

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**VILLAGE OF ROMEO COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VACATION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY  
LOCATED IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN PLAT OF THE  
VILLAGE OF ROMEO, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to MCL 67.13 and MCL 15.261 – MCL 15.275, that a Public Hearing WAS held by the Romeo Village Council on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Romeo Community Center, South Building, 361 Morton Street, Romeo, Michigan 48065.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear objections, oral or written, to vacate an alley as described:

For the alleys and an unimproved section of Harriet St. within the boundaries of the Romeo Lions Club properties to be vacated by a resolution of this board. The areas have not been used for public purposes in decades and the club would like to lower our parcel count by combining parcels where possible.

**Abutting Parcels**

- Harriet: 28-04-02-132-005 & 006 and 28-04-02-133-004, all listed parcels are Romeo Lions Club property.
- North/South Alley between E. Lafayette and E. Washington: 28-04-02-132-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006 and 28-04-02-133-011. All listed parcels except 28-04-02-132-004 are Romeo Lions Club property. The parcel we do not own is owned by BAILY STREET MANAGEMENT LLC and they have landscaping along that section of the alley.
- East/West Alley between S. Bailey and North/South Alley: 28-04-02-132-002 and 003. The Romeo Lions own both parcels abutting.

President Poznanski opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to comments. One comment was heard by a resident. The public hearing ended at 7:02 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
MINUTES**

Date: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065

South Building Meeting Room

PRESENT: BARTHOLOMEW  
EDWARDS  
FOWLER  
PARKER  
ROSSO  
PRESIDENT POZNANSKI

1. Call to order – pledge of allegiance. President Poznanski opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call
  
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** (*minutes November 21, 2022*) (*council bills/vendor report \$88,796.91 and \$498,502.06, meeting agenda*)  
**MOTION by Parker second by Bartholomew to approve the meeting minutes for November 21, 2022 with edits [New Business – subject to approval of race route map]**  
**AYES: Parker, Bartholomew, Edwards, Fowler, Rosso, Poznanski**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**MOTION by Parker second by Edwards to approve the agenda by moving item New Business L. DDA Funding to item C. under New Business**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**MOTION by Edwards second by Bartholomew to approve the bills in the amounts of \$88,796.91 and \$498,502.06**  
**AYES: Edwards, Bartholomew, Fowler, Parker, Rosso, Poznanski**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**
  
4. Special Presentations - None
  
5. Correspondence(s) - None
  
6. Public Comment – Comments were heard
  
7. Officer reports
  - A. President – Report given
  - B. Clerk
 

On December 7<sup>th</sup> I attended along with Treasurer Miller the State of the County address at Macomb Community College.

December 9<sup>th</sup> attended, along with Treasurer Miller, the EMMA awards put on the Greater Romeo Washington Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to Romeo Family Restaurant for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

December 13<sup>th</sup> Treasurer Miller and I attended the Macomb Partners Christmas Luncheon put on by Macomb County Planning and Economic Development. The Village of Romeo was actually mentioned in 2 different presentations throughout the luncheon for our growing of the downtown efforts.

The Village had a lot of Santa’s little helpers helping with the Letters to Santa in our newly repainted Letter Box. Due to Santa’s busy schedule Tomorrow, Tuesday, will be the last day to drop off any letters.
  - C. Treasurer
 

In my first few weeks as Treasurer I have been getting organized and used to the day-to-day duties. I worked with Sherri for a couple weeks before she left and that was a lot of help...much appreciated Sherri! Rebecca and Danielle have also been a great help in getting me acclimated to those duties...That is greatly appreciated!

I attended the Macomb Partner’s luncheon last week as well as the State of the County Address. Both of these events were informative and interesting. It was a pleasure to be able to attend.

I am registered for the Winter Workshop for new Treasurer's in January. This is with the Macomb Municipal Treasurer's Association. I am looking forward to that so I can learn as much as I can.

Thank you!

D. Trustees

Trustee Bartholomew – made comments about the new administration

Trustee Rosso – thanks the community, email on the website, attended the Veterans Memorial in Washington Twp., walked in the Santa Parade, met with the DDA Executive

E. Ex-Officio Planning Commission – No meeting was held in December

8. Committee Reports -

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Crosswalk/approaches

Paul O'Meara from Rowe Professional Services came to the meeting to discuss the pedestrian crosswalk project and answer any questions. Trustee Parker and Trustee Fowler discussed forming a committee to look into large step in front of the Masonic Temple further

B. Resolution Lions Alley

**MOTION by Parker second by Fowler to table the resolution until January for the correct draft**

**AYES: Parker, Fowler, Rosso, Bartholomew, Edwards, Poznanski**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

C. Bruce Sewer Request

**MOTION by Parker second by Fowler to reform the sub committee**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

D. DDA Continued Alley Closure Request

**MOTION by Edwards second by Bartholomew to extend the alley closure until the end of February [February 28<sup>th</sup>]**

**AYES: Edwards, Bartholomew, Rosso, Fowler**

**NAYS: Parker, Poznanski**

**Motion carried.**

E. DDA Winterfest Event Request

DDA Executive Director Elizabeth Miller made comments.

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the funding request of \$540.00 of port-a-jons for Winterfest**

**AYES: Bartholomew, Edwards, Parker**

**NAYS: Fowler, Poznanski, Rosso**

**Motion fails, tie vote.**

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. DDA Lease

**MOTION by Fowler second by Poznanski to give the DDA lease 90 day notice**

**AYES: Fowler, Poznanski,**

**NAYS: Bartholomew, Edwards, Parker, Rosso**

**Motion failed.**

**MOITON by Parker second by Bartholomew to table the lease agreement discussion until the February meeting and form a subcommittee with DDA members to try and find a resolve**

**AYES: Parker, Bartholomew, Edwards**

**NAYS: Fowler, Rosso, Poznanski**

**Motion fails, tie vote.**

**MOTION by Poznanski second by Fowler to follow the current DDA lease with 30 day notice to end the lease with the DDA**

**AYES: Poznanski, Fowler, Rosso**

**NAYS: Parker, Edwards, Bartholomew**

**Motion fails, tie vote**

B. DDA Meeting Pay

Kelley Stephens, DDA Chairperson, made comments. No board action was taken.

C. DDA Funding Request\* (moved from item L.)

D. Purple Heart Community

**MOTION by Edwards second by Bartholomew to table this agenda item until the January meeting**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

E. Elected Officials Cell Phones

Board discussed this topic. Board requested more information from Verizon to be presented.

F. Trustee and Board Vacancies

President Poznanski recited all of the boards with vacancies. Letters of interest are to be forwarded to the Village President by January 12, 2023. No board action taken.

G. Village Planner

Current Village Planner Stephen Cassin has submitted a letter of retirement. President Poznanski will be talking with Macomb County Economic Planning and Development. No board action taken.

H. Crosswalk Budget Amendment

**MOTION by Edwards second by Parker to approve the budget amendment for the Crosswalk Project in the amount of \$228,073 [funds were moved from prior year budget where project was originally budgeted and approved]**

**AYES: Edwards, Parker, Poznanski, Bartholomew, Fowler, Rosso**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

I. Church Parking lot Budget Amendment

**MOTION by Fowler second by Bartholomew to approve the budget amendment for the Church Street parking lot in the amount of \$62,532.00**

**AYES: Fowler, Bartholomew, Parker, Rosso, Edwards, Poznanski**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

J. Street Administrator Appointment

**MOTION by Parker second by Fowler to appoint President Poznanski as Street Administrator**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

K. Fire/ALS Contract Late Fee

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Fowler to pay the late fee to Bruce Township for the FIRE/ALS payment**

**AYES: Bartholomew, Fowler, Parker, Rosso, Edwards, Poznanski**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

- L. AmeriScan/Documents on Demand  
Will be starting this service soon. No board action taken.

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

For the purpose of reviewing property purchase

**MOTION by Fowler second by Parker to enter into Closed Session [at 9:26 p.m.] for the purpose of reviewing a property purchase**

**AYES: Fowler, Parker, Bartholomew, Edwards, Rosso, Poznanski**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried**

**MOTION by Fowler second by Parker to end Closed Session**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**The board directs President Poznanski to respond to the letter from Attorney Corbin.**

**12. Adjournment**

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Fowler to adjourn the meeting [at 9:39 p.m.]**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
KATHRYN TRAPP  
VILLAGE CLERK**