

A Public Hearing was held by the Village of Romeo Board of Trustees on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Romeo Community Center 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065.

Purpose of Hearing: To hear comments oral or written on the designation of 121 Peyrek Court as a Speculative Building under P.A. 198 of 1974 as Amended. If approved, the building located at 121 Peyrek Court will be designated as a Speculative Building and a future tenant/owner will be eligible for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

**Village of Romeo Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday August 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Location: Romeo Parks and Rec Building  
361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065

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

Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE AND ROLL CALL  
President Malzahn called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
  
2. Approval of Minutes  
**MOTION By Hart Second by Poznanski to approve the meeting minutes for July 15, 2019.**  
**AYES: All**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion Carried**  
**MOTION by second by to approve the CLOSED SESSION meeting minutes for July 15, 2019**  
**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**

3. Approval of the Bills

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Poznanski to approve the bills in the amounts of \$80,511.22 and \$600,335.23**

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

**NAYS: None**

**Motion Carried**

4. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to allow Starkweather Alley to speak during Public Comments-Agenda Items Only**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion Carried**

5. Public Forum – Agenda Items Only: (3) three were discussed by President Malzahn. Representatives from Starkweather Alley spoke about mural progress.

6. Officer Reports

a. President's Report.

Hosted and attended a lot of meetings this past month – most of them resulted in tonight's agenda items so I will discuss those as they come up.

The Michigan Municipal Mangers Summer Conference was held in Alpena July 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, which I was lucky to attend. A couple of key take away's (aside from meeting and networking with quite a few Village and City Mangers from across the state).

One session addressed fraud. As a result of that information I have met with Treasurer Maddox, Clerk Trapp and our new Chase Municipal Banker to help ensure that we have the proper checks and balances in place to limit any exposures we can prevent.

The other session that I found interesting was to look at our Emergency Management Plan. Clerk Trapp and I met with our County Emergency Management & Communications Director, Brandon Lewis this past week. Currently our plan has been adopted and is in place. It is maintained and updated regularly by Police Chief Sokolnicki and Fire Chief Dave Whitgen. Kathryn and I are required to take several online FEMA training sessions – which we will plan to complete soon and then we will organize future training exercises to include everyone who would have a duty assigned to them (that is all of you on this Board).

I attend the Chamber's Night under the Stars event recognizing hometown hero Christina Muir. It was another successful event organized by Director Kelly Stephens and her volunteers.

Washington Township has voted and sent a ballot proposal to the County for what they are calling a "millage renewal and increase for parks and recreation operation and facilities". I attended the

Townships special meeting and asked Legal Counsel to attend as well in an effort to understand exactly how Romeo will be affected.

The proposed ballot which voters will consider in November will split in half the Village of Romeo. The southern half of Romeo (32 Mile to Durham Street) which are Washington Township precinct 1 voters will be included in the cost and usage, if it passes, of the \$11.5 Million purchase of the Total Sports Complex and will, with proposed user fees be allowed usage of their new parks and rec operation. Supervisor O'leary stated that if the millage passes the Township Board will vote to officially terminate their partnership in our long standing Tri-Community Parks and Rec plan. This will mean that anyone who leaves on the South side of 32 Mile will no longer be able to participate and use the Morton Street facilities as a resident. I pleaded with the Township Board to exclude the residents within the Village limits in their proposal, unfortunately my request was denied.

I also asked them to declare their intent to terminate the existing partnership now – that would allow what's left of Romeo and Bruce Township to develop an operation without their funding and look to bring other neighboring communities in to discussions to partner with them. This request was also denied.

In an effort to protect the assets of Romeo and to allow us to make a solid future Parks and Rec Plan, I have sent a Letter of Request, to both Townships asking them to consider a Board vote, allowing a Village appointed representative be added to the current Commission which made up of only representatives of the two townships. Currently Romeo has absolutely NO representation other than the two taxing authorities. Both of those meetings are this week Wednesday and I encourage everyone to attend, ask questions, and let them know your thoughts on this issue.

Some of you may have noticed a little extra activity in our South west quadrant Sunday morning – we had a 6" water main break. Thanks to Supervisor Tim Metz and our terrific staff for the quick response and repair so our residents did not loose and water service. There will still need to be some asphalt repairs to that area.

Reminding everyone that the Village Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup> and we invite everyone to come and enjoy the many events, parades and festivities happening here and around Romeo for our 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Peach Festival.

#### c. Clerk's Report

I would first like to thank Cindy Wilson for taking my place at the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and taking the minutes. The night before my father-in-law unexpectedly passed away. I also want to thank the office staff for the flowers and for President Malzahn for coming and paying her respects.

In June I was elected a Trustee for the Macomb County Clerks Association. June was our last meeting until September so I will learn more of my new duties at that meeting.

I attended the Chamber event "Night Under the Stars". Congratulations to the Chamber on another successful event for the community.

The Cemetery Board met this past Friday. The Cemetery Board asked that I pass along that they are looking for volunteers, residents, family of loved ones at rest in the cemetery to help create a Friends of The Cemetery group. The purpose of the group would be to initiate fund-raising efforts for tombstone restoration, section number signs and other items. Anyone interested can contact me and I can get them in touch with the board members.

d. Treasurer's Report

- 1). Processing Tax payments – due by September 16, 2019
- 2). Funded OPED Liability
- 3). Looking into Investing Liquid Funds

c. Trustee Reports

- i. Trustee Hart-Peach Festival is coming.
- ii. Trustee Poznanski-Met with State Senator Pete Lucido in Lansing. Attended Night Under the Stars Chamber event.
- iii. Trustee Fowler-asked about the Rails to Trails path and the trouble spots

7. Committee Reports

- a. Armada Sewer. Committee did meet. Information to come.
- b. Sidewalk Committee. Meeting rescheduled for Monday August 26, 2019.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Rules of Procedure.  
**MOTION by Seidel second by Poznanski to approve the updates to the Rules of Procedure for Section B, item 6.**  
**AYES: Seidel, Poznanski, Bartholomew, Hart, Edwards, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: Fowler**  
**Motion carried**

9. New Business

- a. Pete Lucido – Legislative update given
- b. IDD Speculative Building  
**MOTION by Poznanski second by Hart to approve the 121 Peyerk Court as a Speculative Building under P.A. 198 of 1974**  
**YEAS: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried**
- c. Water Tower Cleaning  
**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Seidel to approve National Wash Authority to clean our water tower**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried**

- d. Water Tower Inspection  
**MOTION by Hart second by Seidel to approve Dixon Engineering to perform an inspection on our water tower**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried**
- e. Tree Trimming  
**MOTION by Edwards second by Poznanski to approve Mt. Vernon Tree & Landscaping for tree trimming and removal in the Village**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried**
- f. BS&A Software  
**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Seidel to approve the expenditure of purchasing BS&A software**  
**AYES: Bartholomew, Seidel, Hart, Edwards, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: Fowler, Poznanski**  
**Motion carried**
- g. Dissemination Agreement  
**MOTION by Edwards second by Fowler to approve the Dissemination Agreement with Bendzinski & Co.**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried**
- h. Waste Hauler RFP  
**MOTION By Bartholomew second by Poznanski to authorize Clerk Trapp to submit an RFP for a new waste hauler contract**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried**
- i. Non -Union Employee Contract  
**MOTION by Seidel second by Edwards to approve the revised Non-Union Employee Contract**  
**AYES: Seidel, Edwards, Bartholomew, Hart, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: Poznanski, Fowler**  
**Motion carried**
- j. WWTP Plow Equipment  
**MOTION by Poznanski second by Bartholomew to approve the purchase of plow by Southern Truck Equipment in the amount of \$6, 155.00**  
**AYES: Edwards, Poznanski, Hart, Bartholomew, Seidel, Fowler, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried**
- k. Village Hall/Police Department Renovation

**MOTION by Edwards second by Bartholomew to approve Might Master Plumber and Classic Heating and Cooling to partake in the renovation of the Village Hall/Police Department**

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

**NAYS: Fowler, Poznanski**

**Motion carried**

1. Asset Management Plan Consulting Funding

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to move forward with creating an Asset Management Plan with Hubbell Roth and Clark**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried**

9. Public Comments – one resident spoke during public comments

10. CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION by President Malzahn second by Poznanski to enter CLOSED SESSION at 9:14 p.m.**

**AYES: All**

**Nays: None**

**Motion carried**

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to end CLOSED SESSION at 10:18 p.m.**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried**

11. Adjournment

**MOTION by Hart second by Fowler to adjourn at 10:19 p.m.**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Trapp  
Village of Romeo Clerk**