

PUBLIC NOTICE  
VILLAGE OF ROMEO

The meeting is entirely remote – no in-person attendance at the South Meeting Room due to the Governors rollback executive orders, limiting us once again, to no more than 10 people.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** The purpose of the public hearing was to hear objections, oral or written, to the Resolution of the Romeo Village Council adopted on July 20, 2020, to vacate an alley running north and south, east of Bailey Street, south of Newberry Street, and north of an existing east-west alley, in the Original Town Portion of the Plat of the Village of Romeo. Public Hearing was opened at 7:09 p.m. Comments were heard. Public Hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes

Date: August 17, 2020

Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Location: 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065

**South Building Meeting Room**

Present: Nathan Bartholomew  
Matt Edwards  
Zach Fowler  
Bob Hart  
Meagan Poznanski  
Randy Seidel  
Christine Malzahn

1. Call to order – pledge of allegiance. Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.
2. *Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2020*  
**MOTION by Edwards second by Bartholomew to approve the meeting minutes for July 20, 2020 with the additional comment under “Presentations” that the Village to City committee suggested that we move forward. Also, letter (d.) under Trustee report that Trustee Poznanski responded to Clerk Trapp’s Clerk’s Report.**  
**AYES: Edwards, Bartholomew, Fowler, Hart, Poznanski, Seidel, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**
3. *Approval of Bills*  
**MOTION by Edwards second by Seidel to approve the August bills in the amounts of \$22,284.48 and \$247,045.25**  
**AYES: Edwards, Seidel, Hart, Bartholomew, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: Fowler, Poznanski**  
**Motion carried.**

4. *Approval of Agenda (approval was out of order on the agenda, approved at 7:39 p.m.)*

**MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to approve the agenda with the addition of Mt. Vernon Tree Services as item (d) under New Business**

**AYES: Hart, Bartholomew, Poznanski, Edwards, Seidel, Malzahn**

**NAYS: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

5. *Special Presentations* - None

6. *Correspondences* - None

7. *Officer reports*

- a. President –

The Village offices remain open for public walk-ins Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30pm, all who enter are required to wear a mask.

As of today, Romeo has had 25 reported Covid cases – that is up 7 cases with deaths remaining at 4, there are 19 cases / 5 deaths in Bruce and 180 cases / 6 deaths in Washington Township.

Due to the Governors restrictions on public gatherings all Romeo Public Meetings with more than 10 participants will be held remotely on zoom, please see the meetings notices for login information. Those can be found on our website and in the village hall window.

I presented to the Planning Commission, the DDA and the HDC the Village to City final report, answered their questions and asked them to engage in dialogue with their neighbors to help spread the word about this important topic. Unfortunately, the Town Hall meetings that I was hoping to schedule for the Master Plan updates and V-to-C exploration.

DPW Supervisor Tim Metz and I met with Supervisor O’Leary and Washington Twp DPW Supervisor to discuss a possible 425 agreement for water service customer exchange. Romeo is waiting on a draft proposal from Washington Twp Legal Counsel for further consideration.

DDA Director Lisa Hall and I met with Doug Schultz of Rowe Engineering to review the streetscape and pedestrian crossings project that their firm helped the DDA develop about 10 years ago. Rowe is going to provide an estimate for current pricing and options for surface treatments that I will bring to Council for consideration. As a follow-up to that meeting with Rowe, several DDA members and I also engaged County Commissioner Don Brown to see if you could assist us with grant funding.

The TED-B grant application that I submitted for the Croswell re-paving project has been denied. They stated that they received \$18 million dollars in requests and only had \$3 million to allocate. So unfortunately, that project will be on hold.

The marihuana business ordinance and zoning amendments have been approved and published as required. I am creating the application packet and will be sending it to Mr. Clark for review in the next day or so that when the waiting period is completed, we should be ready for requests.

Reminder that the next Community Shred Day will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Bruce Twp Hall – all Romeo and Bruce residents are welcome to shred.

- b. Clerk

The Cemetery Board met on Wednesday July 22, 2020. The board did vote on hiring Schoenherr Roofing for much needed repairs to the roof on the Cemetery garage.

The office staff and accountant are moving along with completing our audit prep to-do list.

Some of us were actually in the office this past Saturday so we are all on the same page. This year a lot of the prep will be done virtually as items will be uploaded to a portal. Due to COVID our audit firm will be limiting the amount the time they will be visiting our office.

Last Thursday I was on a Zoom call with Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. The conversation focused on the Primary Election that just took place and the General Election coming up. Due to delays in the United States Postal Service it is encouraged that ballots and ballot request be dropped off at your townships drop box

- c. Treasurer  
Tax Payments are due by September 14, 2020 Lobby is open to accept payments  
Please utilize the drop boxes, pay online through the Village of Romeo website or U.S. Mail  
Accepting payments online through BS & A Software since January 2020 office has processed \$70,000 payments and generated \$2,100.00 fee income.
- d. Trustees – Trustee Poznanski was able to attend session through Michigan State which led to a listening session co-hosted with Trustee Zach Fowler. Trustee Bartholomew reported the sidewalk contractor is back. Some sections have been replaced on Minot and Wonder Lane. The residents have been great, really happy to see it's been going.
- e. Ex-Officio Planning Commission Member – Trustee Fowler did not attend the last Planning Commission Meeting. President Malzahn was present at the Planning Commission meeting and reported that the site Plan was approved for the Pamplona Building and adopted and approved the zoning amendments for the Marihuana Business Ordinance were approved and adopted. President Malzahn added comments in regards to the listening session held by Trustee Fowler and Trustee Poznanski.

8. Committee Reports: No committees at this time.

9. Unfinished business:

- a. Vacating of Alley  
**MOTION by Hart second by Edwards to ratify the petition to vacate the alley**  
**AYES: Hart, Edwards, Seidel, Fowler, Poznanski, Bartholomew, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**
- b. Petition for Resolution for Armada Township Annexation Request  
**MOTION by Poznanski second by Hart to move forward and allowing President Malzahn to sign and move forward with the annexation process for Chet's properties**  
**AYES: Poznanski, Hart, Bartholomew, Fowler, Seidel, Edwards, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**

10. New Business:

- a. WWTP Pump Purchase  
**MOTION by Poznanski second by Hart to purchase two (2) pumps from Kerr Pump and Supply for a total of \$9,028.00**  
**AYES: Poznanski, Hart, Bartholomew, Seidel, Edwards, Fowler, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**
- b. RFP's – Legal and Audit Services review  
**MOTION by Fowler second by Poznanski to renew the contract for our legal services for a 2-year period**  
**AYES: Fowler, Poznanski**  
**NAYS: Malzahn, Bartholomew, Edwards, Seidel, Hart**  
**Motion failed.**  
**MOTION by Malzahn second by Hart to proceed with the 2 RFP's that are in the packet in getting bids and proposals to council for approval**  
**AYES: Malzahn, Hart, Seidel, Bartholomew, Edwards**  
**NAYS: Fowler, Poznanski**

**Motion carried.**

- c. Utility Rates Deferment

**MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to defer the utility change until the first of the year**

**AYES: Hart, Poznanski, Malzahn, Bartholomew, Edwards, Fowler, Seidel**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

- d. Mt. Vernon Tree Services\*

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to move forward with the Mt. Vernon tree proposal**

**AYES: Bartholomew, Hart, Seidel, Edwards, Poznanski, Malzahn**

**NAYS: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

11. Public Comments – Comments were heard by Sally Russo of North Bailey Street, 2 questions were answered that came from Facebook Live, Trustee Poznanski asked questions regarding budget and accountant report.

12. Adjournment

**MOTION by Fowler second by Bartholomew to adjourn the meeting**

**AYES: Fowler, Bartholomew, Hart, Seidel, Edwards, Poznanski, Malzahn**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Trapp, Village Clerk