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Rome Township Board Regular Monthly Meeting Thursday, February 9th, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M. Rome Township Hall 9344 Forrister Road – Adrian, Michigan 49221																	
Scott Gosselin, Supervisor, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members Present: Roxann Sweet, Leo Oswald, Scott Gosselin, Robin Robertson Absent: Jeremiah Ruttkofsky	CALL TO ORDER ATTENDANCE																
Approval of the Minutes for January 12 th , 2023: Leo made a Motion to approve the January 12 th Meeting Minutes, 2 nd by Roxann. All in Favor, Motion Carried <div style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR</div>	MINUTES MINUTES APPROVED																
Motion to approve the February 9 th , 2023, with one addition, digitizing Twp documents. Motion to Approve Agenda by Leo, 2 nd by Roxann. Motion Carried, Agenda approved. <div style="text-align: right;">MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR</div>	AGENDA AGENDA APPROVED																
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Treasurer’s Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01/31/2023 <table border="1" data-bbox="277 957 1024 1255" style="margin-left: 40px; width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">BANK ACCOUNTS</th> <th style="text-align: center;">TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TLC Savings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TLC Gen Fund Checking</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$344,944.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ARPA TLC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">187,344.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank MI (OSB) Tax Checking</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$316,595.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank MI (OSB) General Fund Checking</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$104,135.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flagstar</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$263,153.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Premier (First Federal) – CD</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$214,897.03</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> 2) Clerk’s Report: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Accounts Payable: \$6,228.11 Motion to approve the Payables by Leo, 2nd by Scott. Payables approved.</p> 3) Supervisor’s Report: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Meetings in March: Cambridge Twp to discuss the Fire Contract and Board of Review.</p> 4) Planning Commission Report: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Leo stated the Planning Commission passed a vote to increase the meeting wage rates for the members. The PC continues to research and discuss the Solar Ordinance.</p> 	BANK ACCOUNTS	TOTAL	TLC Savings	\$5.00	TLC Gen Fund Checking	\$344,944.49	ARPA TLC	187,344.66	Bank MI (OSB) Tax Checking	\$316,595.92	Bank MI (OSB) General Fund Checking	\$104,135.61	Flagstar	\$263,153.35	Premier (First Federal) – CD	\$214,897.03	REPORTS FINANCIAL REPORT ACCOUNTS PAYABLES APPROVED
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<p>5) Zoning Report: Warner property on 223 has not been cleaned up and considered a public nuisance. A new court date was set for January 26th, the property owner (Warner) did not show. Effective Monday, Feb 13, he will be in Contempt of Court. It's assumed that the Township will become obligated to finance the clean up and the expense will be applied to the property's taxes.</p> <p>6) County Commissioner Report: Not present.</p>	REPORTS CONTINUED
<p>Order of Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Planning Commission has requested an increase of \$10.00 per meeting. Leo made a motion to table this request until the new budget year in April. 2nd by Roxann, All in Favor, Motion Carried. Digitizing Township records; Matt Minnick explained digitizing and will be back next month to explain further. Board of Review will meet on the following days: Organizational Day on March 7 @ 1:00pm, Public meetings on March 15th @ 1pm – 4pm and 6pm – 9pm. March 16 @ 9am – 12pm and 1pm – 4pm. Board of Review Resolutions – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption to Allow Local Residents to Protest Property Tax in Writing: Motion by Leo, 2nd by Scott, Roll Call Vote: Roxann Sweet <u>Y</u>, Leo Oswald <u>Y</u>, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky <u>n/a</u>, Scott Gosselin <u>Y</u>, Robin Robertson <u>Y</u> All in Favor. Motion Carried. Adoption of Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines to apply to property taxes: Motion by Leo, 2nd by Roxann, Roll Call Vote: Roxann Sweet <u>Y</u>, Leo Oswald <u>Y</u>, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky <u>n/a</u>, Scott Gosselin <u>Y</u>, Robin Robertson <u>Y</u> All in Favor. Motion Carried. Adoption by Statute to allow the Township to modify BOR dates as necessary: Motion by Leo, 2nd by Roxann, Roll Call Vote: Roxann Sweet <u>Y</u>, Leo Oswald <u>Y</u>, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky <u>n/a</u>, Scott Gosselin <u>Y</u>, Robin Robertson <u>Y</u> All in Favor. Motion Carried. The Township Board will hold a Budget Workshop Special Meeting on Feb 21st at 3:00pm following the 1:00pm road Commission meeting. Roxann received \$2,000.00 from Stetson for a bond established in 2017. The Board would like to assess a property millage for Fire and Rescue on the 2024 Election Ballot. Further discussion in the future. After review of old Meeting Minutes, Leo is questioning a Medical Marijuana Ordinance that wasn't presented after the Board requested such from the Planning Commission in 2018. Nobody has the answer but if memory is correct, Robin believes it was dropped to see how the voters chose to allow marijuana in the upcoming 2018 election. That is where the ball was dropped. 	<p>ORDER OF BUSINESS</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>

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<p>Leo has requested an amendment to the statement in #8, correction follows:</p> <p>"Leo said the April 2018 Board minutes show the board voted to allow Medical Marijuana facilities in the township under the second medical marijuana law approved by the voters. So he questioned what the current legal status is on this issue since the board did not vote on the ordinances recommended by the planning commission that were presented on April 22, 2021."</p> <p>9. Further discussion was had regarding the digitizing of Township documents. No decision on the best practice was determined. No action taken.</p>	
<p>With no further business, Motion to adjourn by Roxann, 2nd by Scott.</p> <p>Special Meeting – Budget Workshop to be held February 21st, 2023, at 3:00pm</p> <p>Next Regular Meeting to be held March 9th, 2023 @ 7:00pm</p>	MOTION CARRIED ADJOURNED
 February 14, 2023	Minutes taken by: Robin Robertson Minutes Submitted by: Robin Robertson Township Clerk