

Rome Township Board - Public Hearing - Special Meeting – Annual Budget

March 27th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

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Members Present: Bill Millner, Supervisor; Roxann Sweet, Treasurer; Robin Robertson, Clerk.

Leo Oswald, Trustee; Jeremiah Ruttkofsky, Trustee

Agenda Approved: Motion by Jeremiah to Approve the Agenda, 2nd by Roxann. All in Favor. Motion Carried

Public Comment: Excessive concern from Mr. Whitehead regarding his foundation, stating the County built the road up at the corner of Woerner Rd and Onsted Hwy causing water to run off and flood his yard, eventually creating mold in his home. The construction was done 10-12 years ago. He's recently been to the County and is VERY upset and angry about the lack of action to help him regarding the situation. This was the first time the Board heard about this and is not sure what can be done to assist. Several threats were made and then anger, and concerns were thrown at Robin Robertson for work done on her property (3/4 of a mile east of him) in about 2005. He claims no permit was pulled. Robin assured him her husband was employed by the Road Comm and most certainly followed the required protocols. Still, his anger continued in that direction and eventually left the meeting, still very upset.

1. FY 2025-26 Budget (Summary):

Revenues and Income: Projected Income – \$414,350.00

Expenses: Projected Expenses - \$653,485.00

General Fund, Fire & Rescue, Roads, Construction Code, Cemetery Maintenance

Motion by: Roxann Sweet to accept the Adoption of 2025-26 Budget

Second by: Robin Robertson

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bill Millner, Roxann Sweet, Robin Robertson, Leo Oswald, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky

Nay: None

All in Favor, Motion Carried to adopt the 2025-26 Budget Summary

2. Adoption of the General Appropriations Act – Resolution FY 2025-26

Document Attached.

Motion by: Robin Robertson to accept the Adoption of Appropriations Act

Second by: Roxann Sweet

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bill Millner, Roxann Sweet, Robin Robertson, Leo Oswald, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky

Nay: None All in Favor, Motion Carried to adopt the General Appropriations Act.

3. Adoption of the Board Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption – Resolution FY 2025-26

Document Attached.

Motion by: Roxann Sweet to accept the Adoption of Federal Poverty Guidelines

Second by: Robin Robertson

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bill Millner, Roxann Sweet, Robin Robertson, Leo Oswald, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky

Nay: None

All in Favor, Motion Carried to adopt the Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines.

4. Adoption of Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest Board of Review in Writing –

Document Attached.

Motion by Roxann Sweet to accept Local Residents to Protest the Board of Review in writing.

Second by : Jeremiah Ruttkofsky

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bill Millner, Roxann Sweet, Robin Robertson, Leo Oswald, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky

Nay: None

All in Favor, Motion Carried to Allow Local Residents to Protest Board of Review in Writing

5. Solar Ordinance Survey Review: Survey results are not finalized yet; however, The Township is in favor of preserving open space in the Township.

A Motion was made by Jeremiah to engage Foster & Swift Law Firm to represent Rome Township regarding a Solar Ordinance, Second by Roxann.

All in Favor, Motion Carried.

With no further business before the Board, Meeting Adjourned at 7:45

Minutes Submitted by:

Robin Robertson, Clerk