

Rome Township Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2010

The Rome Township Board Members held their regular monthly meeting May 12, 2010 in the Rome Township Hall. Members present were Al Boggs, Harvey Warrick, Renee Previch, Rick VanAKin and Rebecca Boggs. Community members present were Betty Jo Halliwill, Rich Yeider, Matt Minnick, Brenda Walz, Leo Oswald, Phil Schaedler, and other members of the community.

Opening of Meeting

At 7:00 p.m., Al Boggs called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Mr. Phil Schaedler, the township attorney, explained the civil infraction violation procedure. Upon a violation, the civil ordinance enforcement officer, Mr. Yeider, must first give a verbal warning to the offender. If the violation is not fixed, a letter will be sent to the offender via certified mail. If action is not taken in the time specified in the letter, a ticket will be given. The offender must then fix the violation within 10 days and visit the district court to either pay the fine or request an informal hearing or a formal hearing.

Opening Business

Al Boggs suggested that we remove the Denney Special Use and Ford/Denney complaint from the agenda, since the issue is not a township issue. A motion to approve the agenda was made by R. Previch and seconded by R. VanAkin. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the April 14, 2010 Board Meeting minutes was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by R. Previch. The motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Zoning Administrator: There were 3 new buildings (2 agricultural and 1 shed).

Treasurer's Report: Previch reported the balances as of April 30, 2010. The General Fund Checking Account had a balance of \$7,415.17, the General Fund MMI had a balance of \$177,758.33, the First Federal MMI account had a balance of \$249,735.92 (as of April 18), the Tax Checking Account was at \$1,972.19, and the Building Fund was at \$75,639.02. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by R. Boggs and seconded by R. VanAkin. The motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report: R. Boggs reported that the Auto-Mark voting machine has received its state mandated updates and that the tower testing for the American Tower on Springville Hwy. has been ordered.

Supervisor's Report:

- Recycling is this Saturday.
- During next month's meeting, the drain commission will present their plan for township drain repair.

Accounts Payable

A motion to pay the bills, after checking with Lenawee County Equalization regarding the \$400 to B S & A software for maintenance, was made by R. Previch. The motion was seconded by R. VanAkin. The motion carried 5-0.

Budget vs. Actual

\$42.59 will be moved from cemetery maintenance (101-276-932) to cemetery supplies (101-276-727)

Order of Business

- Cemetery Flags – All of the cemeteries will have flags distributed to them.
- Fire Millage – H. Warrick made a motion that we do not levy fire millage. The motion was seconded by A. Boggs. The motion carried 5-0.
- River Raisin Watershed Council Dues – R. Van Akin made a motion that we do not pay these dues. The motion was seconded by R. Prevlch. The motion carried 5-0.
- Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ordinance – This will be looked at by the planning commission during their next meeting.
- Township Board Communication – R. Prevlch questioned whether we need to have a document listing the procedures for civil ordinance violations and citations. R. Yeider stated that we already have something in place. A. Boggs informed the board that we will soon write procedures for every township position. It was suggested that a planning commission report is added to the monthly agenda.
- Citations Issued and Procedures for Citations – Mr. Schaedler explained this in the opening public comments.
- ~~Denney Special Use~~
- ~~Ford/Denney Complaint~~
- Moving the Township General Fund to First Federal – To continue to draw high interest, we need to put a checking account to First Federal. R. Prevlch suggested that we could leave our general fund at OSB and possibly move a tax checking account to First Federal. Another option would be to move some of our general fund to First Federal and leave some at OSB. Prevlch also explained the possibility of allowing a bank to be used as a tax collecting agency, in addition to Prevlch's home.
- Road Bids – A motion to accept bids for estimates #1619 (Onsted Hwy seal coat), #1620 (Rome Rd. seal coat), #1621 (Gilbert Hwy. seal coat), #1622 (Woerner Rd. seal coat), and #1623 (Plank Rd. seal coat – joint project) in the total amount of \$129,429.24 was made by R. Boggs. The motion was seconded by R. Van Akin. The motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Jack Branch gave a report on behalf of the county commissioners.

Closing

At 8:47 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by R. Prevlch. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Boggs, Clerk

Approved by:

Al Boggs, Supervisor

Date