

Rome Township Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2008

The Rome Township Board Members held their regular monthly meeting June 11, 2008 in the Rome Township Hall. Members present were Al Boggs, Renee Previch, Rick VanAkin, Harvey Warrick and Rebecca Boggs. Others present were Mike Griffith, Brenda Walz, Rich Yeider, Bonnie Hunt, Jeff Armstrong, Cletus Smith, Doug Lerch, Steve May, Matt Kessler, Jack Branch, and other members of the community.

Opening of Meeting

Al Boggs called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Opening Business

No additions were made to the agenda. A motion to accept the agenda was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by R. Previch. The motion carried 5-0. A motion to approve the May 14, 2008 meeting minutes was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by R. Previch. The motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Zoning Administrator: The administrator reported that he had 11 calls and drove 134 miles. He reported that the calls were in regards to new homes, some additions, and junk complaints. He reported that he will have the Mr. Schaedler send a letter to the resident at the house on the corner of Woerner Rd. and Gilbert Hwy. The resident has not complied with an order to remove one of the mobile homes on the lot. Mr. Yeider may wait for the Civil Infraction Bureau to be initiated before he takes further legal action in this case.

Treasurer's Report: Previch reported the balances as of May 31, 2008. The General Fund Checking Account had a balance of \$-13,083.68, the General Fund MMI had a balance of \$272,052.96, the Tax Check account had a balance \$0, the Tax Fund MMI had a balance of \$0 and the Building fund balance was at \$72,755.84. The money from the tax accounts was transferred to the general fund checking account and the tax accounts were temporarily closed (until next tax season). A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by H. Warrick. The motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report: R. Boggs had nothing to report.

Supervisor's Report:

- On May 29th, Mr. Boggs attended a seminar held by the Michigan Planning Association. He learned that the state of Michigan will need to generate new jobs to replace those that left in the auto industry.
- Mr. Boggs met with Marty Marshall. Boggs is on a committee to plan the upgrade of the tax roll maintenance fee. It has been decided that the cost will increase by \$1/parcel, bringing the total cost up to \$2/parcel. Rome township has 1,000 parcels.
- Steve May has requested the use of the Township Hall for a public hearing on June 26th. The hearing is in regards to the drain on Gilbert Hwy.
- Revenue sharing is not going to be held flat. We will end up with some cut next year.
- The road commission approved the 3 contracts that the board signed at May's meeting.
- Mr. Boggs will be attending a seminar in Kalamazoo in July. The seminar will address the topics of special assessment and ordinance enforcement.

Accounts Payable

A motion to get appropriations out to North Rome and East Rome cemeteries was made by A. Boggs and seconded by R. VanAkin. The motion passed 5-0. A motion was made to add these cemetery appropriations to the list of bills that can be paid prior to board approval. The motion was made by A. Boggs and seconded by R. Prelich. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion to pay the bills listed below, in addition to the cemetery appropriations in the amounts of \$1500 to East Rome and \$900 to North Rome, was made by H. Warrick and seconded by A. Boggs. The motion carried 5-0.

Order of Business

8:22 AM

06/09/08

Accrual Basis

Rome Township Monthly Check Detail Report May 14 through June 11, 2008

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
May 14 - Jun 11, 08				
5/15/2008	6287	B S & A Software	Equalizer Assessing & Tax System - su...	-800.00
5/15/2008	6288	Consumers Energy	101-265-920 Electric	-15.18
5/15/2008	6284	Lenawee Co. Treasurer	Rome Twp Personal Property Deliquent ...	-4.69
5/15/2008	6283	Lenawee Intermediate School District	Deliquent Personal Property Payment	-50.95
5/15/2008	6289	Mr. Fritz Kruse	101-265-930	-20.00
5/15/2008	6290	Munn- Reese	101-101-727 Tower Testing 2008	-400.00
5/15/2008	6285	Onsted Community Schools	Deliquent Personal Property Payment	-139.09
5/24/2008	6291	Lenawee Co. Road Commission	deposits for estimate #1117, 1118, & 11...	-9,334.35
5/24/2008	6292	Lenawee Co. Treasurer	Michigan Tax Tribunal Correction to RM...	-242.05
5/24/2008	6293	Lenawee Co. Treasurer	101-253-727 Nov. 07 postage & envelop...	-78.71
5/31/2008		David Hunt		-92.35
5/31/2008		Richard Yeider		-355.82
5/31/2008		Cambridge Township	101-101-819 fire protection -3rd quarter ...	-11,330.00
5/31/2008		Consumers Energy	101-265-920 Electric	-15.99
5/31/2008		Frontier Communications	101-265-920 Town Hall Phone	-33.91
5/31/2008		Mr. Brian Bovee	101-381-725	-137.85
5/31/2008		Mr. Randy Parkhurst	101-276-932	-925.00
5/31/2008		Ms. Rebecca Boggs	101-215-727 Reimbursement for Internet	-65.40
5/31/2008		MTA	101-101-958	-1,144.19
5/31/2008		OSB		-75.77
5/31/2008		Phillip A. Schaedler	invoice # 5308	-85.00
5/31/2008		Region 2 Planning Commission	101-805-818 Zoning InNfo and Reoom...	-83.23
May 14 - Jun 11, 08				-25,429.53

- Money will not be moved into the Road Fund at this time. As per Cambridge Township's recommendation, the money for roads will come out of the Stabilization Fund and that fund will be allowed to sit negative, as long as there is enough money in the Contingency Fund to cover this negative amount. At the end of the fiscal year, an adjustment is made to bring the Stabilization Fund back to a positive or zero value.
- Road Commission Estimates #1232 (gravel on Burton Rd. between 223 and Wilkerson) and #1240 (gravel on Hawkins between Teachout and Rexford) were approved. The motion was made by A. Boggs and seconded by R. VanAkin. The motion carried 5-0.
- Rich Yeider suggested that if we do a township clean-up day, we should hold it on the same Saturday as Recycle Day and we should hold it at the same location (Club 223).
- We will not determine a price for the Zoning Ordinance Books until we know the cost of them to the Planning Commission. The prices will be the same, such that no profit is made.

Public Comment

- Jeff Armstrong, from the Cambridge Fire Department, reported the 2007 breakdown of calls. He also announced that there is a fire training center at the water treatment plant on Slee Road. He also stated that the fire department is going to have an open house in July to allow the public to see the facility before voting for the millage that is up for election in August.
- Jack Branch gave a physical resources committee report.
- Cletus Smith introduced himself. He is running for Lenawee County Sheriff
- Doug Lerch introduced himself. He is running for County Road Commissioner.
- A Rome Township resident who resides on Forrister Rd., between 223 and Townline complained that her road has not been brined yet this year. She voiced her opinion that the Road Commission needs to have a better organized system for deciding the order for brining of the roads in Lenawee County.
- Bonnie Hunt inquired about the absence of the American flag at the township hall on Memorial Day. The Supervisor explained that those hosting the Memorial Day service had brought their own for the last 3 years and so he did not realize that they would not bring one this year.
- Steve May introduced himself. He is running for Lenawee County Drain Commissioner.
- Matt Kessler introduced himself. He is running for Lenawee County Drain Commissioner.

Closing

At 8:32, a motion to adjourn was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by H. Warrick. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Boggs, Clerk

Approved by:

Al Boggs, Supervisor

Date