



ROME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2026 – 8:00pm
Rome Township Hall

Chairperson Rob Apoian called the meeting to order at 8:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Boss – Region 2 Planning Commission (Via Zoom)

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Leo Oswald made a motion to approve the January 22nd, 2026, agenda. Sheri Wilt seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sheri Wilt made a motion to approve the December 4th, 2025, meeting minutes. Leo Oswald seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Leo Oswald updated the Planning Commission on business conducted by the Rome Township Board. Business included snow removal and lawn mowing of the Township Hall. Township Board discussed the CREO Wind Ordinance and decided to hold on approval until January. Board discussed Hall rental and issues with rubbish. Township Board also discussed cost recovery ordinance and ways to recoup money. The Township Clerk was concerned that any communication between the Township Board and Planning Commission would be considered a violation of the Open Meetings Act. Supervisor was to give a report on number of 911 calls Central Dispatch received. Supervisor not present at meeting. At the January 8th meeting the Supervisor reported on the discussion with Larry McGowan regarding lawn mowing and snow removal (no longer doing). Board voted on the CREO wind ordinance and approved it. Board received a presentation from Bank Michigan regarding what they could do to help with Township funds. Board selected a date to meet with the Lenawee County Road Commission (March 9th @ 10:00am). Board approved Jamie Sweet as Deputy Treasurer; and Christine Kratzer as account for annual audit and to submit F65 report to the State of Michigan. In addition to the above actions the Township Board held a special joint meeting with the Cambridge Township Board to discuss past and future concerns regarding the Fire Contract.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT: Chair Apoian noted that several great things were discussed. Asked Leo Oswald about the Technology upgrade project. At this time Scott Peters mentioned that the Township Board was looking into a moratorium for data centers.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Continued discussion regarding updates to Land Use Map/ Zoning Map.

The Planning Commission meet with Thomas Boss regarding the current Land Use Map/ Zoning Map. Matt Minnick and Thomas Boss reviewed the available meeting minutes and determined that two (2) properties appear to have been re-zoned (Former Rome Township Hall & Storage Condominiums on US-223). After discussion it was decided that the PC would contact the Equalization department to see if they have any information. Pat Bournes also check with the Lenawee County Assessor to determine if they could identify addresses via the Tax Roll.

2. Review and approve the 2026-2027 Planning Commission Budget.

Matt Minnick made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Planning Commission budget as presented. Sheri Wilt seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

		APPROVED
		2026-2027
101-409-702	Planning Salary	\$ 5,000.00
101-409-715	Planning FICA	\$ 520.00
101-409-716	Planning Medicare	\$ 100.00
101-409-727	Planning Commission Supplies	\$ 500.00
101-409-736	Planning Commission Education & Training	\$ 1,380.00
101-409-736-.1	Planning Mileage for Training	
101-409-806	Planning Commission Attorney/ Prof Fees	\$ 4,000.00
101-409-900	Planning - Advertising	\$ 1,000.00
101-409-980-02	Planning Computer Hardware/Software	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL		\$ 15,000.00

MEETING DATES: The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on February 26th, 2026 at 8:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Scott Peters moved to adjourn at 9:05. Pat Bournes seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.



Matt Minnick
Secretary
Rome Township Planning Commission

Robert Apoian, MD
Chairman
Rome Township Planning Commission