

PUBLIC NOTICE

S.A.W. Grant Wrap Up Presentation

The Village of Romeo has been participants of the Wastewater and Storm water Asset Management Plan SAW Grant Project. The Grant Project will be coming to a close on December 31, 2019. The engineering firm of Hubble, Roth and Clark will come prior to the Village of Romeo Trustees regularly scheduled meeting on October 21, 2019, to explain the progress of the project and it draws to an end.

Monday October 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
UNDER P.A. 198 of 1974 as AMENDED

Purpose of Hearing: To hear comments oral or written on the Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate by Arlington Automotive USA Inc. located at 121 Peyrek Court under P.A. 198 of 1974 as Amended. If approved, the taxpayer located at 121 Peyrek Court will receive an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m. James Ahee from the Economic Development Office for Macomb County gave comments. Questions were taken.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Village of Romeo Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes - Unapproved
Monday October 21, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Location: 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065

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

Absent None

1. **CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**
President Malzahn called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. *Approval of Minutes*
MOTION by Bartholomew second by Poznanski to approve the meeting minutes from September 16, 2019 with the addition to item G. under New Business that the Parking Lot Committee was formed with trustees Bob Hart, Meagan Poznanski and Nate Bartholomew.
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
3. *Approval of Bills*
MOTION by Hart second by Edwards to approve the bills for September in the amounts of \$66,652.50 and \$207,776.99
AYES: Hart, Edwards, Seidel, Fowler, Bartholomew
NAYS: Poznanski
ABSTAIN: Malzahn
Motion carried.
4. *Approval of Agenda*
MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to approve the agenda with the addition of Sidewalk Project Update to Unfinished Business item C., allow Hubble Roth and Clark representative to speak under item 7. Special Presentations, and add Parking Lot Committee item b. to 10. Committee Reports.
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
5. *Correspondences* – One letter of compliment to the DPW was read by President Malzahn
6. *Special Presentations* – Presentation given by Barb Matthews of Hubbel Roth and Clark about the sewer ordinance update.
7. *Public Forum* – No Comments
8. *Officer Reports:*
 - a. President – We held our Master Plan Kick-off meeting on September 23rd. Thank you for your attendance. It was a great opportunity to hear from our residents and our Master Planner Steve Cassin, who facilitated the evening, is busy analyzing the data we collected and

determining the next steps we need to take. The Master plan updates should take 6-8 months to complete that process so there will be much more to come.

1. The Tree Board has met twice since our last meeting, September 20th and this past Friday October 18th. The minutes from our 1st meeting in August were included with your miscellaneous reports just to keep you updated. The Board recommends that we become a designated Tree City USA Program participant – so I am looking into too steps necessary for that. Also we are working on a Community Education Engagement evening hosted at our Graubner Library – January 23rd. To share resources from the GreenMacomb Program _____ and the Library has indicated they would be willing partners in this learning opportunity for our residents and I will be reaching out to both Bruce and Washington Townships in hopes that this could be a tri-community effort to look at our preserving, improving and adding to our greenspaces and tree canopy. More on that to come!
2. On September 26th Attorney Mark Clark and I represented the Village of Romeo at the Public Hearing for Mr. Zachowski's Ray Township Property Annexation that was before the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. After much debate and many questions from the Commissioners they voted to approve the Annexation request which does not include the cemetery.
3. Attorney Mark Clark and I met with AT&T legal representative Steve Wells to discuss and implement to sub-committees recommendations to the contract for the water tower antenna project. Those negotiations are on-going but there is defiantly still interest in moving this project forward.
4. I attend the annual 42-1 District Court Open House on October 3rd. Thank you to Judge LeDuc and Magistrate Andary for a great opportunity to tour the facility and get a behind the scenes look at how that court operates and serves us all.
5. I wanted to thank Trustee Hart and Trustee Siedel for attending the MML conference in Lansing on October 4th. I was unfortunately attending the funeral of my father-in-law and could not make that meeting obligation. The topic of that seminar was how Village's become Cities, that was something we touched base on during our Master Plan kick-off and I am interested to hearing from you both on the materials presented.
6. Clerk Trapp and I attended the required FEMA training, held at the Macomb County Health Department on October 8th. The next step is to take the online tests and get our certificates of completion. Then we can move on to engaging with each of you and the other key leaders with what your responsibilities would be in-case we did have an emergency.
7. The renovations to the Police Department and Village Hall are moving forward. We had a meeting between the architect, inspector, HVAC contractor to make sure everything goes as smoothly as possible. I also have the estimates on the window replacement – still waiting for an estimate on the doors.

Lastly, we met with a representative from our employee Life Insurance carrier firm UNUM. They will be presenting us with some cost saving options for future consideration.

b. Clerk –

- Oct 3-4, I attended a MERS (Municipal Employees Retirement Services) conference with our Benefits Coordinator Rebecca DeLorenzo.
- Monday October 7, I attended a ribbon cutting for Ewellix in our Industrial District. They were originally known as SKF Motion Technologies and have merged with Ewellix.
- Volunteered at Harvest Days which turned out to be a nice but windy day. The mural on the Medough building was also unveiled that day.

- The cemetery currently has 31 foundations being installed in time for November. It has been an extremely busy season for our cemetery.

c. Treasurer – Treasurer reported on the Investment Report that was provided to each Trustee. Treasurer will be balancing out the current year taxes and necessary reports. Also, the processing of credit card payments will be put on pause for a time while we implement our new processing system.

d. Trustees – Trustee Poznanski reported that she attended the Chamber State of the Community event. Parking Lot sub-committee met and will be reported on later. Spoke with a couple residents about the proposed rezoning. Attended Harvest Days. Attended the mural reveal. Trustee Seidel reported that he attended the MML workshop, along with Bob Hart entitled “ Impact of Changing from a Village to a City” Trustee Hart reported on Tillson Street activities. Trustee Bartholomew talked about public concern for not having enough places for someone to use a restroom.

e. Ex-Officio Planning Commission Member -Trustee Fowler reported that some mis-information was given out to residents in regards to an incorrect date on a recent mailer. It was reported by President Malzahn that the error had been corrected.

9. Committee Reports:

a. Armada Sewer – Status update from Committee Chair Goetzinger was received by email.

b. Parking Lot Committee (added item) – Committee members did meet with representatives from the First Congressional Church. Trustee Poznanski also spoke with the Post Master from the post office.

10. *Unfinished Business:*

a. Industrial Sign Ordinance

MOTION by Seidel second by Hart to ratify the Industrial District Sign Ordinance

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried

b. IFT (Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption) for Arlington Automotive USA, Inc

MOTION by Fowler second by Poznanski to approve the IFT application for Arlington Automotive USA, Inc. for 12 years

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

c. Sidewalk Project Update (*added item*)

MOTION by Edwards second by Seidel to pay resident Randy Ingersoll \$16.00 an hour, 20 hours a week for the next 5 weeks to complete the sidewalk project

AYES: Edwards, Seidel, Hart, Bartholomew, Malzahn

NAYS: Fowler, Poznanski

Motion carried

11. *New Business:*

- a. IDEP Plan/Waste Water Program Manager Appointment
MOTION by Poznanski second by Edwards to appoint WWTP Supervisor Al Lapeer to the position of IDEP Plan/Waste Water Program Manager
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
- b. Waste Hauler Bid
MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to contract for four (4) years with GFL
AYES: Hart, Bartholomew, Edwards, Fowler, Poznanski, Seidel, Malzahn
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
- c. Trick or Treat Street Closure October 26th, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to approve the street closure for Trick or Treating on October 26th
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
- d. EGLE/DEQ Sewer Ordinance Update
MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to adopt the amendment to the Ordinance #44 as presented
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
- e. Tree Board Appointments
MOTION by Hart second by Edwards to appoint Ruth Heidebriecht and Donna Folland to the Tree Board
AYES: All
NONE: None
Motion carried.
- f. WWTP Boiler Replacement
MOTION by Edwards second by Poznanski to accept the bid from Contrast Mechanical for a new boiler at the cost of \$40, 332.00
AYES: Edwards, Poznanski, Seidel, Hart, Fowler, Malzahn, Bartholomew
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
- g. Parks and Rec Discussion – No board action taken
- h. Audit Prep Funding – No board action taken

13. Public Comments – No comments

14. *CLOSED SESSION*

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to enter CLOSED SESSION for two items- 1. Union Grievance and 2. Trailside, LLC/Bob Rogers legal settlement at 9:02 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 9:09 P.M.

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to end CLOSED SESSION at 9:58 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

MOTION by Malzahn second by Seidel to recommend that the board upholds the disciplinary action as set forth by our Police Chief

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

NAYS: Fowler

Motion carried

MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to proceed with the meeting and to RE-Enter CLOSED SESSION at 10:00 p.m. for Trail-Side, LLC/Bob Rogers v. Village of Romeo settlement

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Fowler

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 10:12 P.M.

MOTION by Malzahn second Hart to approve the settlement proposal

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

NAYS: Poznanski

Motion carried.

15. Trustee Comments – President Malzahn announced that the Homecoming Parade will be happening in downtown Romeo on this coming Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Also, there will be Movies in the Park on Thursday October 24th. “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown” along with “Frankenstein” will be playing. Trustee Hart said that the Romeo Dance Team will be performing for Tillson Street at his house this coming Sunday and October 30th. Trustee Poznanski announced that the Historical Society Christmas Home Tour is coming.

16. *Adjournment*

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kathryn Trapp

Clerk, Village of Romeo