

ROME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2025
Rome Township Hall

Rob Apoian called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Several members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Leo Oswald made a motion to approve the January 23, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Pat Bournes; motion carried 5-0.

Pat Bournes made a motion to approve the March 6, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Rob Apoian; motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Foster-Swift CREO Ordinance Discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Pat Bournes made a motion to approve the agenda for March 27, 2025. Motion seconded by Leo Oswald; motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Several members of the public commented on future solar projects in Rome Township.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Leo Oswald updated the Planning Commission on business conducted by the Rome Township Board. Business includes members of the Board meeting with the Lenawee County Road Commission to discuss 2025 road contracts. Those contracts include brine application in late July 2025, gravel application on Plank Road, Hoddinott, Woerner, Southard-Woerner and Rexford roads. Additionally, the Board is looking to get cost estimates for doing several of these roads with limestone. The Board also approved Howard Peters as Deputy Supervisor. Discussed obtaining a laptop for the Township Supervisor. Board also heard from the Supervisor regarding a solar survey for the Township. Board also is seeking applicants for the Rome Township Planning Commission. The Board also heard from the building inspector regarding billing procedures and increased the application fee from \$30 to \$50. Township Board also considering a Cost Recovery Ordinance.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT: Chair Apoin has indicated that he is hoping to get Board and Commission members CPR certified. His hope is possibly expand the CPR certification to members of the public in the future.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Review Special Use Permit Application for 10654 W. US 223

The applicant was not present at the Commission meeting, but the Board reviewed the documentation that was provided. The Board felt that the application was lacking information and directed the Secretary to contact the applicant and request additional information.

2. Schedule Public Hearing for 10654 W. US 223

This was tabled until the Planning Commission received additional information.

3. Discussion regarding proposed Foster-Swift provided CREO Ordinances

Discussion ensued regarding having Foster-Swift law firm review our CREO Ordinances and make recommendations/ changes. After discussion Scott Peters made a motion to schedule a public hearing for April 24, 2025 at 7:00pm. Pat Bournes seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

MEETING DATES: The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on April 24, 2025 at 8:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Question arose regarding the proposed Cost Recovery Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Pat Bournes moved to adjourn at 8:26pm. Leo Oswald seconded; motion carried 5-0.



Matt Minnick
Secretary
Rome Township Planning Commission

Robert Apoian, MD
Chairman
Rome Township Planning Commission