

ROME TOWNSHIP BOARD

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2007

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

Others Present: R. Yeider, J. Branch, K. Fisher, 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. Mr. Brown for Mr. Walberg
2. Gravel for Rome Grange Hall

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr. Yeider made three visits (one zoning permit, two regarding junk) and traveled 21 miles in the month of March.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

R. Previceh presented the Treasurer's report. General Fund checking: balance 2/28/07 \$1,790.59, inflows \$131,772.53, outflows \$131,742.60 balance 3/31/07 \$1,820.52. General Fund – MMI balance 2/28/07 \$35,968.61, inflows \$222,358.58, outflows \$42,000.00, balance 3/31/07 \$180,358.58. Building Fund balance 2/28/07 \$68,760.33, inflows \$1,641.23, outflows \$0.00, balance 3/31/07 \$70,401.56. Tax Checking balance 2/28/07 \$35,451.89, inflows \$230,763.55, outflows \$266,150.25, balance 3/31/07 \$65.19. Tax – MMI balance 2/28/2007 \$355,964.06, inflows \$431.54, outflows \$355,964.06, balance 3/31/07 \$431.54 (this account now closed). No questions were raised. R. VanAkin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, H. Warrick seconded; motion carried 5-0.

R. Previceh also updated the Board about the BSA software being implemented at Lenawee County Equalization and costs associated with it. There are two packages we need to purchase - the Assessment Package \$2,395.00 and the Property Tax Package \$2,195.00. Annual maintenance fees will be \$400 each. R. Previceh to attend a meeting on April 18th for more information.

CLERK'S REPORT:

1. Completed Citizen Planner's course.
2. 32nd Annual Planning Conference is April 19, 2007 at the Landing. Dr. Richard Norton from the U of M will be speaker.
3. Providing information to assist with 2007 census.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

1. Attended MAPS Conference in Mt. Pleasant. Bill Anderson from MTA updated those present on the situation in Lansing.
2. Attending MTA Supervisor's Conference next week.
3. MTA meeting will be Monday April 16th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Human Services Building.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Invoices Received:

Daily Telegram – Truth in Taxation notice	89.30
Frontier Communication – Township Hall Phone	32.62
Staples – Treasurer	9.87
TDS phone – clerk	28.82
Mr. Yeider	209.20
Mr. Schaedler	631.50
Equalization monthly contract	1208.33
Mr. Hunt – sexton	100.00
Mr. Bovee	255.28
IRS	1635.72
Consumers Energy	26.85
Black Swamp Equipment – port-a-potty	75.00
Lenawee Co Printing & Purchasing 1070 assessment changes	417.30
Mr. Kruse reimbursement and 6 mo. Cleaning	194.13
Planning Comm. Members –	920.55
Mr. Hanna Dec. thru March	618.30
Matt Minnick - \$300 assist with web *	300.00
Bd. Rev Harold Faust, Myrtle Mapes, Sharon Denny*	887.88
Amy DeLine – reimburse supplies*	2.76
Bruce Nichols building inspector vacation coverage*	228.00
VISA*	297.94
Reimbursement crop damage K-Lin Farms	130.00
	8299.35

*=2007 budget

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Civil Infractions Board – A. Boggs provided information to the Board regarding the criteria to create a Civil Infractions Board. The Township needs three residents to serve on this board. It would operate similar to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Applications can be obtained from the Clerk.

2. Roads – Estimates were reviewed from the Lenawee County Road Commission:
 - # 887: 2nd Salt Brine Application – all local gravel roads \$18,708.70;
 - # 888: Rome Road Gilbert to Townline – gravel lift and should removal \$24,358.86;
 - #889: Rome Road – US-223 to Springville Hwy., wedge and seal coat \$43,240.14.R. Van Akin made a motion to accept estimate # 889 in the amount of \$43,240.14, R. Previch seconded. Roll Call vote: D. Harrison – yea; A. Boggs – yea; H. Warrick – yea; R. Previch – yea; R. Van Akin – yea; yea = 5, nay =0; motion carried.
3. Internet for Clerk – Sominet has offered to provide a trial period of two free months and assist the Clerk and Treasurer with connectivity issues. Given this is a local company; we would like to work with them and welcome their assistance. Will update as we progress.
4. Cemetery Ordinance – Tabled.
5. Zoning Enforcement Officer Ordinance – Tabled.
6. Civil Infractions Bureau – see Civil Infractions Board above.
7. Appointment of Alternates for Board of Review and Zoning Board of Appeals – To date, there have been no responses.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

1. Mr. Brown was present on the behalf of Tim Walberg. He updated us on some of the ways Mr. Walberg is keeping in touch with Lenawee County. If you have questions or need assistance he can be contacted toll free at 877-TIM-MI07 or (517) 780-9075. You can also e-mail at www.walberg.house.gov.
2. Gravel for Rome Grange Hall – During the last election the parking lot of the Rome Grange was damaged. It was determined the Township would provide one load of gravel (approx. value \$250) to repair damages.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE:

Mr. Branch reported that budget cuts at the state level are affecting the State Police Post. There will be a Crime Stopper website of the six most wanted in Lenawee County and there will be a link at WLEN.com. We have a new jail commander, a focus o the new commander has been negotiating health insurance contract for care of inmates to reduce costs; two new cameras have been replaced at the jail at no charge; Gleaner Insurance has donated new landscaping at the Lenawee County Airport; a new generator has been installed in the Robertson Building..

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Harrison

Minutes approval date: _____

Alfred Boggs, Supervisor

Dana Harrison, Clerk