

**ROME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

March 28, 2024
Rome Township Hall

Chairperson Rob Apoian, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Rob Apoian, Matt Minnick, Leo Oswald, Pat Bournes, Scott Peters, and Bill Millner were all present. Kevin Fisher was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bill Millner made a motion to approve the February 22, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Pat Bournes, motion carried 5-0, with Scott Peters abstaining.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Discussion regarding ordinance(s).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Matt Minnick made a motion to approve the agenda for March 28, 2024, with the addition of ordinance discussion. Motion seconded by Bill Millner; motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Millner wanted to discuss attendance and more specifically if members could attend virtually. It was discussed/determined that while members could listen. They were not permitted to vote per the Michigan Open Meetings act.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Leo Oswald supplied Matt Minnick with a written update. On March 14, 2024, meeting items discussed include budget changes. Testing of the Cell Phone tower on Springville Hwy. (part of approval). Approval of a projector for the Township Hall. Approval of budget with increases in spending for roads and an increase of \$1,500.00 in salary for the Township Clerk. Also approved the budget resolution act. At the Board's March 21, 2024, special meeting they approved several road contracts with the Lenawee County Road Commission (8 contracts totaling \$505,028). Another contract for Hoddinott Road will be considered at the Township Board meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT: Chair Apoian had nothing to report.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers.

Chair Apoian asked if any members were interested in being the Planning Commission Secretary. A motion was made by Chair Apoian to nominate Matt Minnick as the Secretary. Seconded by Scott Peters. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Apoian asked if any members were interested in being Vice-Chairperson for the Planning Commission. Matt Minnick made a motion to nominate Bill Millner. Seconded by Scott Peters. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Apoin asked if any members were interested in being Chairperson for the Planning Commission. Pat Bournes made a motion to nominate Rob Apoin. Seconded by Bill Millner. Motion carried 6-0.

Planning Commission Officers are as follows:

- Secretary – Matt Minnick
- Vice-Chairperson – Bill Millner
- Chairperson – Rob Apoin

2. Discussion regarding the Zoning Ordinance.

A question arose by Leo Oswald regarding lot area definitions in the Zoning Ordinance regarding lot width/ road frontage. It was determined that the definition of Lot Width appeared to clear up the confusion. It should be noted that in researching this it was determined that the Table of Contents reflects some of the pages incorrectly. This will be corrected by the Planning Commission at the forthcoming meetings.

MEETING DATES: The next Planning Commission meeting will take place April 35, 2024, at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: It was noted that Pat Bournes is now a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and has also been nominated to be its chairperson.

ADJOURNMENT: Pat Bournes moved to adjourn at 7:26pm. Bill Millner seconded; motion carried 6-0.



Matt Minnick
Secretary
Rome Township Planning Commission

Robert Apoian, MD
Chairman
Rome Township Planning Commission