

# Rome Township Board Meeting Minutes

## May 14, 2008

*The Rome Township Board Members held their regular monthly meeting May 14, 2008, in the Rome Township Hall. Members present were Al Boggs, Renee Previch, Rick VanAkin, and Rebecca Boggs. Others present were Bonnie Hunt, Brenda Walz, Betty Jo Halliwill, Mike Griffith, Matt Minnick, Rich Yeider, Phillip Schaedler, and other members of the community.*

### **Opening Business**

Al Boggs called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. No public comment was made.

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Previch and seconded by VanAkin. The motion carried 4-0. A motion to approve the April 9, 2008 meeting minutes was made by VanAkin and seconded by Previch. The motion carried 4-0.

### **Reports**

**Zoning Administrator:** The administrator reported that he had 10 calls; one regarding a pole barn, one regarding a car port, two were return visits.

**Treasurer's Report:** Previch reported the balances as of April 30, 2008. The General Fund Checking Account had a balance of \$-1016.83, the General Fund MMI had a balance of \$134,908.88, the Tax Check account had a balance of \$1,453.37, the Tax Fund MMI had a balance of \$129,617.28 and the Building fund balance was at \$72,604.38. Previch reported that the tax funds will be closed. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Boggs and seconded by VanAkin. The motion carried 4-0.

**Clerk's Report:** Boggs reported that notice was received that Munn-Reese had performed testing for non-ionizing radiowaves on the Springville Hwy. tower. The results showed that the level was below the guidelines. An invoice has been sent to American Tower, for reimbursement for the testing costs.

Boggs announced the candidates who have submitted affidavits of identity and petitions for the August township official primary election. The candidates are those who are presently serving on the board and Greg Sprague (R), Treasurer and Bonnie Hunt (R), Supervisor.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

- Township recycling will take place Saturday May 17 at Club 223.
- On May 29, A. Boggs will be attending a small town and rural planning seminar.
- On April 14, A. Boggs attended a treasurer and supervisor meeting with Marty Marshall and discussed a way to maintain paying of the tax roll.
- A. Boggs received a letter from Junk Removal Plus (in Palmyra) stating how they could be of service to township residents needing junk removed.
- A. Boggs has a copy of Jack Branch's county drain commission monthly meeting report.

## Accounts Payable

9:35 PM

05/13/08

Accrual Basis

### Rome Township Monthly Check Detail Report April 9 through May 14, 2008

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Apr 9 - May 14, 08</b>				
4/24/2008	6273	Cambridge Township	101-101-819 fire protection - 2nd quart...	-330.00
4/24/2008	6269	Consumers Energy	101-265-920 Electric	-20.66
4/24/2008	6270	Mr. Fritz Kruse	101-265-930	-20.00
4/24/2008	6271	OSB		-166.45
4/24/2008	6272	Staples Credit Plan	supplies for taxes	-180.96
4/28/2008	6274	United States Treasury		-1,686.22
4/30/2008	6281	David Hunt		-92.35
4/30/2008	6282	Richard Yeider		-330.60
4/30/2008		Cen Tec Cast Metal Products	Flags	-139.30
4/30/2008	6275	Frontier Communications	101-265-920 Town Hall Phone	-32.88
4/30/2008	6276	Mr. Brian Bovee	101-381-725	-124.80
4/30/2008	6277	Mr. Randy Parkhurst	101-276-932	-925.00
4/30/2008	6278	Ms. Rebecca Boggs	101-215-727 Reimbursement for Internet	-56.40
4/30/2008	6279	Phillip A. Schaedler	invoice # 5287	-127.50
4/30/2008		Rudolph Hanna		-202.57
5/8/2008	6280	Lenawee Co. Dept. Of Equalization	monthly payment assessment/land divi...	-1,208.33
<b>Apr 9 - May 14, 08</b>				<b>-5,644.02</b>

A motion was made by Preovich to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by R. Boggs. The motion carried 4-0.

### **Order of Business**

- Adding money to Budget Stabilization/Road Budget/Drain Tax – Preovich talked with Rick from Cambridge Township and he informed her that the Budget Stabilization needs to initially be set at 5% of the expenditures. He said that the Budget Stabilization can go negative as long as there is enough contingency (the difference in the projected expenses and the projected income). An adjustment to the Budget Stabilization would be made at the end of the fiscal year.
- Road Contracts – A motion to accept estimate numbers 1117, 1118, and 1122 was made by A. Boggs and seconded by VanAkin. Roll call was taken: VanAkin – aye, Preovich – aye, A. Boggs – aye, R. Boggs – aye. The motion passed 4-0.
- Civil Infractions Bureau – Philip Schaedler presented information on the Civil Infractions Bureau. He stated that, currently, violations of most township ordinances are misdemeanors. There is a proposal to change this such that violations would be considered civil infractions, not misdemeanors. A municipal civil infraction could be adopted for all township ordinances. Mr. Schaedler presented many advantages to making this change. The most notable advantages for the township would be the speed at which the infractions are handles, the ease with which the township prevails over the offender at the district level, and the money that would be saved by eliminating attorney fees. VanAkin made a motion to pursue a Civil Infractions Bureau. The motion was seconded by R. Boggs. The motion passed 4-0.
- Putting flags on graves – VanAkin volunteered to distribute American flags to the graves of veterans (in honor of Memorial Day) to West Rome Cemetary, Preovich volunteered to cover Townline, R. Boggs will do Rome Center.

### **Closing**

At 8:02 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by VanAkin and seconded by Preovich. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Boggs, Clerk

Approved by:

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Al Boggs, Supervisor

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Date