

Rome Township Board Meeting Minutes

November 14th, 2013

The Rome Township Board Members held their regular monthly meeting September 12th, 2013 in the Rome Township Hall. Members present were Al Boggs, Betty Jo Halliwill, Wayne Boggs, Renee Previch, and Harvey Warrick. Rome Township members present were Bonnie Shepherd, Rich Yeider, Leo Oswald, and Elizabeth Mills.

Opening of Meeting

At 7:00 p.m., A. Boggs called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No Public comment

Opening Business

A motion was made to approve of the November 14th, 2013 agenda by Harvey, seconded by Betty Jo. with the addition of "Onsted Hwy & Rich Yeider as the interim zoning administrator/enforcement officer.



Reports

Zoning Administrator: Rick Arnold not present, but the reports are on Google Drive.

Treasurer's Report:

Balances as of October 30th, 2013:

BANK ACCOUNTS	TOTAL
OSB General Fund Checking Account	\$116,645.38
OSB General Fund MMI	\$243,901.39
First Federal General Checking Fund	\$5,934.21
First Federal MMI	\$100,819.44
Tax Checking	\$1,584.99
Building Fund	\$79,509.49

A motion has been made to accept the treasurer's report by Harvey, and seconded by Betty Jo. The motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report:

- **Inspector Reports** - On Google Drive for the board to view.

Supervisor's Report:

- **MSU** - wants your thoughts on how the college of agriculture spends their resources.
- **BOR** - December 10th 1:00PM
- **County MTA** - 18th 7:30PM Health and Human Services Building.

Planning Commission:

- Next Meeting – January 2014

County Commissioner:

Jack Branch - Not present.

Accounts Payable

Rome Township
Monthly Check Detail Report
October 20 through November 30, 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Oct 20 – Nov 30, 13				
10/21/2013	BILL...	Lenawee County Equilization Dep...	remaining assessor contract, basic ...	-4,774.00
11/01/2013	BILL...	Consumers Energy	101-265-920 electric	-24.95
11/04/2013	BILL...	Mr. Fritz Kruse	101-265-930 monthly cleaning	-30.00
11/12/2013	7070	Bruce Nickel		-593.70
11/12/2013	7068	Rick Arnold		-248.30
11/12/2013	7069	Scott A Hunt		-92.35
11/15/2013	BILL...	Mr. Randy Parkhurst	101-276-932 mowing #7	-1,000.00
11/18/2013	BILL...	Schaedler & Lacasse, PC	101-101-818 re rome grange	-165.00
11/18/2013	BILL...	Mr. Brian Bovee	101-381-725 \$175; 101-381-860 \$28	-203.00
▶ Oct 20 – Nov 30, 13				<u><u>-7,131.30</u></u> ◀

A motion to pay the bills, \$7,131.30, was made by Renee; the motion was seconded by Betty Jo. The motion was carried 5-0.

Budget vs. Actual

No changes needed.

Order of Business (last month)

- Bylaws produced by Al Boggs - two months ago Betty Jo wanted to see them, and Al Boggs said could not produce the bylaws. **(Al says he brought them Budget Manual)**
- Outdoor light - Should have been fixed by Al or Rich months ago. **(Complete, Al gave me receipt.)**
- Why was the Rome Grange purchase agreement signed without the board's approval or even seeing the document? Why was Al Boggs the one who signed it? (Al says the board approved it) How was there a meeting with the lawyer on the subject without the board knowing about it? According to MTA all of the above was illegal in the eyes of MTA. Explanation needed. **(Al says he will ask at the next board meeting for MTA whether he took the proper steps in purchasing the Grange).**
- Rome Grange update - **(Closing is being set up)**
- Onsted Hwy open to farmers. **(Cost paper given to the board, financial costs are too high to justify the fixing of the tube Betty Jo says that the purchase of the Grange was not a good idea considering the state of the roads in Rome Township, Arno says it is too dangerous to keep turning left on to US223, Al Boggs is going to gather information about road restrictions, and insurance liability.)**

Order of Business (new)

- Google Drive Updates - Who is able to get into Google drive? **(Renee says everyone is able to get into Google Drive as of right now).**
- Web Site Updates - Have there been any updates to the website? **(Renee says that it is the job of the clerk to put the agenda on the web site. The agenda will be finalized on the Friday before the next meeting, and added to the agenda. The board will vote on who is going to add the current agenda to the website each month.**

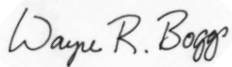
A motion has been made that the clerk put the agenda on the website by Al Boggs, and seconded by Renee. The motion was carried 3-2.

- Board needs to decide - 1. Sell the land, 2. Move township hall, 3. Add bathroom and offices to existing hall. **(Betty Jo suggests that we sell the land, and add the bathroom, we need to ask the Fishers to come to the next meeting and Al Boggs needs to get an estimate of what the land is worth).**
- Appoint Rich Yeider as intern zoning/enforcement officer while Rick Arnold recovers from surgery. **(Revisit next month, we will see if Bruce Nickel wants to do it while Rick is out).**

Closing

At 9:00 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Harvey and seconded by Renee. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Boggs, Clerk

Approved by: