

ROME TOWNSHIP BOARD

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2007

Members Present: R. Previch, R. VanAkin, H. Warrick, A. Boggs, D. Harrison.

Others Present: R. Yeider, J. Branch, A. DeLine, M. Minnick, 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 7:02.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

1. Butler's & Salenbien's to address the Board
2. Fees for Mechanical Inspector
3. Spring Clean Up
4. County MTA – Dairy Bill
5. Matt Minnick – Web Site Assistance

A motion to approve the agenda with additions was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by H. Warrick; motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no questions or revisions suggested; therefore, A. Boggs stated the minutes from the February 14, 2007 and February 21, 2007 meetings stood approved as presented.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Yeider made five visits and traveled 23 miles in the month of February. Of the five visits, only one was new. He did report that he has been seeing evidence of violators trying to come into compliance.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

R. Previch presented the Treasurer's report. General Fund checking: balance 1/31/07 \$1,673.92, inflows \$3,870.62, outflows \$3,753.95 balance 2/28/07 \$1,790.59. General Fund – MMI balance 1/31/07 \$38,903.13, inflows \$65.48, outflows \$3,000.00, balance 2/28/07 \$35,968.61. Tax Checking balance 1/31/07 \$76,682.30, inflows \$299,123.89, outflows \$340,354.30, balance 2/28/07 \$35,451.89. Tax – MMI balance 1/31/2007 95,492.42, inflows \$260,471.64, outflows \$0.00, balance 2/28/07 \$355,964.06. No questions were raised. H. Warrick made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, R. VanAkin seconded; motion carried 5-0.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Attending Citizen Planner's meetings.
2. Lenawee Legislative Dinner, March 29th at Golden Nugget.
3. Growing Smart Workshop March 15th in Monroe, MI.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

1. Board of Review has occurred this week, going well considering this was a complete reassessment. Most questions regarded two track tax system.
2. MTA meeting March 19th, 7:30 Human Services Building.
3. March 17th is recycling day.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Invoices Received:

Daily Telegram – Board Review notice	46.00
Frontier Communication – Township Hall Phone	32.62
Region 2 Planning Commission – services	287.71
TDS phone – clerk	28.68
Mr Yeider – Dec. \$100 base, 5 visits x \$20 = \$100, 40 miles @ .40 = \$16.00; Jan \$100 base, 5 visits x \$20 = \$100, 49 miles @ .40 = \$19.60	435.60
Mr. Schaedler	518.50
Equalization monthly contract	1,208.33
Mr. Hunt – sexton	100.00
Mr. Bovee 8 inspections = \$200, 95 miles + 36.10	226.10
Al Boggs – reimbursement snow removal	30.00
Consumers Energy	16.63
Board - Salary	8,267.50
Fire Contract – pay out of new budget year	11,000.00
TOTAL	22,197.67

A motion to approve accounts payable was made by R. Previch, seconded by R. VanAkin; motion carried 5-0.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Budget – A. Boggs noted that currently the allocated millage is 0.8791, voted fire operation millage 0.9731, voted road and bridge millage 0.4865 for a total millage of 2.3387. A. Boggs made a motion to continue with the current rate of 2.3387 for 2007 budget year, R. Previch seconded. Roll call vote: A. Boggs – yea, H. Warrick – yea, R. Van Akin – yea, R. Previch – yea, D. Harrison – yea; yea = 5, nay = 0; motion carried. A budget workshop will be held Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall to finalize budget.
2. Cemetery Ordinance – Typos were identified and verbiage should be changed to non gender specific. Discussion ensued; requesting clarification of qualified assignee, including addition of grandfather clause, headstone placement, and simplifying language. D. Harrison made a motion to table ordinance until clarification can be provided, H. Warrick seconded; motion carried 5-0.
3. Internet Connection for Clerk – Putting data on website is not an option because data would not be secure; other suggestions include Hughs or Sominet. Will continue to investigate options and bring suggestions to next meeting.
4. Zoning Enforcement Officer Ordinance – R. Yeider and A. Boggs met with Mr. Schaedler. Item tabled until draft ordinance can be provided.
5. Civil Infractions Bureau – Tabled.
6. Appoint Alternates for Board of Review and ZBA – Tabled.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

1. Butler’s & Salenbien’s to address the Board – Mr. and Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Salenbien informed the

board there is a resident on Forrister Road who owns pit bulls that have caused damages. The dogs are violating the lease law and threatening others on their own property. Concern is raised regarding public safety of others. The Sheriff's Department and Animal Control Officer have been involved but changes have not occurred. It was also reported that the motor home the dogs are residing in is a nuisance and should be moved behind the dwelling (per zoning). R. Yeider reported he has been working on the zoning violations and has turned them over to Mr. Schaedler. It was requested that a copy of the minutes to be provided to Mr. Schaedler and the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department with a request to report to the Board their progress on these issues.

2. Fees for Mechanical Inspector – copies of different fee schedules were provided, it was suggested our prices fall somewhere in between. Item tabled.
3. Spring Clean Up – A. Boggs will provide potential dates and costs at a future meeting. It was requested that a complete list be provided for items accepted.
4. County MTA – Dairy Bill – A. Boggs provided a sample resolution of support for Ogden Township to protect the natural environment, roads, infrastructure, and quality of life for its residents through the adoption of appropriate ordinances pertaining to such livestock operations. No motions were made.
5. Matt Minnick – Web Site Assistance – H. Warrick made a motion that we contract with Matt Minnick to assist R. Preovich with the web site for six months (January – June) at a cost of \$100 per month, A. Boggs seconded. Roll call vote: A. Boggs – yea, H. Warrick – yea, R. Van Akin – yea, R. Preovich – yea, D. Harrison – yea; yea = 5, nay = 0; motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE:

Mr. Branch reported that the phone system should be completed by the end of the month. Junior Achievement races will be held at the Lenawee County Airport this year. The septic waste study completed regarding Woodstock. Estimated cost would be \$55 per 1,000 charged for septic waste. An autopsy was completed on inmate that died in the jail, it was determined a contributing factor was drug abuse.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment opened at 9:15 p.m. and closed at 9:18 p.m.

R. VanAkin made a motioned that the meeting be adjourned, A. Boggs seconded; motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Harrison

Minutes approval date: _____

Alfred Boggs, Supervisor

Dana Harrison, Clerk