

Rome Township Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2007

The Rome Township Board Members held their regular monthly meeting November 19, 2007 in the Rome Township Hall. Members present were Al Boggs, Renee Previch, Rick VanAkin, Harvey Warrick and Rebecca Boggs. Others present were Mr. Deuel and Rich Yeider.

Opening Business

Al Boggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Public comment was made by Mr. Deuel. He announced the beginning of a Kiwanis project that will involve gathering \$10 from at least 50 people in the community. After years of accumulated dollars, the interest will be used to fund scholarships for local students. Interested donors can send money to the Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 45 in Onsted.

One addition was made to the agenda: the adoption of an ordinance to enforce the mechanical code. The motion to accept the agenda, with the addition, was made by VanAkin and seconded by Warrick. The motion carried 5-0. A motion to approve October 10, 2007 meeting minutes was made by R. Boggs and seconded by VanAkin. The motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Zoning Administrator: The administrator reported that he had 8 calls and drove 54 miles. Three of the calls were regarding new buildings, none were in regards to zoning.

Treasurer's Report: Previch reported that the General Fund Checking Account had a balance of \$4,648.21, as of 10/31/07 and that the General Fund MMI had a balance of \$133,609.51, as of 10/31/07. The Tax Check account had a balance of \$75.54 as of 10/31/07 and the Building fund balance was at \$71,720.62. Previch also reported that she had made arrangements to pay the IRS electronically. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by VanAkin and seconded by R. Boggs. The motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report: Boggs reported that she is still working on getting connected with the county to access the QVF online database; she was told that after December 3, the county should be able to assist with the problem. A special use application was sent to David Hunt and a special use permit was sent to Tim Halliwill.

Supervisor's Report: Al Boggs reported that he received notice from the State Tax Commission that Rome Township is in compliance with The General Property Tax Act and State Tax Commission rules. Boggs announced the County Legislative Dinner will be held at Lenawee Christian School on November 29. Boggs will be attending an all day education seminar in Lansing later this month.

Accounts Payable

A motion was made by VanAkin to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by R. Boggs. The motion carried 5-0.

Order of Business

- Domain registration and web hosting – Due to the expiration of the township's current web hosting service, the board members will be checking into less expensive services before the next board meeting.
- Fire extinguisher at township hall – A decision was made to allow Matt Zellen to take the outdated fire extinguisher from the township hall and replace it with a new extinguisher.

- Trash pick-up in the township - The Supervisor had received inquiries about township wide trash collection services. Due to the success of the existing services, nothing will be changed.
- Poverty exemptions for taxes – The Board must set income and asset levels so that the Board of Review can determine which residents meet the requirements for tax reductions/exemptions.
- Memory update to treasurer’s computer – Previch is currently pricing computers to replace the one she is currently using. This will be budgeting into the next fiscal year.
- Purchase of scanner for tax bills – A motion was made by R. Boggs to allow Previch to purchase a scanner for tax bills (up to \$250). The motion was seconded by VanAkin. The motion carried 5-0.
- Budget analysis - Using the budget vs. actual report for this year, the Supervisor will be working to project the money that will be generated and spent for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Swimming pool permits – After meeting with the attorney, Mr. Schaedler, it has been decided that all 3 inspectors will visit township residents with swimming pools and allow them to bring them to code. The amnesty period will last through a yet to be determined date. After this date, if pools are not brought to code, residents will need to purchase permits.
- Adoption of an ordinance to enforce the mechanical code – An ordinance to enforce the mechanical code has been sent to Lansing. A motion was made by A. Boggs to approve the adoption of an ordinance to enforce the mechanical code in Rome Township. The motion was seconded by R. Boggs. Roll call was taken: VanAkin –yes, Previch=yes, Warrick=yes, A. Boggs=yes, R. Boggs=yes. The motion carried.
- Burn permits – Previch announced that burn permits are now available online. She has posted a link on the Rome Township website: rometownship.org
- Property Tax collection – Previch announced that \$17,000 of delinquent tax money was sent and deposited.

Closing

A motion to adjourn was made by VanAkin and seconded by Warrick. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Boggs, Clerk

Approved by:

Alfred Boggs, Supervisor

Date