

**Village of Romeo Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE AND ROLL CALL**
President Malzahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. *Approval of meeting minutes November 18, 2019*
Motion by Edwards second by Hart to approve the meeting minutes from November 18, 2019
YEAS: Hart, Poznanski, Bartholomew, Seidel, Edwards, Fowler, Malzahn
NAY: None
Motion Carried

3. *Approval of bills*
MOTION by Hart second by Edwards to approve the bills in the amounts of \$460,849.07 and \$60,334.98
YEAS: Hart, Edwards, Bartholomew, Seidel, Poznanski, Malzahn
NAYS: None
Abstain: Fowler

4. *Approval of agenda*
MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to approve the agenda with the following change: move item F. in New Business to now become item C.
YEAS: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

5. *Correspondences* – President Malzahn acknowledged one letter that was that submitted by a resident.

6. *Special Presentations* – Jim Lamerato, Chief Financial Officer of Energy Reduction Coalition gave a presentation

7. *Public Comments-Agenda Items Only* – No comments

8. *Officer Reports:*

a. President –

This month Kathryn and I attended a lot of the same events. I believe she has captured those in her report, so I'll let her mention those.

I had a meeting with HRC and consultant Jaymes Vettraino to view the initial asset management plan for our roads. Their findings of significant inadequacies are not surprising, but the price tag is pretty hefty. They would like to schedule a meeting to present their finding and funding options to this Board in January.

I attended a small focus group for Parks and Recreation. The goal of the meeting was to establish a baseline path in which to move forward and keep our Parks and Rec tied together as tri-community collaboration. We are waiting now to hear what support exists with the Washington Township Board.

I worked with our Village Planner Steve Cassin on several ordinance update requests, residential fencing and HDC dangerous buildings/demolition language. He is reviewing these in relation to the Zoning and Enabling Act and then will present it to the Planning Commission for further review.

Mr. Cassin would like us to schedule another public meeting for the continuation of updating our Master Plan – he suggested Monday January 13th or Tuesday January 28th – please check your schedules and let me know your availability. HRC and Mr. Vettraino would also like to do their presentation for the Road Asset Management plan that same evening – so it will be a very important meeting for all of us to attend as well as the public. I had a meeting with John Paul Rea and several of his staff members to get an update on the Ford Engine Plant. He assured me that their office is actively looking at feasibility options and will aggressively seek Ford's support for the Village of Romeo's financial stability. There will be much more to follow in the coming months as we see this process play out.

And lastly just a couple of reminders.

If anyone is still in need of a FREE recycling cart, please give the Village Offices a call and one will be delivered to your address by GFL – if you've already requested one and it has not yet been delivered you can still have your items pickup from any contained labeled "recycling". Leave Vacuuming by the DPW and Yard Waste pickup by GFL have both concluded for the season. If any residents still have leaves to dispose of, they are welcome to take them to the DPW site and utilize the composting pile there – NO bags please.

Don't forget our Community Engagement event in partnership with the Graubner Library – January 23rd - "Urban Forestry: Improving your Property Value and our Community with Trees". Each of the Trustees are invited to record a personal Christmas Greeting to air on the MittTV, after our meeting adjourns.

Our next regular Council meeting is Tuesday January 21st, based on the long list of agenda items for that meeting already forming, I'm preparing you now for a lengthy meeting.

b. Clerk –

On Dec 2nd I attended (along with Pres Malzahn) a CDBG workshop for their upcoming grant funding competition.

December 4th was the State of The County address at Macomb Community College. It was nice to hear Mark Hackel name drop Romeo a few times, talking about Arlington Automotive coming into our industrial district.

ON December 5th, I attended the ribbon cutting for the Tri County bank on South Main street. Very nice event that was well attended. Very happy to welcome them to the community and nice to see that that property has turned out to be lovely building
That same night was the Christmas parade in the Village where we welcomed Santa to the Village. It was nice to see such a large crowd gathered in the Village park. Also, Santa's elves are hard at work getting all of the letters to Santa out of the letter box. Just a reminder that December 18th, this Wednesday, will be the last day the box will be in town because the Elves want to make sure those who wrote Santa get a response by Christmas.

There is an opening on our Cemetery Board. One of our members has moved out of the Village therefore can no longer serve. Anyone interested can forward me a letter or email for consideration. The remaining board members are scheduling a January meeting, day and time to be announced.

c. Treasurer –

December 5th, I balanced with the County. I would like to thank Bruce and Washington for their help with the balancing out. Also, on December 5th I was able to give out the necessary disbursements to the Downtown Development Authority. December 10th, I attended the Macomb County Treasurers Association. I have joined that organization. There will be quarterly meetings. Over the past year we update and consolidated 26 bank accounts into 3 accounts. The General Account will be an overnight Sweep account that will be earning interest. A CD we have renewed last week and will still be earning interest.

d. Trustees – Trustee Hart referenced the correspondence that President Malzahn has mentioned earlier in the meeting. Trustee Hart then made a statement along with an apology. Trustee Seidel also referenced the same correspondence and apologized.

e. Ex-Officio Planning Commission Member – Trustee Fowler talked about the Master Plan meeting on the 28th of January. He made a comment that he would like the Planning Commission to meet before the Master Plan meeting.

9. *Committee Reports*

- a. Armada Sewer – Update on the committee was given by President Malzahn
- b. Parking Lot Committee – Committee did not meet. Trustee Poznanski announced that a committee member excused themselves from the committee and that there is an opening. One more parking lot quote is expected to be given to the property owner.

10. *Unfinished Business* – none

11. *New Business*

- a. Energy Reduction Coalition Proposal – Item was tabled until DTE report is submitted.

- b. 2020 Holiday Closing Calendar

MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to approve the 2020 Holiday Closing Calendar as presented

YEAS: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- c. Leaf Vac Discussion (approved edit) – Item was discussed. No board action taken.

- d. DPW Truck Purchase

MOTION by Edwards second by Poznanski to approve the purchase of the 2020 Ford F550 Regular Cab 4x4 to include the box on top to not exceed \$66,000

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- e. SCADA License Approval

MOTION by Hart second by Fowler to approve the SCADA upgrade for Phase II in the amount of \$19,095.00

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- f. First Street Parking

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Seidel to remove the “No Parking” signs on the West side of First Street

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

12. *Public Comments*

One resident spoke about her concern of the traffic Stop sign at Dickenson and Mussey Street because it is near Amanda Moore Elementary. Trustee Seidel asked about cameras for speeders on Prospect Street. Trustee Hart asked about signs that could tell a driver how fast they are going.

13. *Adjournment*

MOTION by Hart second by Fowler to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

YEAS: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

-Kathryn Trapp
Clerk, Village of Romeo

