

The meeting was 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.

September 21, 2020 Regular Village Council Meeting – 7:00 PM – ZOOM ONLY

Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes

Date: September 21, 2020

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

Location: 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065
South Building Meeting Room

1. Call to order – pledge of allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2020
MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to approve the meeting minutes for August 17, 2020 with the correct of under Unfinished Business, item #9, motion was done by Trustee Fowler, not Trustee Hart.
AYES: Hart, Bartholomew, Edwards, Fowler, Seidel, Malzahn
NAYS: Poznanski
Motion carried.
4. Approval of Bills
MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the bills in the amounts of \$31,321.94 and \$1,147,991.73
AYES: Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart, Seidel, Malzahn
NAYS: Fowler, Poznanski
Motion carried.
5. Approval of Agenda
MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to approve the agenda with the addition of a presentation by Rowe Professional Services Company under Special Presentations
AYES: Hart, Poznanski, Seidel, Edwards, Fowler, Bartholomew, Malzahn
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
6. Special Presentations – Paul O’Meara from Rowe Professional Services Company in regards to pedestrian cross walks and crossings.
7. Correspondences - None
8. Officer reports
 - a. President –
Governors restrictions remain in place on public gatherings, so all Romeo Public Meetings with more than 10 participants will continue to 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.
Since I have no idea how long the governor’s restrictions will remain in place, I have begun planning and scheduling a virtual Town Hall meeting so that we can continue the Village to City process and the Master Plan revisions. More to follow on that date.

The Village hosted a meeting with representatives from Macomb County, Macomb County Road Commission, Bruce Township, Washington leadership and Romeo Community Schools to discuss and plan for upgrades to the safe routes to school, effecting the new middle school location. We are looking for solutions to the light timing at both Sisson Street and in front of the school as well as the missing sidewalks both in the Village and Washington Township. Everyone was very supportive of the projects and I am hopeful that the collaborative efforts will achieve positive results for all our walkers.

The Road Commission was able to come out last week and re-stripe the crossing marks at the intersection of St. Clair and Bailey.

The Romeo Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing was held on September 15th, I was invited to play by current Chamber President Steve Balsam. Our foursome consisted of Steve, myself, Taylor Brynaert from Tarr & Associates and Marty Beaulac from Henry Ford Health. I wanted to thank those gentleman for a lovely day, and for graciously overlooking my lack of golf skills. The Chamber board and staff is so supportive of this community, Kelly Stephens and Debbi Sisco do an amazing job putting this events together - it was great to have a chance to support them as well.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Richard Soulliere in being nominated for Outstanding Officer in 2019 and in recognition of his outstanding efforts in drunk/drugged driving prevention, education and enforcement. Well done sir!

I have a couple of community announcements:

There is a candidate forum event being planned by the Chamber and the MittTV for September 29th th moderator will be Judge Denis LeDuc. I believe it will be livestreamed, giving our residents the opportunity to learn a bit about each of the six candidates seeking the 3 trustee seats that are opening. Any resident interested in submitting a question for the candidates can direct them to Kelly at the Chamber office
Reminder that the next Community Shred Day will be held this Saturday September 26th at the Bruce Twp Hall – 9:00 – Noon - all Romeo and Bruce residents are welcome to shred. There is a limit of 5 banker size boxes and ID will be checked.

b. Clerk –

Our audit is still underway. We will be having a staff meeting with the auditor this week to review where we are at with the audit and what is still left to accomplish.

Last week 6 RFP's were submitted last week for Audit Professional Services. This Wednesday is the deadline for Legal Services to be submitted. All information will be reviewed and submitted for October's meeting.

The cemetery garage will be getting its new roof soon. We are looking at some time in October for the much-needed replacement.

c. Treasurer –

All Tax Payments have been processed. Late Payments need to be mailed to: Macomb County Treasurer Office
Tax Reports are being generated to balance with Bruce Twp. & Washington Twp. over next several weeks.

d. Trustees – Trustee Poznanski said that she and Trustee Fowler had another Trustee Talk recently.

e. Ex-Officio Planning Commission Member – Trustee Fowler said that the Planning Commission's most recent meeting had a SLU request.

9. Committee Reports: *No committees at this time.*

10. Unfinished business:

a. Armada Annexation Legal Description

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to approve the legal description of the Armada Annexation as presented

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

NAYS: None

Motion caried.

11. New Business:

- a. NIXEL Emergency Notice

MOTION by Edwards second by Hart to table the discussion until Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- b. TAP Grant – Pedestrians Crossings

MOTION by Hart second by Seidel to approve President Malzahn to submit the TAP GRANT Application

AYES: Hart, Seidel, Bartholomew, Edwards, Malzahn

NAYS: Poznanski, Fowler

Motion carried.

- c. DPW – Concrete Repairs

MOTION by Poznanski second by Hart to approve Kemp Custom Concrete to go forward with concrete repairs at the DPW

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- d. Trick or Treating in the Central Business District

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to approve the Special Events Permit of Central Business District Trick or Treating on October 24, 2020

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- e. Well #3 Emergency Inspection

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the expenditure for the inspection of Well #3 as requested by the DPW

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

12. Public Comments – Comments were heard by residents via email, telephone and Facebook Live comments.

13. Adjournment

MOTION by Fowler second by Hart to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Trapp, Village Clerk