

Rome Township Board Meeting Minutes

September 12th, 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, Pat Bourne, Larry McKown, Robin Robertson, Dan Cherry, Roxann Sweet, Jim Previch, Jeff Elwell, Matt Zellen, Howard Peters, Kevin Irwin, and Amy Deline.

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 September 12th agenda, 2013 agenda by Harvey, seconded by Betty Jo. with the addition of "Web Master & Board Member Spending".

The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made approve the August 8th, 2013 minutes by Betty Jo., seconded by Renee with the change of "F65 report" to "US223 safety" and the addition of " The MCL statute was brought up by Harvey that the polling place changed less than 60 days before the election." added to the order of business under the heading Polling Place Moved.

The motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Zoning Administrator: 1 visit, 10 miles. 4 letters were sent out for violations.

Treasurer's Report:

Balances as of August 31st, 2013:

BANK ACCOUNTS	TOTAL
OSB General Fund Checking Account	\$166,146.19
OSB General Fund MMI	\$243,819.89
First Federal General Checking Fund	\$5,944.21
First Federal MMI	\$100,575.80
Tax Checking	\$1,584.85
Building Fund	\$79,482.99

A motion has been made to accept the treasurers report by Harvey, and seconded by Betty Jo.

The motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report:

- Nothing to report

Supervisor's Report:

- **Clean Up Day** - September 21st, 2013 from 8:00-1:00.
- **Lenawee County Solid Waste Cleanup** - September 14th, 2013 from 8:00-1:00.
- **MTA Regional Meeting** - in Ann Arbor on October 1st, 2013.

- **223 Safety** - Most of the accidents have been driver error, not roadway (M-DOT says).
- **Lenawee County MTA Meeting** - September 16th meeting at the Human Services, at 7:30.

Planning Commission:

Next meeting is September 24th, 2013 @ 7:00PM

Put Johnson Special Use Permit Meeting in paper 15 days before the November meeting.

County Commissioner:

Jack Branch - County recycling, inmate count, and jail income.

Accounts Payable

10:10 PM
09/12/13
Accrual Basis

Rome Township
Monthly Check Detail Report
August 9, 2013 through March 31, 2014

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Aug 9, '13 - Mar 31, 14				
08/14/2013	BILL...	Bonnie Shepherd.	reimbursement - flowers	-47.60
08/14/2013	BILL...	Lenawee Co. Treasurer	July board of review changes	-50.57
08/14/2013	BILL...	Mr. Brian Bovee	101-381-725 \$175; 101-381-860 \$41...	-216.50
08/14/2013	BILL...	Cen Tec Cast Metal Products	101-276-727 Flags	-239.71
08/14/2013	BILL...	MCM Group Inc.	101-101-910 Twp. Ins. Policy	-7,368.00
08/14/2013	BILL...	Mr. Randy Parkhurst	101-276-932 mowing #4	-1,000.00
08/24/2013	7051	Bruce Nickel		-699.48
08/24/2013	7052	Kevin Irwin		-111.47
08/28/2013	BILL...	Consumers Energy	101-265-920 electric	-23.21
08/29/2013	BILL...	Accident Fund Ins Co of Amer	9-1-13 to 9-1-14 Worker's Comp Ins.	-873.00
08/29/2013	BILL...	Mr. Fritz Kruse	101-265-930 monthly cleaning	-30.00
08/29/2013	BILL...	Lenawee County Equalization Dep...	monthly assessor contract, basic co...	-1,038.00
08/29/2013	BILL...	wayne boggs	election mileage and supply	-80.08
09/08/2013	BILL...	OSB	265-981 \$-225.19 intuit credit, 171-7...	-175.84
09/10/2013	7053	Scott A Hunt		-92.35
09/11/2013	7061	Bruce Nickel		-273.93
09/11/2013	7062	Rick Arnold		-129.67
09/12/2013	BILL...	Garst L. P. Gas, Inc.	prepaid gas 101-265-920	-366.31
09/12/2013	BILL...	Mr. Brian Bovee	101-381-725 \$210; 101-381-860 \$46	-256.00
09/12/2013	BILL...	Mr. Randy Parkhurst	101-276-932 mowing #5	-1,000.00
09/12/2013	BILL...	Legacy Printing	101-391-717 violation warning forms	-265.73
09/12/2013	BILL...	Lenawee Co. Road Commission	plank;	-45,200.09
09/12/2013	BILL...	The Daily Telegram	public accuracy test ad	-57.25
09/16/2013	BILL...	Lenawee County Printing & Purch...	101-263-727 postage	-346.82
09/20/2013	7054	Alfred Boggs		-2,001.69
09/20/2013	7055	Betty Jo Halliwill		-381.14
09/20/2013	7056	Harvey Warrick		-381.14
09/20/2013	7057	James Previch		-92.35
09/20/2013	7058	Rebecca Boggs		-92.35
09/20/2013	7059	Renee Previch		-2,301.10
09/20/2013	7060	Wayne Boggs.		-2,301.10
10/01/2013	BILL...	Cambridge Township	101-101-819 quarterly fire protection	-12,500.00
Aug 9, '13 - Mar 31, 14				-79,992.48

A motion to pay the bills, \$79,992.48, was made by Betty Jo, the motion was seconded by Renee. The motion was carried 5-0.

Budget vs. Actual

No changes needed.

Order of Business (last month)

- **Rome Grange update:** Harvey - purchasing agreement is going back and forth between the lawyers and the state.
- **Tax Collection by County or us:** Al - cannot change anything this year. \$2.50 administration fee (\$2,647.00) would just about cover the Equalizations Data Processing Department contract. 2010 & 2011 was over \$2,500.00 from their DP Department. The treasurer would get a raise if she collects the Summer taxes as well as the Winter taxes.

Order of Business (new)

- **Molly Mason - web site presentation:** Molly presented her work, her ideas, and her price for new web site.
- **Board decision/discussion on complete overhaul of current website:** Renee believes we need to have dual webmasters for the time being to get the website up to date, because the web site is not being maintained at the present time.

A motion has been made by Renee to have dual web masters of the web site (treasurer/clerk) and was seconded by Harvey. The motion carried 3-2. (Betty Jo. - No, Wayne - No)

- **Communication between Board Members: No comments.**
- **Changing building permit base fee to \$55.00:** Wayne explained that all the other townships in the area are using a set fee of \$55.00 for a building inspection. Bruce Nickel is the inspector for 2 other townships and both use \$55.00. To keep everything straight we should increase ours.

A motion has been made by Wayne raise the base fee for building inspections from \$50.00 to \$55.00, and seconded by Renee. The motion carried 4-1. (Betty Jo. - No)

- **Meeting Minutes -Public Comments:** Correct minutes need to be made available within 8 business days of the meeting. Approved minutes need to be made available 5 days after meeting. Al does not want to add the "draft" minutes on the web site.
- **Building Site and Gilbert and Rome:** We will revisit this subject at a later date.
- **Permanent Voting Site - where:** The voting place needs to be voted on by the board so that we can update all the voter cards that are to be mailed out by the county within the next 30 days.

A motion has been made by Al to hold elections at the West Rome Church, and seconded by Betty Jo. The motion was carried 3-2. (Al - No, Renee - No)

- **Board Member Bylaws Spending Money:** Al says that he granted Harvey the authority to spend money with the attorney over the Grange Hall, and there are bylaws with MTA that states that the supervisor has the authority to do this. Betty Jo wants to see the bylaws.

Public Comment

Kevin Irwin - wants to know if Harvey has any of the information that they discussed in there one on one meeting that Harvey said he would have? **Answer: No.** Kevin wants to know why we have not had official inspections by builders, inspectors, electricians, and the health department before we decided as a board to purchase the Rome Grange. **Answer: There was no answer.** Kevin wants to know if we know or have discussed a budget for improving or bringing the Rome Grange up to code.. **Answer: No.** Kevin wants to know if we have done anything with obtaining the costs of building a new building on the land that we own. **Answer: No.**

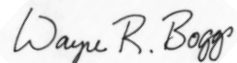
Matthew Zellen - what problem are we trying to solve? **Answer: parking and restrooms.** Are the other options and have we explored them? **Answer: We have not explored any other option.** Have we as a board discussed/brainstormed any other options than purchasing the Rome Grange. **Answer: No.**

Amy Deline - is there is purchase agreement with the Rome Grange? **Answer: No.** Public comment needs to be recorded and placed on the minutes. **Answer: Al agrees with Amy.** Why is there an interest in changing collect taxes? **Answer: There is a strong possibility that we could be saving money by doing the taxes ourselves.**

Closing

At 9:35 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Harvey and seconded by Renee. The motion carried 3-2.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Boggs, Clerk

Approved by: