

**ROME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

December 5, 2024
Rome Township Hall

Matt Minnick called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Matt Minnick, Leo Oswald, Pat Bournes, Kevin Fisher and Scott Peters were present. Rob Apoian arrived at the meeting late.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kevin Fisher made a motion to approve the October 23, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Pat Bournes; motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Kevin Fisher made a motion to approve the agenda for December 5, 2024. Motion seconded by Scott Peters; motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Leo Oswald informed the Planning Commission that not much happened in the past month with the Township Board. He stated that everyone was happy with the signs being installed at Burton and Gilbert. He stated that the Township Board had decided to hold off on acting on the Planning Commission budget proposal request as they would like more information. It was also noted that Township Board members are bonded.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT: Nothing to report.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Review 2025 Rome Township Calendar

Matt Minnick presented the proposed 2025 Rome Township calendar to the Planning Commission members for review/ approval. Kevin Fisher made a motion to approve the 2025 calendar as presented. Scott Peters seconded; motion carried 5-0

2. Review/modify Rome Township Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance

Discussion ensued regarding changes to the current WECS ordinance to make it compatible with Michigan Public Service Commission regulations.

The following changes were recommended:

Modify kilowatts to megawatts in Section B.1(c).

Modify more to less in Section B.1(d).

Move sections B.1(c) and Section B.1(d) to be above B.1(b) and make B.1(b); B.1(d).

Remove the definition of Utility Scale wind farm and replace it with Wind Energy Facility in Section B.5. Also change kilowatts to megawatts in the same section.

Matt Minnick made a motion to approve the referenced changes. Scott Peters seconded; motion carried 6-0.

MEETING DATES: The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on January 23, 2025, at 8:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Kevin Fisher moved to adjourn at 8:07pm. Rob Apoian seconded; motion carried 6-0.



Matt Minnick
Secretary
Rome Township Planning Commission

Robert Apoian, MD
Chairman
Rome Township Planning Commission