

**ROME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

February 22, 2024
Rome Township Hall

Chairperson Rob Apoian, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Rob Apoian, Matt Minnick, Leo Oswald, Pat Bournes, and Bill Millner were all present. Scott Peters and Kevin Fisher were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rome Township Attorney Phil Schaedler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bill Millner made a motion to approve the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Leo Oswald, motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Pat Bournes made a motion to approve the agenda for February 22, 2024. Motion seconded by Bill Millner, motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Leo Oswald informed the Planning Commission that appointments were made to the Zoning Board of Appeals at a February 1, 2024 special meeting. At the regular Board meeting held on February 20, 2024 several agenda items were approved including the mowing contract, the ability to protest property taxes in writing, and poverty exemption guidelines. Discussion ensued about the computer request by the Planning Commission. Leo also informed the Planning Commission that the budget hearing was to be held on March 14, 2024 at 6:30pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT: Chair Apoian inquired what the Boards reception was to having a computer in the Township hall.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Discussion/update regarding Rome Township Solar Energy Ordinance.

Attorney Schaedler and the Planning Commission had a lengthy discussion regarding the next step in the Ordinance process now that the State of Michigan has authority of projects. It was decided to have Attorney Schaedler contact surrounding Township to see if any of them were working on creating a Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance (CREO) in compliance with the Public Acts.

2. Review/approval of Planning Commission Budget.

No changes were made to the Rome Township Planning Commission Budget. Rob Apoian made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Pat Bourne seconded, motion carried 5-0.

MEETING DATES: The next Planning Commission meeting will take place March 28, 2024, at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Bill Millner moved to adjourn at 8:43pm. Rob Apoian seconded, motion carried 5-0.



Matt Minnick
Secretary
Rome Township Planning Commission

Robert Apoian, MD
Chairman
Rome Township Planning Commission