

**VILLAGE OF ROMEO  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
2022-2023 MILLAGE RATES**

A Public Hearing was held Monday, June 20, 2022 during the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:00 PM, within the South Building Meeting Room, 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065. The Village Council of the Village of Romeo held a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 recommended property tax millage rates to be levied in 2022. **THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE 2023 ADOPTED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.** The meeting to take action on the millage rates will follow the public hearing during the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting. A copy of the adopted budget is available at the Village Clerk’s Office at 121 W. St Clair Street, Romeo, MI 48065 or available online at [www.villageofromeo.org](http://www.villageofromeo.org)

The total number of mills to be levied and the purposes for each millage are:

Purpose	Authority	Millage to be Levied
		July 1, 2022
General Fund Operating	PA 3 of 1895	10.3285
Rubbish	PA 3 of 1895	2.0656
General Highway Fund	PA 3 of 1895	1.4168
Cemetery	PA 3 of 1895	0.7260
Total		14.5369
DDA	PA 57 of 2018	1.7208

President Malzahn opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. No comments were heard. President Malzahn closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting  
MINUTES

Date: June 20, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065

South Building Meeting Room

PRESENT: BARTHOLOMEW  
EDWARDS  
HART  
PARKER  
POZNANSKI  
PRESIDENT MALZAHN  
ABSENT: FOWLER

1. **Call to order** – pledge of allegiance. President Malzahn called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call

3. **CONSENT AGENDA** (*minutes May 17, 2022*), (*council bills/vendor report \$124,242.53 AND \$35,518.63, meeting agenda*)

**MOTION by Edwards second Hart to approve the Consent Agenda**

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

**NAYS: Parker, Poznanski**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

**MOTION by Parker second by Bartholomew to approve the meeting minutes from May 16, 2022 with corrections**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

4. **Special Presentations** – Swearing in of new police officer, Nick Dementer.  
Clerk Trapp swore in new Romeo Police Officer Nick Dementer.

5. **Correspondence(s)** – Governor Whitmer, County Executive Mark Hackel

6. **Public Comment – No Comments.**

## 7. Officer reports

### a. President-

Exciting Update Alert!

My office received confirmation last week that our crosswalk project was officially awarded and accepted by the contractor! They will be starting the process of updating our crosswalks in the next few days with actual construction to begin after July 4th! I am so proud to be a part of this project which is very important for our vulnerable elderly and disabled citizens using wheelchairs or with visual disabilities and not to mention the many parents using strollers trying to navigate from the street parking on to our sidewalks.

One of the first steps is making a record of the current conditions of our crosswalks. In doing so, there will be cameramen coming around and recording the states of our streets. It was recommended to them to come as early in the day as possible as to lessen the chance of traffic blocking their recordings.

We will continue to post updates as often as possible on our Facebook page and also on the DDA's website. Please be prepared and plan for some traffic delays for a few short weeks while the improvements are put in place.

Last month I accepted the resignation of Jay Foltz from the Planning Commission and am looking to fill his vacancy. We also have openings on our Zoning Board of Appeals and the Historic District Commission. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering in one of these positions, please reach out to me. Other than being a Romeo resident there is no experience needed, just a desire to help Romeo be the best it can be.

This past Saturday was a busy day of ribbon cuttings in our community, and our Romeo-Washington Chamber of Commerce was there with me to celebrate these not-so new newcomers in their new facilities! I was honored to present each of them with a symbolic "Buck" for luck and thank the Wilson Vet Family and the Vultaggio Family for their support and commitment to the Washington Twp / Romeo community. Even though both of these

businesses are physically located in Washington Twp., their support and commitment know no municipal boundaries and that ultimately benefits our entire tri-community area.

You might have noticed that several trees were taken down on Pleasant Street last week and a few others were pruned of their dead limbs! Myself, Clerk Trapp, DPW Supervisor Metz together with the Romeo Tree Board are actively working to make sure that our tree-lined streets don't disappear on our watch!

The Tree Board approved, upon my request, to hire Able Tree Service to conduct a village wide tree assessment. The report should allow us to identify trees that are a liability and need to be removed before they fall and cause property damage and those that just need maintenance or a little TLC rehab. Many residents have reached out us interested in new plantings where disease and neglect of our trees has occurred resulting in a sea of tree stumps. Together our goal is to preserve our beautiful tree canopy and put a plan in place to replant trees in the areas where trees have been lost. So that our property values remain high and the beauty that we are known for doesn't fade into concrete and asphalt.

DPW Supervisor Tim Metz and I completed an extensive Emergency Response assessment of our Drinking Water System and DPW facilities. HRC assisted us in preparing and submitting a formal Emergency Response Plan to EGLE to meet EGLE and FEMA's requirements. We assessed the DPW site, the Iron Removal Plant, the backup well in Washington Twp and the Water Tower for 5 scenarios – Cyber Incident, Human Intruder, Tornado, Extreme Cold/Heat Conditions, Air Plane Crash. The final 152-page document is available if anyone would like to review it. I am please to report that all Romeo's requirements have been met.

The Village of Romeo's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Newsletter is at the printers. I put the final corrections in this morning and have submitted it to GLG Printers who will print it along with the tax bills and mail them together by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

There are extra copies available in the Village offices for anyone who doesn't receive a tax bill.

My #1 priority is to always serve our residents and our beautiful community. When important issues come arise, please know I will always make time for you to discuss your concerns. Our office strives to achieve complete transparency and every single staff member and I will always do our very best to assist you. Do not hesitate to reach out to us.

### **Mark your calendars for these upcoming Romeo events.**

Don't miss the Romeo DDA's 1<sup>st</sup> annual Vintage Fest – July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Madison Roush has been busy with her event coordination team planning so many wonderful activities. There is something for everyone to enjoy including a live auction in the park, a classic car and camper show, kids' activities and a good ole fashioned street dance. Check out their website for all the details.

Grab your chairs, blankets and dance partners and head to the Village Park for the Parks & Recs Music in the Park Concert series. The concerts kick off on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm with The Dan Devins Blues Band, Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> featuring Detroit Social and July 31<sup>st</sup> with Wayward Wind.

#### **b. Clerk**

The annual Memorial Day parade and service was another great success! Many thanks go out to Diane Smiles and the rest of the Cemetery Board for organizing the placement of the flags on all of the veterans' graves.

Thank you to our local Boy Scout troop for placing flags along the parade route and to the Cemetery maintenance crew Kacy and Mitchell for keeping the grounds of the cemetery looking great for visitors.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, President Malzahn and I attended a Chamber Ribbon Cutting event for Savvy Sliders in Shelby Township. Even though they are in Shelby Township they are an active member of our local Greater Romeo Washington Chamber of Commerce. It was great to see how these communities, Romeo and Shelby Township, support each other.

#### **c. Treasurer**

Treasurer Report June 20, 2022

Tax Bills will be mailed on July 1

Millage Rates Cemetery round down

Special assessments added Delinquent Water & Sidewalk

Bruce \$45,450.00 Water \$3524.00 Sidewalk

Washington \$23,752.00 Water

Tax Bill top right hand corner denotes mortgage code information along with indicating copy of tax bill sent to mortgage company

Payments can be made in person Monday – Thursday 8:30-4:30

Office Closed on Friday

Online payments through Village website top right and corner 3% processing fee

24 Hour lock Box

Request a paid receipt please indicate on payment

Verify accuracy when writing check

It has been an honor serving the residents these past four years.

Thank you

d. Trustees-

Trustee Bartholomew – Repairing the sidewalks, Prospect Street is next.

Trustee Parker – Asked how residents can do their own sidewalks. Also, addressed why he voted against the crosswalks because so many residents asked why he voted no.

e. Ex-Officio Planning Commission – No report, absent.

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. Bruce Sewer Capacity Subcommittee – There is a Sewer Capacity meeting scheduled at Public Commissioner Candace Miller’s office on Monday June 27, 2022.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Proposed \$4 Million Bond Language

Pat McGow from Miller Canfield spoke about the potential Bond to go in front of the voters.

Bobby Bendzinski from Bendzinkdi and Company, spoke about the bond(s) amounts and possible scenarios.

**MOTION by Edwards second by Bartholomew to authorize President Malzahn to execute the engagement letter retaining the services of Miller Canfield as bond counsel for the Street Improvement project, in the amount not to exceed \$27,500.00**

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

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

**MOTION by Parker second by Bartholomew to table the proposed ballot language until next month and invite residents via newsletter to attend and provide comment**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

- b. 21-22 Budget Amendments

Brian Camiller from Plants Moran spoke about the budget amendments

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter amendments as presented**

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

**NAYS: None**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**

- c. Crown Vic Sale  
**MOTION by Parker second by Poznanski to approach bidder to match the junk yard offer of \$650.00**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**
- d. Church Street Parking Lot Bid Award  
**MOTION by Hart second by Edwards to award the contract to the Superior Contracting Group in the amount of \$149,545.00, based on the recommendation of HRC**  
**AYES: Hart, Edwards, Bartholomew, Poznanski, Malzahn, Parker**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**
- e. Video Services Bid Award  
**MOTION by Poznanski second by Parker to award the contract to Michigan Community Media**  
**AYES: Poznanski, Parker**  
**NAYS: Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart, Malzahn**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion failed.**

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to award the bid contract to MittTv in an amount not to exceed 95% of the actual franchise fees received**  
**AYES: Bartholomew, Hart, Edwards, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: Parker, Poznanski**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Romeo Town Condos  
**MOTION by Malzahn second by Edwards to table this item for 30 days and come back in July**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**
- \*\*President Malzahn called a 5-minute recess at 9:05 p.m. Meeting resumed at 9:18 p.m.
- b. DDA Art Mural  
**MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to approve the installation of the bottle glass mural by Sarah Kasper**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**
- c. Plante Moran Services

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to retention of accounting services from Plante Moran for 12 months**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried**

d. FY 22-23 Tax Levies

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the L4029 forms as prepared by Plante Moran**

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

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

e. Sisson Street Property Purchase Offer

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to list the Sisson Street property for sale**

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

**NAYS: Poznanski, Parker**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

f. Copier Purchase

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the purchase for a new copier in the amount of \$5261.19**

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

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

g. EGLE Discharge Stormwater Ordinance

**MOTION by Poznanski second by Parker to approve the updated ordinance 14: 171-175 as presented**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

h. Building Department Fee Schedules

**MOTION by Edwards second by Bartholomew to approve the recommended fee schedule updates as presented**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

i. Planning Commission Stipend

**MOTION by Hart second by Parker to approve the monthly stipend for the Planning Commission that each commissioner to receive \$75 per meeting**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried**

j. 22-23 Meeting Dates

**MOTION by Parker second by Poznanski to approve the meeting dates for the 2022-2023 year  
with changes  
AYES: All  
NAYS: None  
Absent: Fowler  
Motion carried.**

**11. Adjournment**

**MOTION by Parker second by Hart to adjourn the meeting [at 9:49 p.m.]  
AYES: All  
NAYS: None  
Absent: Fowler  
Motion carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
KATHRYN TRAPP  
VILLAGE CLERK**