

TOWN OF ROSELAND

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 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 6:03 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 a reimbursement claim for Avery Minor, for his payment to U93 for advertising Kid's Day at the Park. President McCombs made a motion to accept all minutes and dockets as presented; seconded by Traci Newman; all in favor; motion carried.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

President McCombs recognized Curtis Kendall of 112 Ullery St., who stated that he is on the BZA agenda to have the property he is purchasing re-zoned from Business to Residential. President McCombs stated that she would be willing to call a Special Public Meeting on his behalf after the BZA recommendation, and the procedure would be done when he closes on the property in August.

V. TOWN ATTORNEY

Not here.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

President McCombs reported that Mr. Norm Patel has had the van removed from the old Quality Inn site, and the trailer will be next. He has promised the town attorney that the site will be cleaned up soon, as he has plans to build a new hotel/motel on the site; Attorney Agostino has established a timeline for Mr. Patel to avoid court action.

President McCombs also reported that the town will not receive the grant money for water and sewer that Attorney Agostino applied for on our behalf; it was awarded to South Bend to enlarge the baseball stadium.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mike Schalk of 138 Murray St. asked if Attorney Agostino had given any news about the property next door to him; President McCombs replied that he had not, as their conversation was very brief.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

President McCombs asked if there is any new business to come before the council. She stated that it is Budget Season, and a work session will be set up soon. Clerk-treasurer Robin Ackerson said that it would probably be mid-August, as Revenue projections are just being released.

VIII. TOWN HEALTH & SAFETY

Chief Avery Minor stated that there were 467 service calls and 32 case reports, mostly minor. There have been several animal complaints, which is a concern he has taken up with the town attorney. He reported that the van is gone from the old hotel property, but the officers still walk the property to keep out the vagrants and homeless.

Chief Minor then spoke about the plans for Kid's Day at the Park. He and Heather Velez will be featured on ABC57 News at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday to promote the event. The Med-Evac helicopter is scheduled to land at the park at 4:45 p.m.; Clay Fire and the Sheriff's Posse will be present, and many businesses and residents have gotten involved. Ms. Velez stated that the Police Department had received \$2,071 in local donations, along with the annual Notre Dame donation. Colby Events will be bringing four obstacle-style inflatables and will sell wristbands @ \$5/15 minutes or \$10/unlimited. The department will provide tickets for the first 100 children to use for free soft pretzels, elephant ears, Coney Express hot dogs, or the two game trailers. The vendors will donate 15% of the proceeds to the Department. Roseland Rotary will conduct a 50/50 drawing, with the proceeds being donated to Roseland Park. Ms. Velez asked if the vendors could be paid \$2600; President McCombs stated as a point of order that the bills could not be paid in advance. She scheduled a Special Public Meeting on Thursday, July 20th at 10:30 a.m. to address the claims. Chief Minor stated that the fireworks must be paid in advance, and that he has an invoice. He presented the invoice to the council and President McCombs made a motion to pay Consumer Fireworks \$6,000 on Saturday; seconded by Traci Newman; all in favor; motion carried. The movie for the night will be "The Secret Life of Pets".

**VIII. TOWN HEALTH
& SAFETY**

Chief Minor stated that Officer Will Limon, who is currently at the Academy, is at the Top of his Class, which earned a round of applause. President McCombs thanked the Police Department for a fantastic job, and Heather Velez for all that she does for the department.

IX. MAINTENANCE

Councilwoman Traci Newman reported that she has contacted Abe's Plumbing about the street cut they had done, and the asphalt contractor will be out to shave off the excess "speed bump". President McCombs reiterated that this will be at no cost to the town. Ms. Newman reported that the potholes continue to be filled as they develop, and that she has 3 estimates to repair the electrical system at Veteran's Park. She read the three bids aloud; NaVarre Services bid \$1190; Atlas Electrical Supply bid \$684.25; and Martell Electric bid \$570. After brief discussion, President McCombs made a motion to have Martell Electric come out and repair the electric and that any additional work to be done be approved in advance; seconded by Traci Newman; all in favor; motion carried.

Councilwoman Newman stated that Carolyn has limited mowing due to the drought, but has been helping at the park to prepare for this weekend's event. She also keeps up with water sampling for public health. Ms. Newman also thanked Councilwoman Julie Mudrovich for painting the picnic tables; they look wonderful! Everyone agreed.

X. TOWN FINANCIAL

Clerk-Treasurer Robin Ackerson reported:

Balance - June 1, 2023	\$ 754,346.01
Deposits, EFT's, Adj.	317,241.51
Checks, EFT's	<u>96,886.09</u>
Balance - June 30, 2023	\$ 974,701.43

She cautioned everyone not to get too excited at having nearly a million dollars in the bank; at least 2/3 is being reserved for water and sewer. She stated that the balance of appropriations, minus payroll and health insurance, stands at \$85,605.46 for the remainder of 2023.



X. TOWN FINANCIAL

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

XI. TOWN PLANNING,
ZONING, &
DEVELOPMENT

Zoning Commissioner Julie Mudrovich stated that the Patel property is being addressed by the attorney. The clean-up on McCombs St. looks so good she nearly cried.

She presented a building permit application for 320 S. DixieWay (Wendy's) for an air conditioning unit at a cost of \$15,000. President McCombs made a motion to allow Ten Ton Rooftop to install an air conditioner at a cost of \$15,000; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.

Ms. Mudrovich asked if anyone knows what is going on at the former Old Tyme Barber Shoppe, and Ms. McCombs stated that the party seeking a Special Use at the BZA did not show up for the meeting, and it was tabled. The party has six months to be heard on the matter. Meanwhile, it appears that cat products are being unloaded there.

XII. PARK

President McCombs reminded everyone to come to the park on Saturday from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. for the Kid's Day at the Park event. Chief Minor reported that some graffiti is on the large sign at the park which is very offensive. He asked about the possibility of restoring the sign; it cannot simply be painted over. He will cover it up for Saturday.

Councilwoman Traci Newman asked about the mulch, and President McCombs stated that the subject would take its own special meeting, as the lowest estimate Carolyn has received is \$35,000.00. The highest was \$107,000.00, and President McCombs will do more research.

President McCombs again thanked Julie Mudrovich for painting the picnic tables, and said that with the power washing and planting flowers the park looks amazing. She also offered to paint the bench at the Veteran's Park.

Councilwoman Mudrovich mentioned that Roseland Rotary would like more information about the merry-go-round that they are helping to fund with donations. President McCombs stated that we do not control donations, but will keep open communications.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Gail Woods of University Edge asked if the council could encourage owners of vacant properties to sell them. President McCombs stated that we cannot, but once water and sewer are installed people will come and some of the vacant properties can be made livable again.

XIV. ADJOURN

President McCombs made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.; seconded by Julie Mudrovich; all in favor; motion carried.


President Elizabeth J McCombs


Traci Newman, Council Member


Julie Mudrovich, Council Member

ATTEST: 
Robin E. Ackerson
Clerk-Treasurer