

Rome Township Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2013

The Rome Township Board Members held their regular monthly meeting April 11, 2013 in the Rome Township Hall. Members present were Al Boggs, Betty Jo Halliwill, Harvey Warrick and Wayne Boggs, and Renee Previch.

Community members present were Joe Ford, Rich Yeider, Amy Deline, Jack Branch, Bonnie Shepherd, Scott Peters, Pat Bourne.

Opening of Meeting

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

Public Comment

Amy Deline has offered to clean the flag.

Opening Business

Approval of the agenda, motion made by Renee P. second by Harvey W. with the additions. The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the minutes, motion made by Betty Jo H., second by Renee P. The motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Zoning Administrator: 4 calls, 30 days on fire, 30 days on house trailer (Onsted Hwy) both received letter. Tower on Skinner Hwy (company wants to replace). Talk with Bruce about tower permit and demolition. Also, Rich talked with Bruce about taking over zoning.

Treasurer's Report: Renee Previch reported the fund balances as of March 28, 2013. The OSB General Fund Checking Account had a balance of \$172,662.84.75, the OSB General Fund MMI had a balance of \$104,681.83, the First Federal General Checking Fund had a balance of \$5,944.21, the First Federal MMI account had a balance of \$100,535.91 (as of mid-November), the Tax Checking had a balance of \$1,901.49, and the Building Fund was at \$79,400.91.

W. Boggs made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and was seconded by Harvey W. The motion was carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report:

Nothing to report

Supervisor's Report:

Solid waste collection day May 11, 2013 at county fairground and Wacker Silicone.

April 15, 2013 MTA meeting

May 22, 2013 Al is attending a traffic safety seminar.

Planning Commission:

Rich zoning commission or Bruce?

Who from the planning commission can call the lawyer? Secretary

Replacing the enforcement officer, to Rick Arnold. Do we need to post the position?

County Commissioner:

Jack Branch - Tom McNaughton retired, recycling information, county recycling.

Accounts Payable

**Rome Township
Monthly Check Detail Report
March 21, 2013 through March 31, 2014**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mar 21, '13 - Mar 31, 14				
3/28/2013	BILL...	Lenawee County Equilizatio...	monthly assessor contract, ba...	-1,038.00
3/28/2013	BILL...	Lenawee County	badge for bruce	-7.50
3/28/2013	BILL...	OSB	QB intuit payroll, clerk ink	-682.68
3/28/2013	BILL...	Consumers Energy	101-265-920 electric	-38.30
3/28/2013	BILL...	Mr. Alfred Boggs	101-171-860 \$28 mileage reim...	-67.00
3/28/2013	BILL...	Mr. Fritz Kruse	101-265-930 monthly cleaning	-30.00
4/1/2013	BILL...	Cambridge Township	101-101-819 2nd quarter fire p...	-11,670.00
4/9/2013		Amy DeLine		-68.77
4/9/2013		Betty Jo Halliwill		-68.77
4/9/2013		Kevin D. Fisher		-34.38
4/9/2013		Matthew Minnick		-111.47
4/9/2013		Matthew Zellen		-68.76
4/9/2013		Michael Griffith		-111.47
4/9/2013		Jeffrey Elwell		-68.77
4/9/2013		Myrtle Mapes		-200.08
4/9/2013		Pamala S Brighton		-200.08
4/9/2013		Sharon Denney		-200.08
4/9/2013		Richard Yelder		-186.73
4/9/2013		Scott A Hunt		-90.35
4/15/2013	BILL...	North Rome Cemetery Asso...		-900.00
4/15/2013	BILL...	Union Burial Association	2013 appropriations	-1,500.00
Mar 21, '13 - Mar 31, 14				-17,343.19

A motion to pay the bills above was made by Renee P. The motion was seconded by Betty Jo. The motion carried 5-0. \$17,343.19 PAID, plus the additional \$830.00 for fire department.

Budget vs. Actual

No changes were made to the budget.

Order of Business

- **Planning Commission Appointments** - Kevin Irwin, Jeff Elwell, ***A motion was made by Al, second by Betty Jo. The motion carried 5-0.***
- **Special Use Permit issues** - Al gave documents from other townships to compare special use and permitted use in our Township. Wants us to read about different conditions. Al is recommending that we revisit the ordinance. A motion has been made to grant a moratorium for 6 months for any special use permits for anyone who already has a home occupation or cottage industry. A newsletter will be mailed with instructions on how to apply for the special use permit and other items within township. Upon recommendations of the planning commission the following motion will be adopted. ***A motion was made by Harvey W. to grant a moratorium for 6 months for any special use permit within the township, until October 11, 2013, and second by Wayne . The motion carried 5-0 .***

- **Cemetery mowing** - Randy Parkhurst will continue to mow. ***A motion was made by Al Boggs, second by Betty Jo. The motion was carried 5-0.***
- **Lawyer Bill/Supervisor Responsibility** - Policy and procedure manual needs to be created. Al Boggs motion will contact the attorney and discuss who has the authorization to call. Al Boggs, Rich Yeider, Bruce Nickel, Matt Zellen, Amy Deline. Must be approved by Al Boggs is not those names. Second by Renee P. Wayne will make a form. ***A motion was made to change the protocol on who/what/why the lawyer was contacted by Al Boggs, and second by Wayne B. The motion carried 5-0.***
- **Upgrading Software (online)** - Clerk/Treasurer want to upgrade bookkeeping software to online to eliminate "dropbox". \$39.95 monthly fee. This will also allow the supervisor to view the books. ***A motion has been made by Harvey to upgrade to new online service (\$39.95), second by Betty Jo. The motion carried 5-0.***
- **Rome Grange** - Looking into how much a holding tank cost, Harvey brought past expenses.
- **Laptop for Amy Deline** - The township has agreed to purchase a laptop for the Planning Commission secretary. ***A motion made to buy a laptop for the planning commission secretary by Al Boggs, and second by Betty Jo. The motion carried 5-0.***
- **No thru Trucks Onsted Hwy** - South of 223 trucks going straight. Al is going to check with the road commission on running trucks over the tube. Get their opinion on trucks going on this road. Dairy farm will have to Bond the road. Put on the agenda for May.

Public Comment

Joe Ford wants to talk about the road commission and their poor work on the roads. Springville Hwy. has an 11 inch crown on the road. Should be 4 inches. Al will contact the road commission. Al will bring it up to the MTA meeting.

Pat how many foreclosures are in Rome Township. Rome Grange

Betty Jo did anyone drive down by the junk. Why are we not enforce the ordinance?

Betty Jo, why is Al going to a workshop on Safety.

Amy, thinks the tower will need a special use permit. Add the tower to the agenda next month.

Scott Peters asked about the property we own. Add Fisher land contract to the agenda. Call them.

Closing

At 9:20 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by B. Jo Halliwill and seconded by R. Prelich. The motion carried 4-0. Harvey left early.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Boggs, Clerk

Approved by: