

Rome Township Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, May 9th, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
Rome Township Hall
9344 Forrister Road – Adrian, Michigan 49221

Members Present: Scott Gosselin, Roxann Sweet, Leo Oswald, Robin Robertson, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky
Absent: all present

CALL TO ORDER
ATTENDANCE

Approval of the Minutes for April 11th Regular Meeting Minutes, and Special Meeting on April 27th. Jeremiah made a Motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Roxann. All in Favor, Motion Carried

MINUTES

MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion to Approve Agenda with one addition (Banking Authorization Letters) by Jeremiah, 2nd by Leo. Motion Carried, Agenda approved.

AGENDA

MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR

AGENDA APPROVED

Public Comment:

John Lapham, former County Commissioner introduced himself and announced he will be running for office again.

REPORTS

- 1) Treasurer’s Report:
 - 04/30/2024

BANK ACCOUNTS	TOTAL
TLC Savings	\$5.00
TLC Gen Fund Checking	\$410,295.45
TLC - CD	100,000.00
ARPA TLC	\$0.00
Bank MI (OSB) Tax Checking	\$2,015.38
Bank MI (OSB) General Fund Checking	\$104,318.52
Flagstar	\$276,237.75
Premier (First Federal) – CD	\$226,942.84

FINANCIAL REPORT

- 2) Clerk’s Report:

Accounts Payable: \$12,664.22


Motion to approve Payables by Jeremiah, 2nd by Roxann. Payables approved.

ACCOUNTS
PAYABLES APPROVED

- 3) Supervisor/Zoning Report:

Phil Schadler, Atty recommended a Tribunal Atty to continue the Appeals regarding a Southard Rd property. The Engagement Letter is on the Agenda. 1 Zoning Permit approved for a new house on Shepherd Rd.

- 4) Planning Commission Report: No items to report.

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5) County Commissioner Report: Dustin Krasny provided an update on how the County plans to spend ARPA funds. There are many avenues and department with need, and we'll get an update when these items are finalized.	REPORTS CONTINUED
<p>Order of Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nothing has progressed with Solar Zoning currently. Members in the community have been gathering signatures on a petition to the state to support local Townships to remain in control of Solar Zoning Regulations. 2. Renewal of the annual MTA online training will cost \$1,900 for the Premium Pass. Leo made a Motion to renew the subscription, 2nd by Jeremiah. All In Favor. Motion Carried. 3. An Engagement Letter from Hallahan & Associates, P.C. was presented to the Board. Roxann made a Motion to go forward with a Tribunal specialist. Jeremiah 2nd the Motion, All in Favor. Motion Carried. 4. Rome Twp underwent a financial audit on May 2, 2024. The Exit Conference was positive. An official report will be sent to the Board and public. 5. Robin made Motion, 2nd by Jeremiah to authorize Roxann to open and transfer accounts regarding all township funds. Roxann has demonstrated exceptional performance by closely monitoring interest rates for the past 7 years. Roll Call Vote: Yea – 5; Nea – 0 All in Favor, Motion Carried. 6. 3 Resolutions (Attached) to place Millages on the Ballot August 5, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to Move forward Fire Operating Renewal by Leo, 2nd by Roxann: Resolution 2024-004: Roll Call Vote: Yea – 5; Nea - 0 All in Favor Motion to Move forward Increase Roads & Bridges by Roxann, 2nd by Leo: Resolution 2024-005: Roll Call Vote: Yea – 5; Nea - 0 All in Favor Motion for Renewal w/ increase to Roads & Bridges by Roxann, 2nd by Leo: Resolution 2024-006: Roll Call Vote: Yea – 5; Nea - 0 All in Favor 	<p>ORDER OF BUSINESS</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>
With no further business, Motion to adjourn by Jeremiah, 2 nd by Roxann, Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm. Next Regular Meeting to be held June 13 th , 2024 @ 7:00pm	MOTION CARRIED ADJOURNED
 May 12 th , 2024	Minutes taken by: Robin Robertson Minutes Submitted by: Robin Robertson Township Clerk

RESOLUTION REGARDING RENEWAL OF FIRE OPERATING MILLAGE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL

WHEREAS the previously approved Rome Township, Lenawee County fire operating millage of 1.0000 mills (\$1.0000 per \$1000 of taxable value) has expired as of December 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS in order to continue to adequately fund the fire service in Rome Township at the previously approved level it is necessary to renew 1.000 mills (\$1.000 per \$1000 of taxable value); and,

WHEREAS it is still necessary to minimally fund the fire service in Rome township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rome Township, Lenawee County will cause to be placed on the August 2024 Primary Election ballot a request for approval of renewal of the Rome Township Fire Operating millage as follows:

1. Renewal of the Rome Township Fire Operating millage in the amount of 1.000mills (\$1.000 per \$1000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive;

Thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$88,100.00.

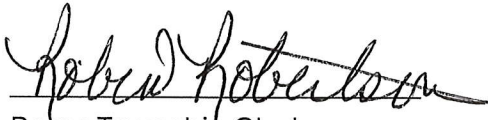
Yea: Leo Oswald, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky, Roxann Sweet, Scott Gosselin, Robin Robertson

Nea: none

Resolution 2024-004, May 09, 2024



Rome Township Supervisor



Rome Township Clerk

ROME TOWNSHIP

FIRE OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation on General Ad Valorem Taxes imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, in Rome Township, Lenawee County, of 1.0000 mills be restored by a renewal of 1.000 mills (\$1.000 per \$1000 of taxable value) for the period of four (4) years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of funding fire service within said Township and shall said Township levy such millage upon taxable real and personal property within the township for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$88,101.00.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING INCREASE OF ROME TOWNSHIP, LENAWEE COUNTY
ROAD AND BRIDGE MILLAGE**

WHEREAS the previously approved Rome Township, Lenawee County Road and Bridge millage of .5000 mills (\$.5000 per \$1000 of taxable value) is inadequate to provide maintenance and improvement of Rome Township Roads in a fiscally responsible manner and according to the standards demanded by the citizens of Rome Township; and,

WHEREAS in order to provide maintenance and improvement of Rome Township Roads and Bridges in a fiscally responsible manner and according to the standards demanded by the citizens of Rome Township it is necessary to increase the Rome Township Roads and Bridges millage and,

WHEREAS the Rome Township Board of Trustees has determined that the amount of tax revenue necessary to satisfy the needs and expectations of the citizens of Rome Township will be satisfied by an increase in the Rome Township Roads and Bridges millage of 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per \$1000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2014 through 2027 inclusive thereby increasing the Rome Township Roads and Bridges millage to a total of 1.50 mills (\$1.50 per \$1000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive.

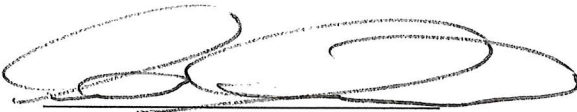
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rome Township, Lenawee County will cause to be placed on the August 2024 Primary Election ballot a request for approval of an increase of the Rome Township Roads and Bridges millage as follows:

1. An increase in the Rome Township Roads and Bridges millage of 1.5 mills (\$1.00 per \$1000 of taxable value) in addition any and all additional millage approved for the purpose of maintaining and improving roads and bridges in Rome Township in Lenawee County for a period of four (4) years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive.

Thereby raising in the first year an estimated additional \$88,100.00

Yea: Leo Oswald, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky, Roxann Sweet, Scott Gosselin, Robin Robertson
Nea: none

Resolution 2024-005, May 09, 2024



Rome Township Supervisor



Rome Township Clerk

ROME TOWNSHIP

ROAD/BRIDGE MILLAGE INCREASE

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation on General Ad Valorem Taxes imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, in Rome Township, Lenawee County, of .5000 mills be increased by 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per \$1000 of taxable value) to bring it to a total of 1.500 mills (\$1 .50 per \$1000 of taxable value) or the period of four (4) years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of road and bridge maintenance and improvement within said Township and shall said Township levy such millage upon taxable real and personal property within the township for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated additional \$ 88,100.00.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING RENEWAL OF ROAD AND BRIDGE MILLAGE IN ORDER TO
MAINTAIN CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL**

WHEREAS the previously approved Rome Township, Lenawee County Road and Bridge millage of .5000 mills (\$.5000 per \$1000 of taxable value) has expired as of December 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS in order to continue to adequately fund the maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Rome Township at the previously approved level it is necessary to renew .5000 mills (\$.5000 per \$1000 of taxable value); and,

WHEREAS it is still necessary to minimally fund the maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Rome township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rome Township, Lenawee County will cause to be placed on the August 2024 Primary Election ballot a request for approval of renewal of the Rome Township Roads and Bridges millage as follows:

1. Renewal of the Rome Township Roads and Bridges millage in the amount of .500 mills (\$.500 per \$100 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive;

Thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$44,055.00.

Yea: Leo Oswald, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky, Roxann Sweet, Scott Gosselin, Robin Robertson

Nea: none

Resolution 2024-006, May 09, 2024



Rome Township Supervisor



Rome Township Clerk

ROME TOWNSHIP

ROAD/BRIDGE MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation on General Ad Valorem Taxes imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, in Rome Township, Lenawee County, of .5000 mills (\$.5000 per \$1000 of taxable value) be renewed and levied for a period of four (4) years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of road and bridge maintenance and improvement within said Township. Should said Township levy such millage upon taxable real and personal property within the township for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$44,050.