

**Village of Romeo Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Absent: None

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE AND ROLL CALL
President Malzhan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. *Approval of Minutes*
MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to approved both sets of minutes for October 21, 2019, regular and Closed Session minutes with one edit to regular minutes: *Approval of the bills-President Malzahn abstained.*
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
3. *Approval of Bills*
MOTION by Edwards second by Bartholomew to approve the bills for November in the amounts of \$55,848.05 and \$337,824.08
AYES: Edwards, Bartholomew, Poznanski, Seidel, Hart, Fowler, Malzahn
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
4. *Correspondences* – One (1) letter to the Village was recognized and one (1) announcement was made followed with a moment of silence.
5. *Special Presentation* – None

6. *Public Forum - Agenda Items Only* – Resident Marian McLaughlin and Rhonda Kraft made comments about the Clinton Street Re-Zoning request.

7. *Approval of Agenda* –

MOTION by Hart second by Seidel to approve the agenda as presented.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

8. *Officer Reports:*

a. President - I attended a seminar in Flint facilitated by Rowe Professional on Planning Commission Best Practices, also attending were Clerk Trapp, Building Administrator Cindy Wilson and Planning Chairman Jim Stegner. This was very informational and we learned some great strategies to keep our planning commission in compliance with state law. Rowe facilitates these learning opportunities several times a year and they are free of charge. We encouraged all members of the PC to attend.

I had two separate meetings with possible partners in a community lighting program. Energy Reduction Coalition and DTE, both of them are providing plan options for converting our streetlamps to energy saving LED. I hope to bring those proposals to you along with presentations from both of them at our December or January meeting.

The Tree Board met on Friday the 15th. We are securing guest speakers for a community engagement night at the Graubner Library on January 23rd. The focus will be on the current state of our tree scape, a spotlight on what programs have been successful in other communities for maintaining and replacing trees as well as bringing resources to our residents for group purchases.

The Village Hall sent out an EDDM mailer highlighting the changes for our Waste Hauler program. There are also copies available in the Village Hall. GFL has begun service as of November 7th. Residents comments were given during the presidents reports in regards to the new waste hauler agreement.

The leaf vac truck broke down while servicing the north side of Romeo. It unfortunately did not make it past Hollister before the snow fell. The DPW is hoping for a warmup and another opportunity to do a sweep of the Village before Thanksgiving. If that is unable to be completed then residents will need to bag the leaves and GFL will pick them up along with any our yard waste. I apologize for the inconvenience; we received many complaints and are doing everything we can to get that truck back out. We appreciate your patience. Renovations to the HVAC began today at the Village Hall. Classic Heating is replacing the unit on the Village side due to age and condition and will be moving the unit on the police side of the building. Those furnaces will be re-located to the storage room on the second floor. We have brought in several space heaters and are hoping for the work to be completed by Wednesday.

No Shave November is in full swing. Chief Sokolnicki has waived the shaving requirement for the month of November, this will be the departments fourth year participating in this great cause. Don't be frightened if our officers or dispatchers appear a little more bristly, they have donated to Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids. If you wish to donate on their behalf just click on donate under Romeo Police on the "Pigs 4 Kids" page on the website. There is also a link on the Police Department Facebook page.

<https://www.wigs4kids.org/how-you-can-help/pigs-4-wigs.html>

Reminder that the Santa Parade and Tree Lighting will be on Thursday December 5th, all are welcome to join the festivities. The parade begins at 7:00 pm and starts at Washington Street travels north to Newberry and into the Village Park.

b. Clerk - The Audit is about 90% complete. Once we reconciled our financials internally, the auditors came in last week for 4 days and are now done with auditing the Village Hall. They are back in their offices now doing their behind the scenes wrap ups for the audit. We have one invoice from Vettraino Consulting for audit assistance work and one more invoice from SBW for charges of helping our former accountant with questions. We are on track to be completed by December 31st and we are on track with our budget. On November 7, I attended a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) meeting at the County. One item that was focused on, and the county really wants municipalities to get the word out on is their Limited Housing Rehabilitation Program. There is FREE assistance up to \$10,000 for qualified home repairs. I have fliers in the office for more information. Next week the Village offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. If you need to get any information to us, please use the drop box.

c. Treasurer – No report given.

d. Trustees – Trustee Bartholomew discussed resident requests for a dog park. Trustee Poznanski attended a Michigan State training on How to Build a Better Budget, attended the Starkweather 20th Anniversary, attended Ladies Night Out in the Village. Trustee Hart discussed his continued involvement in the discussion of Parks and Rec after the election. Also discussed that efforts with the sidewalk repair project will continue in the Spring. Trustee Seidel asked about ordinances of shoveling, etc., of sidewalks.

e. Ex-Officio Planning Commission Member – Trustee Fowler commented on the Macomb Orchard Trail Park on Clinton Street and has contacted Comm. Don Brown to express the Village of Romeo’s interest in the park.

9. *Committee Reports:*

a. Armada Sewer – Committee did not meet

b. Parking Lot Committee – Trustee Poznanski the church is still waiting on the third quote for the parking lot. When all quotes are in information will be forwarded to Trustee Poznanski.

10. *Unfinished Business* – No items

11. *New Business:*

a. Clinton Street Re-Zoning Request

MOTION/Recommendation by Fowler second by Edwards to deny their zoning request.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

b. Ordinance for Private Wells

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Fowler to approve the ordinance as presented

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

12. *Public Comments* – No comments

13. *Adjournment.*

MOTION: By Malzahn, support by Hart to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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