

Village of Romeo

The Public Hearing of the Village of Romeo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Romeo Community Center 361 Morton St. Romeo MI. 48065.

Purpose of Hearing: To hear comments oral or written from citizens concerning community development and housing needs. As required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Village of Romeo will be receiving \$9,011.00 in the Community Development Block Grant Funds for the FY 2016 from the Macomb "Urban County" Program. Federal Guidelines require that maximum priority be given to activities which primarily benefit low or moderate income families or which aid in the prevention

Oral comments presented.

Christie- presented on behalf of Turning Point Inc. who assist with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault victims.

Dave Perison and Grace Venet- presented on repair request for Starkweather Arts Center

Ed Risch- presented on behalf of the Samaritan House who ads in Emergency Basic Needs.

Heather Soliman- presented on behalf of Care House who is a Child Advocacy Service Program.

Marie Bristow- presented on behalf of CHORE, a Macomb County Senior Assistance Program.

No written comments presented.

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Romeo Board of Trustees followed Public Hearing.

Present: Trustee Edwards, Fowler, Hart, Malzahn, Tornow, Pres. Siglow.

Absent: Trustee Rossell

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, support by Trustee Edwards to approve minutes for Regular Meeting January 11, 2016 and Special Meeting Minutes January 21, with addition to Item #3 Rules of Order and the change of Manager Consultant verbiage in Item #4 of January 11, 2016 meeting and the addition to Special Meeting Minutes January 21, 2016 the of recommendation of Attorney Mark Clark to have President Siglow be the liaison between Village Council and Mr. Vettriano .

January 11, 2016

Yeas: Trustee Edwards, Hart, Malzahn, Tornow, Pres. Siglow

Nays: Trustee Fowler

January 21, 2016

Yeas: Trustee Edwards, Hart, Malzahn, Tornow

Nays: Trustee Fowler, Pres. Siglow

Resolved by: Trustee Malzahn, supported by Trustee Hart to approve the bills presented for the total of \$34,751.12 and \$354,567.02.

Yeas: Trustee Edwards, Fowler, Hart, Malzahn, Tornow, Pres. Siglow

Nays: None

Clerks Report:

Village Clerk/Admin. Lee reported that he met with Nate Jones with MERS regarding pension and OPEB along with the starting of information gathering for Employee Insurance Programs. He had meet with Waste Management to look at options to decrease monthly fees. Waste Management will look at possibilities on decreasing fees and will look at getting the Village a couple proposals here in the near future. The Fire/ALS Committee has met and will gather information from Bruce Twp. for review. Lee reported that the Old Macomb County Road Commission Building has been demolished and clean-up will proceed.

Presidents Report: Nothing to Report

Public Forum:

Multiple neighbors that surround the Vacant Land located on First St. spoke on keeping the area green space like the Planning Commission recommended. Kurt Grover spoke on the petition the surrounding neighbors signed. Scott Luther presented a proposal to the Village Council, to allow the neighbors to have to opportunity to purchase property first. Also expressed concerns with emergency vehicles going down the First St. Peggy Muler a First St resident expressed concerns along with Mary Joe corner on First St and Benjamin. Ed Risch spoke on sewer billing to his condo association for water there grass.

Approval of the Agenda:

Resolved by: Trustee Edwards, supported by Trustee Hart to approve agenda as presented.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

New Business:

1) Block Grant Funding-

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Tornow to approve the allocation of the 2016 FY CDBG Funding as proposed totaling \$9,011.00.

CHORE: \$500.00, Care House: \$210.00, MCREST: \$630.00, Samaritan House:

\$830.00, Turning Point: \$330.00, RWB Parks and Rec. Senior Center Doors: \$2,500.00, RWB Parks and Rec. Senior Center Doors and Floors: \$4,011.00, and Starkweather Arts Center Repairs: \$0.00.

Resolved by: Trustee Edwards, supported by Trustee Hart to draft letter to Open Collective Bargining with Village of Romeo Unions.

Yeas: All Nays: None

2) Parade Resolution-

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Tornow to approve the Parade Schedule for the calendar year of 2016.

Yeas: All Nays: None

3) Notice to Open Collective Bargining-

Resolved by: Trustee Edwards, supported by Trustee Hart to draft letter to Open Collective Bargining with Village of Romeo Unions.

Yeas: All Nays: None

4) Sale of South Well- Jim Miller

Attorney James Miller representing the Bowerman Family, would like to open up communication with the Village of Romeo to possible vacate or sell the Village of Romeo's South Well. The reasons for this request is that the Bowerman Family would like to sell the property north and west of South Well but DEQ requires all building to be 2000ft away from wells. The South Well is one of 3 active wells that can provide water to the village. Village Clerk Lee will gather more information on the South Well and report back on any findings.

5) Bruce Twp. DPW Service Request-

Bruce Twp. has requested the Village of Romeo to provide DPW Services. Currently Washington Twp. is providing the service to Bruce Twp. Tim Metz DPW Supervisor and Clerk Lee will gather more information and review what costs to the village would be if contracted for this service.

Old Business:

1) WBRW (MI Community Media) Contract

Village Council tabled this item, waiting on the confirmation that Bruce Twp. is going a different direction with cable station.

2) Fire/ALS Contract- Committee Report

Fire/ALS Committee reported that they have formulated questions and have submitted them to Bruce Twp. Once information has been gathered the committee will review and have a give report back to the Village Council.

3) Vacant Land Sale First St / Properties-

Discussion was held regarding the sale of the First St. property. Since the property is publicly owned it would have to be open to the public to bid on. Questions regarding road size for emergency vehicles and building off a private drive will be looked at.

Clerk/Admin. Lee will inform the residents surrounding the First St. property of any information gathered and any items that will be placed on the agenda.

4) Mussey Street Proposal

Discussion took place on the proposal submitted by Jeff and Brandi Franz. Village Council approved the proposal for \$50,000.00 for the 221 Mussey St. vacant land. Purchase agreement will be submitted for approval to the Village Hall.

5) Manager Consultant

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Tornow to approve the contract with Vettraino Consulting, with the addition of President Siglow as a liaison and contract including SEMCOG report and original proposal.

Yeas: Trustee Edwards, Hart, Malzahn, Tornow, Pres. Siglow

Nays: Trustee Fowler

6) Sludge Hauler WWTP-

Resolved by: Trustee Edwards, supported by Trustee Fowler to approve the 3 year contract for sludge hauler with SYNAGRO.

Yeas: Trustee Edwards, Fowler, Hart, Malzahn, Tornow, Pres. Siglow

Nays: None

7) BP Gas Station Contamination Update-

Discussion was held regarding the contamination update at the BP Station. Update analysis for representative's show that the plume is smaller than once expected. BP will continue to monitor the site and Clerk Lee will keep the Village Council updated.

Board Member Comments:

Trustee Hart inquired of Pres. Siglow's possibility of running for the Bruce Twp. Supervisor position. Pres. Siglow has not yet decided. Trustee Malzahn read a letter regarding the accusations of the Open Meetings Act violation from January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting. Trustee Tornow accused Clerk/Admin. Lee of not putting the information requested by him on the agenda and in the packet. Items requested were placed on the agenda and

information was in the Village Council packets. Lee advised Village Council to read their packets.

Adjournment

Resolved by: Trustee Fowler, supported by Trustee Siglow to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael A. Lee, Romeo Village Clerk/Administrator

Tadd Siglow, Romeo Village President