

**ROME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

June 24, 2021
Rome Township Hall

Chair, Rob Apoian, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Rob Apoian, Matt Minnick, Leo Oswald, Kevin Fisher & Pat Bournes were all present. No members absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Pat Bournes made a motion to approve the April 15, 2021 meeting minutes, motion seconded by Leo Oswald. Motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Leo Oswald made a motion to approve the agenda for June 24, 2021 meeting agenda, motion seconded by Pat Bournes, motion carried 5-0.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Leo Oswald updated the planning commission. The Township Board had a special meeting to approve road contracts with the Lenawee County Road Commission. At the regular Township Board meeting there was some discussion who could contact the Township Attorney and more specifically who from the Planning Commission (Secretary and Chairperson). The Township Building Inspector also announced his retirement. The Township Board is in the process of trying to find a new Building Inspector as well as members for the Planning Commission.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: No Meeting. Leo Oswald did mention that Mike Griffith was a member of the Board of Appeals and it's unknown if he resigned from the Board of Appeals.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Not Present

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT: Nothing to Report.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding Land Use Map:

The Planning Commission (PC) has decided to wait until the 2020 Census is released before we start reviewing the current Land Use Map and recommend possible changes to it. We are also still waiting for a copy of the letter Rome Township received from Rollin Township regarding them working/ updating their Land Use Map.

2. Discussion regarding Future Ordinance Review:

Matt Minnick informed the PC that he has received the current Zoning ordinance in Word document format from the Township Clerk and he will be printing updated Zoning Ordinances for the PC. This will ensure that members of the PC have the most current and updated version.

3. Discussion regarding Rome Township Burning Ordinance.

Chairperson Rob Apoian presented the PC a draft amendment/ revision to the Rome Township Burning Ordinance. Rob Apoian made a motion to incorporate his amendment to the current Burning Ordinance. Motion was not seconded. Motion failed. After a lengthy discussion regarding this amendment, it was then decided to present a new/revised ordinance to the Township Attorney for review and consideration. Discussion also ensued if this would require a public hearing and if Section 2 (Cost of Fire Call) is enforceable since Cambridge Township provides services to Rome Township residents (i.e., can Cambridge Township charge Rome Township residents or does Rome Township need to handle this).

MEETING DATES: The next Planning Commission Meeting will take place July 22nd, 2021 at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Leo Oswald moved to adjourn at 8:33pm. Seconded by Kevin Fisher, motion carried 5-0.



Matt Minnick
Secretary
Rome Township Planning Commission

Robert Apoian, MD
Chairman
Rome Township Planning Commission