VILLAGE OF ROMEO

A Public Hearing was held by the Village of Romeo Board of Trustees on Monday, October 21, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Romeo Community Center.

Present: Trustee Hart, Cregar, Rossell, Malzahn, Edwards, Pres. Lee.

Absent: Trustee Rinke.

Purpose of Hearing: To hear comments, oral or written on the application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate as filed by Ultraform Industries, Inc.

No comments were made.

Hearing closed at: 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marian T. McLaughlin, Clerk

Michael A. Lee, President

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The Regular Meeting of the Village of Romeo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 21, 2013, at 7:31 p.m. in the Romeo Community Center.

Present: Trustee Hart, Cregar, Rossell, Malzahn, Edwards, Pres. Lee.

Absent: Trustee Rinke.

Resolved by: Trustee Cregar, supported by Trustee Rossell, that the Minutes of 9/16/13 be approved as presented.

Yeas: All Nays: None.

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Rossell, that the bills be paid as presented; $40,871.35 and $786,848.65.

Yeas: Trustee Hart, Rossell, Cregar, Edwards, Pres. Lee.

Nays: Trustee Malzahn.

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Clerk's Report:
Clerk McLaughlin had informed the Board that is has been 20 years now that the Village of Romeo has had a recycling program, initiated by Trustee Ora Smith. It started out at the old DPW site on Sisson with drop off containers, and then went to curbside recycling in 1995, along with yard waste pickup.
She had met with Braun Construction Group, for the Wellbridge project regarding a sanitary line, the de-acceleration lane on Main St. and moving of a lamppost. All four union contracts have been completed and the insurance change is being processed. She has met with the HRC engineers for matters with the DWSD contract re-opener, and asked for a moment for Mr. McCormick's review with the SAW Grant. Clerk McLaughlin also asked for advice with regard to a black walnut tree and funding for removal. Trustee Hart suggested an alternative solution. Clerk McLaughlin also informed the Board that the Village has now received an A+ stable outlook rating from Standard & Poors. Keith McCormick addressed the Board with regard to the SAW Grant.

Resolved by: Trustee Rossell, supported by Trustee Edwards, that the Board approve $6,500.00 for HRC to prepare the application on behalf of the Village for the SAW Grant.

Yeas: Trustee Rossell, Edwards, Hart, Malzahn, Cregar, Pres. Lee.
Nays: None.

President's Report:
Pres. Lee participated in the union negotiations; he and the football players and coaching staff assisted with the clean up for Bruce Twp. Cemetery; they also had a successful trip to the Ford Field. Pres. Lee had a meeting for the DDA holiday décor, and the traffic signals at the four corners. He went to the DTE meeting on Smart Meters. He attended the Homecoming parade and festivities, and meets with the staff on a regular basis. He congratulated Mike Buslipp and the Cross Country team for County Championship and to Mike for finishing 5th overall in the Detroit Marathon.

Public Forum:
Ms. Gretta Jackson from New Haven and the Citizens for a Better Macomb County, spoke on the matter of the solid waste plan in Macomb County, and asked that a resolution be adopted.

Approval of Agenda: Additions/Deletions

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Edwards, that the Agenda be amended; to move OB and add Tree Board, add to NB change of meeting date.

Yeas: All Nays: None.

RESOLUTION

Resolved by: Trustee Rossell, supported by Trustee Malzahn

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk has received an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Ultraform Industries, Inc. covering Industrial facilities located within the Village of Romeo Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk has notified in writing the assessors of Bruce Township, as well as the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies an ad valorem property taxes in the local governmental unit in which the proposed facility is located, i.e., the Village of Romeo, and advised each of the said received Application; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has afforded Ultraform Industries, Inc. the assessors, and each of the affected taxing units an opportunity for a hearing of the application on Ultraform Industries, Inc. and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Village of Romeo, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ROMEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

1. The Village Board of Trustees on the basis of the information received from the applicant, Ultraform Industries, Inc. finds and determines: (a) that the granting of this Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, considered together with the aggregate amount of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates previously granted and currently in force, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operations of the local government unit or impairing the financial soundness of any taxing unit which levies an ad valorem property tax in the local governmental unit in which the facility is located or to be located and (b) the applicant had fully complied with the requirements of Section 9, Act no. 198, P.A. as amended.

2. The Village Board of Trustees hereby approves Ultraform Industries, Inc. Exemption Certificate for 12-years after completion, covering industrial facilities located within the Village of Romeo Industrial Development District.

3. Ultraform Industries, Inc. has entered into the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate letter of Agreement with the Village of Romeo.

Yeas: Trustee Rossell, Hart, Malzahn, Cregar, Edwards, President Lee

Nays: None

2. Recognition for Nicole Ruggero, Dispatch, Romeo Police Dept.

Chief Paduch presented to Council information on the nomination of Nicole Ruggero, Romeo Dispatcher, for "2013 Telecommunicator of the Year" Award. Congratulations were extended by all.

3. Fence Ordinance – appeal – 114 Bradley

The Council reviewed the information supplied, and asked that this matter be tabled. They asked that the applicant and those objecting to the six foot fence attend the next meeting.

4. Annexation – request from Ms. Karem

Discussion was held with regard to the request for a boundary adjustment for property within Washington Twp., along with any additional information on the request from Armada Twp. Pres. Lee and Trustee Edwards will meet to discuss the Karam property, and Clerk McLaughlin and Trustee Rossell will meet to discuss the Armada Twp. property.

5. Village DDA Fund

DDA Chair person Randy Seidel had requested an item on the agenda to review a few questions on the DDA Fund. Clerk McLaughlin explained the two checks written from one fund, should have been from another fund, which was discovered during the audit and has since been corrected, and that the Fund itself, is not the DDA's but the Village account for handling the tax dollars collected. Money transferred to the DDA is the amount collected in taxes and anything less than, is delinquent tax, not money labeled as 'not paid'.

6. Macomb County Solid Waste Plan

Discussion was held on materials regarding amending the Macomb County Solid Waste Plan and the correspondence from Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel.

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Rossell, that the Village of Romeo has sufficient capacity for waste transported from the Village, and that there is no interest in being a host community for a new landfill and is not supportive of a new landfill being sited in Macomb County.

Yeas: All Nays: None.

7. Romeo Community Schools – discussion

Clerk McLaughlin asked if any of the Board members would volunteer time to act as a liaison with the Romeo Community Schools, with regard to school properties within the Village. Pres. Lee volunteered, and will report to Council whenever necessary.

8. Water/Sewer Rates

Discussion was held regarding water/sewer rates. The Iron Removal Plant is in need of new filter media, and the DWSD may be adjusting rates for its system, which will affect the industrial district service area. There are a few options the Council may consider for rate adjustments.

9. Council Regular Meeting – date change

Resolved by: Trustee Rossell, supported by Trustee Malzahn, that the November Regular Meeting be changed from November 18th to Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

Yeas: All Nays: None.

Old Business

1. DTE – Advanced Metering Infrastructure – Pres. Lee – update

Pres. Lee attended the seminar and discussion was held on the DTE program and SMART meters. No action was taken or necessary.

2. Macomb Orchard Trail – Trustee Hart – update

Discussion was held with regard to the DTE property and an additional path onto the Macomb Orchard Trail through DTE property. They would have to make provisions of either a public right of way or easement being granted to the Village, and the Village having it included on its insurance policy. Clerk McLaughlin will check on this matter.

3. Tree's

Clerk McLaughlin received a request to have a black walnut tree removed located on Village property, and asked Council for advice as there isn't funding available. Trustee Hart suggested to have a chemical applied to reduce the amount of walnuts falling. He would like the Tree Board to become active again with programs for funding and planting of trees. Currently, Mr. McLeod and Mr. Miller are on the Board.

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Council Comments:

Trustee Rossell informed the Board that volunteers are needed for the Mummer's Parade and Bed Races.
Trustee Malzahn inquired about the HAS account; that is currently being processed.

Resolved by: Trustee Rossell, supported by Trustee Edwards, that the Meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: All Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marian T. McLaughlin, Clerk

Michael A. Lee, President