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Rome Township Board Regular Monthly Meeting Thursday, March 9, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M. Rome Township Hall 9344 Forrister Road – Adrian, Michigan 49221 MINUTES											
Supervisor Al Boggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Al led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members Present: Al Boggs, Robin Robertson, Leo Oswald, Roxann Sweet, Jeremiah Ruttkofsky Members Absent: None	CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL										
Moved by Leo, seconded by Jeremiah, to approve the March 9th, 2017 agenda with 1 addition. No thru trucks on Rome Road and Onsted Highway. MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR	AGENDA AGENDA APPROVED										
Moved by Leo, seconded by Jeremiah, to approve the February 9th, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes and the February 23rd, 2017 Special Meeting. (Budget workshop) MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR	MINUTES MINUTES APPROVED										
1) Zoning Report (January) A. Permits: 1 B. Violations: 1 2) Treasurer's Report • 2/28/2017 <table border="1" data-bbox="274 1383 1027 1577"> <thead> <tr> <th>BANK ACCOUNTS</th><th>TOTAL</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>OSB General Fund Checking Account</td><td>\$ 46,472.63</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tax Checking</td><td>\$ 132,817.85</td></tr> <tr> <td>Flagstar MMI</td><td>\$ 250,688.25</td></tr> <tr> <td>County National – CD</td><td>\$ 200,628.23</td></tr> </tbody> </table> Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Jeremiah, 2nd by Leo. MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR	BANK ACCOUNTS	TOTAL	OSB General Fund Checking Account	\$ 46,472.63	Tax Checking	\$ 132,817.85	Flagstar MMI	\$ 250,688.25	County National – CD	\$ 200,628.23	REPORTS
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3) Clerk Report FOIA requests: <u>American Transparency, Boca Rotan, FL</u> Requested complete information for all township Employees. Request was denied as Rome does not have employees. Only elected and appointed officials. <u>Renee Previch (3rd submission)</u> Requesting the Approved detailed budgets for fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007	REPORTS - CONTINUED
4) Building Permits 7 Approved, 1 Partial Approval 5) Electrical Permits 0 Reported 6) Supervisor's Report - Reminder about the Annual Conference put on by the Michigan Township Association. It begins on April 20th and will be held in Lansing.	
Planning Commission: Planning Commission requested to be paid \$40 per meeting with additional \$25 per meeting for the Chairperson and Secretary. Motion made by Jeremiah to approve the raise, 2nd by Roxann. MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR Supervisor Boggs directed the increase is to be reflected in the PC Budget.	PLANNING COMMISSION PC INCREASE
Accounts Payable: Total: \$11,145.34 Detailed Report attached Motion by Jeremiah, 2nd by Roxann, for approval to pay expenses. MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE EXPENSES APPROVED
Order of Business: 1) Approval of Cambridge Township Fire Contract in the amount of \$57,200.00. Motion made to approve the contract by Leo, 2nd by Roxann Roll Call Vote: Al-Yes, Leo-Yes, Roxann-Yes, Jeremiah-Yes, Robin-Yes MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR 2) Discussion of Property Taxes in follow up from the Board of Review with the Supervisor. Reviewed Poverty Exemptions, Income Limits and Asset Guidelines. The guidelines shall remain without change. 3) Adoption of a Resolution to allow residents to appeal property assessments via the USPS. Motion to approve the Resolution by Leo, 2nd by Roxann Roll Call Vote: Al-Yes, Leo-Yes, Roxann-Yes, Jeremiah-Yes, Robin-Yes MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR 4) Computer software and hardware. Jeremiah made a Motion to purchase Cougar Mountain Software and a laptop for Roxann, not to exceed expenses of \$7,500. Leo 2nd the Motion. MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR 5) Al requested Robin to make the Website a priority.	NEW BUSINESS FIRE CONTRACT PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS TWP SOFTWARE

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6) Reviewed Road Contract regarding culvert on Southard Hwy. Motion by Leo to approve the contact, 2nd Roxann. MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR 7) Discussion about the cost of Chloride and making a one ton pre-purchase to reduce cost. All and Leo to check on pricing. 8) Removal of the “No Thru Trucks” signage on Onsted Hwy and Rome Road. Much discussion regarding the condition of the culverts. During a January meeting with the Road Commission, Leo and Roxann were informed that the trucks will not expedite the breakdown of the culverts. Keeping the weight off the culverts will not preserve them. Some Board members feel strongly that keeping the biggest tax payers in the township from using those roads is not in the best interest of the township residents. Motion by Jeremiah to pull the signs and allow the trucks to use the roads, 2nd by Leo. MOTION CARRIED – 4 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED	ROAD CONTRACT REMOVE NO THRU TRUCK SIGNS
No unfinished business was brought to the board.	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Public Comment: Concern of zoning violations on Onsted Hwy (north of Woerner) regarding household trash piled very high in the yard. Robin confirmed that Rick Arnold, Zoning Officer had been to the house and left a Zoning Citation and Rick will continue to pursue. No further comments.	PUBLIC COMMENT
Motion by Jeremiah to adjourn 8:35 pm, 2nd by Roxann. MOTION CARRIED – ALL IN FAVOR	ADJOURNED
Taressa Thompson, Deputy Clerk <i>Robin Robertson</i> Robin Robertson, Township Clerk Date <i>03/11/2017</i> Date	Minutes prepared by: Robin Robertson Submitted by: Robin Robertson Township Clerk