

Rome Township Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2008

The Rome Township Board Members held their regular monthly meeting September 10, 2008 in the Rome Township Hall. Members present were Al Boggs, Renee Previch, Rick VanAkin and Rebecca Boggs. Community members present were Matt Minnick, Jack Wynne, Rich Yeider, Brenda Walz, Bonnie Hunt, Jack Welsh, and Jack Branch

Opening of Meeting

Al Boggs called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Opening Business

R. Previch added chloride to the agenda. A motion to accept the agenda, with the addition, was made by R. Previch and seconded by R. VanAkin. The motion carried 4-0. A motion to approve the August 13, 2008 meeting minutes was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by R. Previch. The motion carried 4-0.

Reports

Zoning Administrator: The administrator reported that he had 5 calls and drove 61 miles. He reported that the calls were in regards to 2 new barns, a complaint on Townline Road, and a complaint on an occupied barn.

Treasurer's Report: . Previch reported the balances as of August 31, 2008. The General Fund Checking Account had a balance of \$-16,589.20, the General Fund MMI had a balance of \$266,109.38, and the Building fund balance was at \$73,211.31. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by R.Boggs and seconded by R. VanAkin. The motion carried 4-0.

Clerk's Report: R. Boggs reported that she purchased a new computer and that she has received many absentee voter applications.

Supervisor's Report:

- A. Boggs attended the fall MTA meeting in Ann Arbor on September 10. The topic was Pillars of Prosperity: Cultivating Agriculture. He will discuss his learnings during next month's board meeting.
- A. Boggs will continue attending seminars at this MTA conference.
- Sept. 20 will be township clean-up day. It will take place from 8-1 at the township hall. This is also recycling day.

- On September 30, the extension office will be hosting a training seminar regarding the planning and zoning enabling acts. MTA will host a seminar on the same topic in Battle Creek on October 21.
- At next month's meeting, a speaker will address the board regarding economic development and accounting.

Accounts Payable

Accrual Basis

August 14 through September 10, 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aug 14 - Sep 10, 08				
8/26/2008	6366	Consumers Energy	101-265-920 Electric	-15.00
8/26/2008	6367	Lenawee Co. Road Commission	final payment for 102208011	-1,301.76
8/26/2008	6369	Lenawee County Equilization Departm...	101-209-725 monthly assessor contract	-1,208.33
8/26/2008	6370	Mr. Alfred Boggs	Reimbursement for grange hall & conf. f...	-255.00
8/26/2008	6371	Mr. Fritz Kruse	101-265-930	-20.00
8/26/2008	6372	OSB	Visa Bill	-262.95
8/31/2008		David Hunt		-92.35
8/31/2008		Richard Yeider		-230.71
8/31/2008		Rudolph Hanna		-272.70
8/31/2008		Frontier Communications	101-265-920 Town Hall Phone	-31.70
8/31/2008		Lenawee Co. Road Commission	\$11224.71 for #040220801500001/\$85...	-19,757.22
8/31/2008		MCM Group Inc.		-7,677.00
8/31/2008		Mr. Brian Bovee	101-381-725	-258.60
8/31/2008		Mr. Randy Parkhurst	101-276-932	-925.00
8/31/2008		Mr. Rudolph Hanna	101-380-800 Hotel, conf. cost, mileage ...	-281.25
8/31/2008		Ms. Rebecca Boggs	101-215-727 Reimbursement for Interne...	-112.10
9/1/2008	6364	Accident Fund Ins Co of Amer	101-101-910 policy # WCV 0130306...	-775.00
9/1/2008	6368	Lenawee Co. Treasurer	Correction to RMO-121-2000-00	-10.62
Aug 14 - Sep 10, 08				-33,487.29

A motion was made by R. Previch to pay the bills as listed above. The motion was seconded by R. Boggs. The motion carried 4-0.

Budget vs. Actual

No adjustments were made.

Order of Business

- Approval of zoning book – Attorney Phillip Schaedler claimed that we were free to approve the book, once it has been submitted to Region 2 for 30 days without objections. However, since we are unsure if it has been submitted to Region 2, R. VanAkin made a motion to table this agenda item until next month. The motion was seconded by R. Boggs. The motion passed 4-0.
- Permit fee refund – Land owners on Forrister Road have requested a refund on a permit fee of \$100. They found that their insurance company will not pay for temporary housing

since the residents were found guilty of arson. Mr. Schaedler suggested that the permit fees be nonrefundable.

- Notice for fees on application on website – It was discussed that township residents must submit their application fee (\$30) with their application in order to obtain a permit.
- Ordinance enforcement officer – To add the title of Ordinance Enforcement Officer to Rich Yeider, our current zoning administrator, Mr. Schaedler presented the board with an ordinance template which outlined the duties of an enforcement officer. This ordinance could be adopted. If the board decides to pass the resolution, it will be effective 30 days after publication.
- Civil infractions ordinance – In order for this to proceed, the board must adopt a Municipal Civil Infraction procedures ordinance and amend various ordinances in the township to include civil infraction penalties. The MCI procedures ordinance would give offenders the option of 1) going to the District Court to admit responsibility and pay a fine, 2) request an informal hearing in front of a magistrate, or 3) request a formal hearing in which lawyers for both sides would be present.
Mr. Schaedler has found various problems with the existing general law ordinances. He has drafted a new blithe ordinance, state construction code ordinance, and an amendment to the township zoning act.
- Ballot wording for millages – No objections were made to the ballot proposal for fire, rescue, and roads. It will be submitted to the county clerk.
- Chloride – R. VanAkin claims that it is too late for a second chloride application. A. Boggs will call the Road Commission and try to cancel our contract for the second application.

Public Comment

- Jack Branch gave a report on behalf of the County Commissioners.
- Matt Minnick requested that at next month's meeting the board review the work that the planning commission has completed (site plan review, site plan review checklist, special use permit, land use map)

Closing

At 8:21 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by R. Prelich. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Boggs, Clerk

Approved by:

Al Boggs, Supervisor

Date