

ROME TOWNSHIP BOARD

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2006

Members Present: Rick VanAkin, Renee Previch, Harvey Warrick, and Al Boggs.

Others Present: R. Yeider, M. Griffith, Mr. Branch, and other members of the community.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment began at 7:02 and ended at 7:2.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

1. Mr. Marty Marshall - Equalization

A motion to approve the agenda with additions was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by H. Warrick; motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There being no changes suggested to the minutes of the October 11, 2006 meeting, A. Boggs stated the minutes stood approved as presented.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Yeider reported he made six calls and traveled 71 miles.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

R. Previch presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by H. Warrick to accept the Treasurer's Report; motion carried 4-0.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Due to a death in the family, the Clerk's was not present to report. R. Previch reported on election and thanked workers for all of their efforts.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

1. Mr. Hanna performed 11 inspections and traveled 216.
2. Drain Commission is developing GIS system, meeting December 7, 2006, 10:00 a.m. in Human Services Building.
3. Consumers Energy conducting Public Hearing in Lansing to raise recovery factor on electric bills on November 21, 2006.
4. January 17, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. the Township meets with the Road Commission to discuss upcoming projects.
5. County MTA meeting November 20, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Invoices Received:

Election Workers 14.5 hrs. @ 12.08 per hr.	1401.44
Frontier Communications	32.57
Randy Parkhurst - #7	925.00
Daily Telegram – Public Notice re election equipment testing	32.00
TDS – clerk phone	28.66
B. Bovee – 10 inspections, 140 miles, 1/3 conference costs 107.50	463.50
Consumers Energy	34.61
Visa – stamps – election	60.00
Staples – ink for printer – clerk	68.98
Mr. Hunt – sexton	100.00
Equalization – monthly contract	1208.33
Mr. Fritz Kruse – cleaning hall – 6 months	120.00
Mr. Schaedler – ordinances, special meetings, etc.	1140.00
Mr. Hanna	471.40
Total	6086.49

A motion to approve accounts payable was made by R. VanAkin, seconded by H. Warrick; motion carried 4-0.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Cemetery Ordinance – The proposed Cemetery Ordinance was reviewed. Suggested changes include: Section 4 – transfer fee for immediate family be \$0.00; each adult burial space for residents of Rome Township shall cost the sum of \$165 for township residents and \$330 for non-residents. Section 8 – should end after “...shall be planted.” Section 9 – forfeiture of vacant cemetery lots or burial spaces sold and remaining vacant 60 years from the date of their sale. Section 12 – cemetery hours should be open to the general public from dawn to dusk. Recommendations will be returned to Mr. Schaedler to be updated and returned.
2. Audit Report – Item tabled, Mr. Rubley will be at December meeting.
3. Civil Infractions Bureau – Item tabled pending information from Mr. Schaedler.
4. Zoning Enforcement Officer Ordinance – Item tabled pending information from Mr. Schaedler.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

1. Equalization – Marty Marshall reported that the majority of the field work is done. Process began in August and is almost completed. They will be using that data to develop new assessments in 2007. The Township will have a compliant set of records once this is completed. Taxable value will not change except for the Consumer Price Index unless something new was not accounted for previously.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE:

Mr. Branch reported there were 345 admissions in the month of October. Human Services building has permanent sign. Lenawee County Court House has water problems. Sheriff Department contract with Medina Twp. Concerns raised regarding charges equally actual costs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment opened at 8:20 p.m. and closed at 8:21 p.m.

R. VanAkin made a motioned that the meeting be adjourned, H. Warrick seconded; motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Harrison

Minutes approval date: _____

Alfred Boggs, Supervisor

Dana Harrison, Clerk