

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes

Date: November 16, 2020

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

Location: 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065

South Building Meeting Room

PRESENT: Bartholomew
Edwards
Hart
Poznanski
Seidel
President Malzahn

ABSENT: FOWLER

1. Call to order – Meeting was officially called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance and roll call were taken.
3. Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2020, November 2, 2020 Special Meeting
MOTION by Hart second by Edwards to approve the meeting minutes with the following edits: Under Special Presentation – a letter by the President was read, and under item 12.) New Business, item b. OMA Resolution – include the motion that was presented
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
MOTION by Bartholomew second by Poznanski to approve the meeting minutes from the November 2, 2020 Special Meeting
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
4. Approval of Bills
MOTION by Edwards second Poznanski to approve the bills in the amounts of \$185,444.19 and \$68,766.34
AYES: Edwards, Poznanski, Seidel, Hart, Bartholomew, Malzahn
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
5. Approval of Agenda
MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to strike out agenda item #8, Public Forum-Agenda Items Only
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
6. Special Presentations - *NONE*

7. Correspondences - **NONE**

~~8. Public Forum - Agenda Items Only~~

9. Officer reports

a. President

As of today, Romeo has had 101 reported Covid cases –with deaths reported at 7, there are 107 cases / 6 deaths in Bruce and 661 cases / 9 deaths in Washington Township.

Due to the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services restrictions on public gatherings all Romeo Public Meetings will be held remotely on zoom for the month of December or postponed until in-person meetings are allowed. Please see the meetings notices for login information.

Beginning Tomorrow, Tuesday November 17th all Village offices buildings are open by appointment ONLY, all who enter are required to wear a mask. The Village of Romeo has received 50,000 face masks donated by Ford Motor Company. Those masks were produced in the Ford Sterling Heights facility. If any organization or household is in need of a supply, please contact the office to let us know. For resident convenience we have assembled small baggies of masks and put them in the plastic container on top of the drop box, we ask that you limit it to one bag per household. Attorney Clark and I attend a zoom meeting on October 29th update with the representatives from Ford regarding the Romeo Engine Plant status. I presented them with a proposal for consideration to make their exit from our community less of an impact to our financial stability. Clerk Trapp, Treasurer Maddox, Accountant Tim Sadowski attend a zoom meeting with our Auditors, UHY to receive the initial audit report. I am very pleased to report that the Village is in excellent financial shape and Paul Bailey plans to attend our December meeting to give the residents and council their full report. Work has begun between Northern Pump and Well and EGLE on the emergency replacement well. It will take a few months for the permits to be approved, but hopefully the new well will be up and functioning by June. I continue to field calls from interested parties regarding our Marihuana Business Ordinance and application process. I have not opened the application period yet do to some additional research and possible changes needed regarding Special Land Use and current HIPPA Laws. I have asked legal counsel investigate this further to make sure our ordinance is in compliance. I would like to congratulate our 3 elected trustees on winning their seats, Trustee Poznanski, Trustee Bartholomew, and Justin Parker. I hope together we can continue to serve our residents well. I would also like to thank Trustee Seidel for his years of service to this Community, It was an honor and a privilege to work alongside of you sir, your presence and business skills will certainly be missed.

b. Clerk

The cemetery roof replacement is complete and the garage got a new coat of paint. We can now store all of the lawn equipment without worrying if the roof will leak over the winter.

Santa's Mail box will be coming to the Village of Romeo sometime early next week. Santa has asked that I ask the Trustees if he could use your help with all of the letters that come in. He will need all the help he can get assisting in answering the letters. The box will be out until approximately Friday December 18th.

c. Treasurer

Receipt of payment from Macomb County Treasurer Office for \$177,569 Delinquent Tax Settlement

d. Trustees

Trustee Bartholomew thanked Randy Seidel for his years of service to the Village of Romeo.

Trustee Poznanski thanked Randy Seidel for his time here and his dedication to the people.

Trustee Edwards thanked Randy Seidel for assistance in all of the decisions.

Trustee Hart thanked Randy Seidel for his years of service

Trustee Seidel thanked the all of the trustees for their assistance and congratulated Meagan [Poznanski], Nathan [Bartholomew] and Justin [Parker] for a job well done.

e. Ex-Officio Planning Commission Member - Absent

10. Committee Reports - No committees at this time

11. Unfinished business: *NONE*

12. New Business:

- a. Special Events Permit – Holiday Tree Lighting

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Poznanski to approve the Special Events Permit for the Holiday Tree Lighting

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- b. WWTP – Emergency Repairs – Lift Station Pump Gearbox Conveyor

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to move forward with Kerr Pump and Supply for \$4,640.00 JWC Environmental for \$6,063.38

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- c. WWTP – EGLE Inspection

Item was discussed. No Board Action Taken.

- d. Utility Bills Format/Newsletter

Item was discussed. No Board Action Taken.

- e. DeLaura Dental New Parking Lot Site Plan Approval

MOTION by Edwards second by Poznanski to approve the site plan/parking lot plan based on the Planning Commission's recommendation

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

13. Public Comments – One resident complimented the DPW for their service on Dickenson Street

14. Adjournment

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Trapp, Village Clerk