

Rome Township Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2012

The Rome Township Board Members held their regular monthly meeting January 12, 2012 in the Rome Township Hall. Members present were Al Boggs, Rick VanAkin, Renee Previch, Harvey Warrick and Rebecca Boggs. Community members present were Phil Shaedler, Rich Yeider, Cletus Brooks, Leo Oswald, Mike Griffith, Jack Branch, Jim Previch, Matt Minnick, Betty Jo Halliwill, Roxanne Sweet, Barb Mitzel, and Mrs. Kea.

Opening of Meeting

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Opening Business

A motion to approve the agenda was made by R. Previch. The motion was seconded by H. Warrick. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the December 8, 2011 Board Meeting minutes was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by R. Previch. The motion carried 5-0.

Reports

Zoning Administrator: R. Yeider reported that he had 6 calls; nothing real important; one was regarding a special use permit.

Treasurer's Report: Previch reported the fund balances as of December 31, 2011. The OSB General Fund Checking Account had a balance of \$1,797.22, the OSB General Fund MMI had a balance of \$61,422.10, the First Federal General Checking Fund had a balance of \$5,944.21, the First Federal MMI account had a balance of \$250,082.34 (as of mid-December), the Tax Checking had a balance of \$435,043.99, and the Building Fund was at \$78,894.10. R. VanAkin made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by R. Boggs. The motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk had nothing to report.

Supervisor's Report:

- Recycling will be Saturday, the 21st.
- Tomorrow, January 13, 2012, will be the annual meeting with the Lenawee County Road Commission.

- MDOT has transferred duties of rural task force committee to Region 2 Planning. On January 24, they will have a meeting with the Lenawee County Road Commission.
- A. Boggs is working on the budget. Our fire and rescue contract is up this year. He is currently in negotiation with Cambridge Township to develop a new contract.
- County MTA is next Monday at the Human Service Building.

Planning Commission: R. VanAkin reported that the Planning Commission will meet on January 31 for their regular meeting and also for the public hearings of Scot Stephan and Irish Hills Enterprise.

County Commissioner: Mr. Branch gave a report on behalf of the county commissioners.

Accounts Payable

Dec 13, '11 - Mar 31, 12					
12/13/2011	BILL...	Mr. Brian Bovee	101-381-725 \$105; 101-381-8...		-123.00
12/13/2011	BILL...	Lenawee Co. Road Commis...	project 018-\$1457.79, 014 -\$3...		-1,865.99
12/13/2011	BILL...	Matt Minnick	101-265-981 projection unit su...		-30.52
12/20/2011	6855	Alfred Boggs			-2,045.04
12/20/2011	6856	Harvey Warrick			-424.58
12/20/2011	6860	Richard L. VanAkin			-424.57
12/20/2011	6857	James Previch			-94.35
12/20/2011	6858	Rebecca Boggs			-2,358.75
12/20/2011	6859	Renee Previch			-2,358.75
12/20/2011	6861	Wayne Boggs.			-94.35
12/20/2011	6864	Myrtle Mapes			-34.19
12/20/2011	6865	Pamala S Brighton			-34.19
12/20/2011	6866	Sharon Denney			-34.19
12/23/2011	BILL...	OSB	101-215-727		-164.30
12/23/2011	BILL...	Cambridge Township	101-101-819 4th quarter fire pr...		-11,670.00
12/23/2011	BILL...	Lenawee County Equilizatio...	101-209-725 monthly assessor...		-1,038.00
12/23/2011	BILL...	Mr. Fritz Kruse	101-265-930 monthly cleaning		-30.00
12/23/2011	BILL...	Region 2 Planning Commisi...	Membership Dues thru 9-30-12		-483.57
12/23/2011	BILL...	Consumers Energy	101-265-920 electric		-38.15
12/23/2011	BILL...	Phillip A. Schaedler	101-805-818 pc mtg; 101-101-...		-255.00
1/3/2012	6867	Amy DeLine			-70.25
1/3/2012	6868	Jeffrey Elwell			-140.51
1/3/2012	6869	Kevin D. Fisher			-175.63
1/3/2012	6870	Matthew Minnick			-227.76
1/3/2012	6871	Matthew Zellen			-140.51
1/3/2012	6872	Michael Griffith			-284.70
1/3/2012	6873	Richard L. VanAkin			-175.63
1/3/2012	e pay	United States Treasury	38-6080954		-1,247.74
1/8/2012		Core Logic	Refund on RM0-123-4780-00		-730.75
1/9/2012	BILL...	Matt Minnick	101-805-727 ink		-63.59
1/9/2012		Richard Yeider			-216.07
1/12/2012	BILL...	Mr. Brian Bovee	101-381-725 \$175; 101-381-8...		-222.50
1/12/2012	BILL...	Lenawee Co. Road Commis...	014 - plank rd.		-725.10
1/12/2012	BILL...	Phillip A. Schaedler	101-805-818 special mtg		-51.00
1/12/2012	BILL...	Lenawee County Printing & ...	101-253-727:postage 11/28-12/1		-53.88
1/12/2012	BILL...	The Daily Telegram	101-805-900 kea public hearin...		-47.25
Dec 13, '11 - Mar 31, 12					-28,174.86

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

Budget vs. Actual

A motion to move from \$500 from 101-101-700 (stabilization) to 101-381-725 (electrical inspections) was made by R. Previch and seconded by R. Boggs. The motion carried 5-0. Additionally, \$160 will be moved from 101-101-818 (attorney fees) to 101-101-958 (membership dues).

Order of Business

- Consumer's Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance – Barb Mitzel presented the proposed ordinance. R. Boggs made a motion to grant Consumer's Energy a franchise in Rome Township for another 30 years. The motion was seconded by R. VanAkin. Roll call was taken by the clerk: R. VanAkin – yea, R. Preovich – yea, H. Warrick – yea, A. Boggs – yea, R. Boggs – yea. The motion carried 5-0.
- Fee Schedules – M. Minnick presented a document which listed special use application fees for select townships in Michigan. Rome Township's fee is considerably lower than those presented. Mr. Schaedler suggested that no application be presented to the planning commission if it is not filled out completely and accurately. Next meeting, A. Boggs will request that the 2 inspectors come to the board meeting. R. VanAkin made a motion to raise the special use fee to \$300. The motion was seconded by R. Boggs. The motion and second were revoked. R. VanAkin made a motion to raise the special use fee to \$350. The motion was seconded by R. Boggs. The motion carried 5-0.
- William Kea Special Use – R. VanAkin made a motion to approve the Special Use permit application for William Kea. The motion was seconded by R. Boggs. The motion carried 4-0 (A. Boggs was absent).
- Refunding William Kea's special use fees – Because Mr. Kea still got a special meeting, Mr. Schaedler suggested that the fee not be refunded. R. Boggs made a motion to refund the \$260.61 that was paid for the special meeting. R. VanAkin seconded the motion. The motion did not carry 2-2.
- Approval of documents placed on website – The Wood Ordinance will be placed on the website. The Personal Wind Generation Ordinances will not be posted until it is determined whether these are general law or zoning ordinances.
- Liability insurance – Mr. Schaedler said that he would examine our policy, if we would like him to.
- Questioning of tax collection at OSB – Mr. Yeider said that he contacted OSB to verify that tax collection is free to the township. Mr. Yeider wanted to know what percentage of taxes were collected at OSB last year. Preovich will let him know at the end of tax collection season. Preovich stated that she offers more tax collection hours than what is mandated.

Public Comment

Betty Jo Halliwill asked who the building inspector has to answer to. A. Boggs said that he answers to the state of Michigan. Halliwill voiced her concern that North Rome Baptist Church has not heard back from Rudy Hanna regarding an addition. Next month, there will be a workshop prior to the monthly meeting. The workshop will be at 6:00, for the purpose of setting up fee schedules and procedures.

Closing

At 9:23 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by R. VanAkin and seconded by R. Preovich. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Boggs, Clerk

Approved by:

Al Boggs, Supervisor

Date