

VIII. TOWN HEALTH  
& SAFETY

President McCombs addressed a written complaint from Gail Woods of University Edge, regarding the bus stop in front of Cheers. She reported that INDOT had already fined the establishment, as the highway is under their jurisdiction. Ms. Woods was glad to hear of the penalty.

Mike Schalk of Murray Street stated that the contractor did not clean up around the site, and that the town should have insisted on construction fencing around the site. President McCombs stated that she would call the county about the issues surrounding the construction.

IX. MAINTENANCE

Councilwoman Traci Newman reported that Martell Electric has reviewed the electrical controls at the Veteran's Park, and stated that the problem is below ground. An electrician will be required to repair it, as well as a re-connect fee of \$119 to AEP when the repair is finished.

Ms. Newman reported that Carolyn has not been mowing due to the extremely dry conditions, but has been cold patching the potholes, picking up trash (sometimes from "camping" by the homeless), and cleaning the town hall. She stated that she will be calling Abe's Plumbing about the street cut on Pendle; the repair needs to be milled down as it currently acts as a speed bump. When questioned by Mr. Schalk about using concrete for the repair, Ms. Newman quoted the regulations for asphalt - per her professional knowledge of the subject. President McCombs reviewed the town code verbally to assure Mr. Schalk's satisfaction.

A brief discussion between council members and visiting County Councilmember Amy Drake occurred regarding the town's water and sewer plans in conjunction with street paving. Councilmember Drake would like to be helpful to the town via communication and/or available resources.

X. TOWN FINANCIAL

Clerk-Treasurer Robin Ackerson reported:

Balance - May 1, 2023	\$ 681,809.98
Deposits, EFT's, Adj.	212,122.07
Checks, EFT's	<u>139,586.04</u>
Balance - May 31, 2023	\$ 754,346.01

X. TOWN FINANCIAL

She stated that the town received Supplemental LIT of \$108,000 at the end of May.

President McCombs mentioned that it was brought to her attention that Jeff Beatty had used the town hall to host a CPR class for his employer without renting the space. She asked how Ms. Newman and Ms. Mudrovich felt about letting him use the facility for free, adding that he works as a Reserve Officer for free, and they responded affirmatively. President McCombs made a motion to waive the fee for Jeff Beatty to use the town hall for his CPR training; seconded by Traci Newman; all in favor; motion carried.

President McCombs stated that the Clerk-Treasurer's books are always open.

XI. TOWN PLANNING,  
ZONING, &  
DEVELOPMENT

Zoning Commissioner Julie Mudrovich stated that the property at 216 McCombs has been vacant and unmowed for the last three years. The owner has not responded to letters, and has not been present. She offered a quote of \$450.00 to mow and clean-up the two lots by Holley Acre Tending Services. President McCombs made a motion to clean up the two lots at the vacant premises for \$450.00; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

Councilwoman Mudrovich then stated that a new owner of Pizza King had stopped in because a shade tree at University Edge is blocking their sign from the north. She proposed asking UE to trim the tree, and President McCombs concurred that she ask them to be a good neighbor.

XII. PARK

President McCombs reported that there were damages at the park where someone kicked out a plexiglass panel from the climbing playground. Dan Allen removed the sharp edges and sanded the opening for safety, and the police are watching for vandals. The water is now on and Dan will power wash the picnic tables and equipment, while Julie Mudrovich has offered to paint the picnic tables. Carolyn is still waiting for more bids on mulch, and the fence repair will be done at a later date. Dan Allen has been using his own equipment and tools at the park; he and Carolyn will make a list of inventory for Maintenance and the Park for re-organizing. Many tools crossed over in the last years.



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- XII. PARK More conversation was held regarding mulch, and President McCombs stated that she would hold a Special Public Meeting once the bids were all in so that it can be installed as soon as possible.
- XIII. PUBLIC INPUT Ms. Gail Woods asked if there could be a day when local residents can help with clean up at the park. Tentatively, the week of the 19th would be good for the council.
- XIV. ADJOURN President McCombs made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 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