
TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

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Minutes of the Meeting

May 5, 2020 at 6:39 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present, President Luke Martin, Council Member Minnie Howard, Rebecca Scott, Clerk/Treasurer Alaahea Foust and Attorney Rob Reimondo.

Alaahea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of the Meeting on March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., Rebecca S. made the motion to approve the minutes, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried. Alaahea F. said for the record the Town cancelled the Town Hall meeting in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clerk/Treasurer: Alaahea F. said for the record the Accounts Payable Voucher Register for April 7, 2020 was signed by two Council Members for the month of April. Alaahea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for May 5, 2020 to the Board, Rebecca S. made the motion to approve APV Register, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaahea F. presented the Board with up to date Fund Report, Appropriation Report and Revenue Report. Alaahea F. presented the bank reconcilements for February and March 2020.

Alaahea F. asked for approval to pay Sound Advice in the amount of \$453.50. The current host, Enom, was no longer in service so we had to find a new host, Blue Host, for the Town website. Rebecca S. made the motion to pay Sound Advice, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called a vote, motion carried.

Alaahea F. stated for the record, I made sure all bills were paid in a timely manner in case I myself should be quarantine. Also, no penalties were added to April's utility bills per the approval of the Town Council, due to COVID-19. Currently there are no shut offs until June 4th according to the Indiana Health Department. We will be working with those who were and are facing hardship, by setting up a payment plan for them.

Alaahea F. said I have given the Council a copy of 2020 Budget, we need to be thinking about budget for 2021. I will be filing budget reductions in our MVH 203 fund so that we can use the money for streets in 2021.

The Town Council has purchased a new police car 2015 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor for \$6200.00. It was purchase from the insurance money from the other police car accident.

Council members Luke M. and Minnie H. approved \$2000.00 for concrete blocks from Fox Paving for two stone and sand bins at the maintenance shop in the month of April.

Alaahea F. said we need to postpone June 2nd meeting to June 9th due to elections will be on June 2nd, the Town Council agreed to move the meeting to June 9th.

Old Business:

Coal Creek Fire & Rescue contract: Luke M. said the Attorney has modified and updated the contract, so everyone can take time to read it and we will table this until June 9th meeting.

New Business:

Belt Clip for water meter reading: Luke M. has asked Alaathea to talk about this. Alaathea F. said Roachdale has a Belt Clip for sale for \$2500.00, the Belt clip is able to give detail data up to 3 months of water history. If customer has a leak, we will be able to show time and day of what is going on with their water. The Belt Clip is brand new and it can replace the handheld unit that we have now in the future for reading meters. After some discussion Rebecca S. made the motion to approve the purchase of the Belt Clip, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

D&D Trash contract: Luke M. said there are no changes in the contract this year. After some discussion Rebecca S. made the motion to approve the contract, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Ord. 2020-1 Additional Appropriation: Rebecca S. made the motion to adopt the Ordinance 2020-1, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Ord. 2020-2 Utility Deposit: Everyone present was given a copy of the ordinance, public did not wish for the ordinance to be read aloud. Rebecca S. made the motion to waive the actual reading of the ordinance, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. said the changes for deposits are now \$200.00 instead of \$150.00 and deposit as of May 5, 2020 will not be returned after 3 years. Old deposit will be applied to your account if you have been shut off and before you can have water turned back on you will have to pay the new deposit amount of \$200.00.


Rebecca S. made the motion to adopt the Ordinance 2020-2, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Rebecca S. made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second reading, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

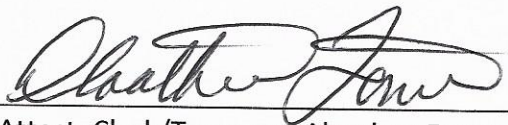
Ord. 2020-3 Amending Water and Sewer Rates: Alaathea F. said the new rates will go in effect August 1, 2020. Rebecca S. made the motion to adopt the Ordinance 2020-3, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.

Public Comments: Luke M. said we are not having public comments tonight.

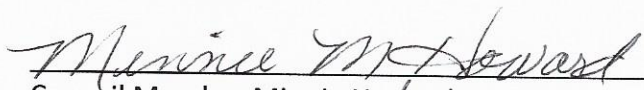
Rebecca S. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Luke M. called for a vote, motion carried.



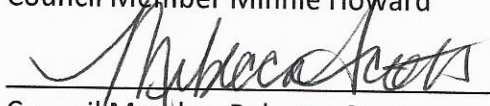
President Luke Martin



Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust



Council Member Minnie Howard



Council Member Rebecca Scott