

Village of Romeo

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Romeo Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Romeo Community Center.

Present: Trustee Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart, Malzahn, Poznanski and Pres. Siglow.

Absent: Trustee Fowler

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Malzahn to approve minutes for October 17, 2016.

Yeas: All Nays: None

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Malzahn to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$48,947.08 and \$363,773.49

Yeas: Trustee Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart, Malzahn, Poznanski, and Pres. Siglow

Nays: None

Clerks Report:

Michael A. Lee Clerk/Admin. reported on Items for December 2016 Regular Meeting. GLWA Contract Approval, two IFT Public Hearings, and HRC Saw Grant. Lee reminded the Village residents of the Santa Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting scheduled for Dec.1, 2016 at 7:00pm, along with making sure to clean up after their pets while on their day walks.

Presidents Report:

President Siglow congratulated the new board members on the election. President Siglow also congratulated the Romeo Football team on the great season along with the Girls Cross County Team on being Macomb County Team of the Year.

Public Forum: NONE

Approval of the Agenda:

Resolved by: Trustee Edwards, supported by Trustee Hart that the agenda be approved with the addition to New Business: 3) President-ProTem, 4) 240 N Rawles Fence Variance, Old Business: 3) Sewer Committee, 4) OPEB/Pension, and 5) \$2000.00 for consulting firm.

Yeas: All Nays: None

New Business:

1) DDA Appointee Reduction Discussion

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Poznanski to amend the number of appointees to the original DDA Ordinance.

Yeas: All Nays: None

2) Romeo Lions- 189 S. Bailey House Demolition

Resolved by: Trustee Poznanski, supported by Pres. Siglow to approve the demolition of 179/189 S. Bailey St. owned by the Romeo Lions Club.

Yeas: Trustee Bartholomew, Edwards, Malzahn, Poznanski and Pres. Siglow.

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Hart

3) President Pro-Tem (Addition)

Resolved by: Pres. Siglow, supported by Trustee Poznanski to approve Pres. Siglows appointment of Trustee Fowler as President Pro-Tem.

Yeas: Trustee Poznanski and Pres. Siglow.

Nays: Trustee Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart and Malzahn, (Fail)

Resolved by: Trustee Edwards, supported by Trustee Hart to approve the recommendation of Trustee Malzahn as President Pro-Tem.

Yeas: Trustee Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart and Malzahn,

Nays: Trustee Poznanski and Pres. Siglow.

4) 240 N Rawles St. Fence Variance (Addition)

Resolved by: Pres. Siglow, supported by Trustee Hart to approve the 22' Privacy Fence Variance at 240 N Rawles St along Newberry St.

Yeas: All Nays: None

Old Business

1) RFP- Legal Services

Resolved by: Trustee Edwards, supported by Pres. Siglow to approve McLean, Mijak and Clark for 5 year contract of all three legal services.

Yeas: Trustee Edwards, Poznanski and Pres. Siglow.

Nays: Trustee Bartholomew, Hart and Malzahn. (Fail)

Resolved by: Trustee Malzahn, supported by Trustee Bartholomew to approve McLean, Mijak and Clark for General Legal only for 1 year.

Yeas: Trustee Bartholomew, Hart and Malzahn

Nays: Trustee Edwards, Poznanski and Pres. Siglow. (Fail)

Trustee Hart lead discussion wanting separate law firms for General and Prosecution. General to be done by McLean, Mijak and Clark, and Prosecution to be done by Plunkett Cooney. Resolution for this was set in place, but was canceled.

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Malzahn to form sub-committee to review legal RFP's with questions asked.

Yeas: Trustee Bartholomew, Hart and Malzahn

Nays: Trustee Edwards, Poznanski and Pres. Siglow. (Fail)

Legal RFP will be tabled until Decembers Regular Scheduled Meeting

2) RFP- Video Production Contract

Resolved by: President Siglow, supported by Trustee Poznanski to approve Michigan Community Media's Option D for Video Production RFP.

Yeas: Trustee Edwards, Bartholomew and Pres. Siglow.

Nays: Trustee Poznanski, Hart and Malzahn. (Fail)

Resolved by: Trustee Hart, supported by Trustee Malzahn to approve \$17,850.00 for Video Production using Mitt.TV ending June 30, 2017

Yeas: Trustee Bartholomew, Hart and Malzahn

Nays: Trustee Edwards, Poznanski and Pres. Siglow. (Fail)

Resolved by: Trustee Poznanski, supported by Pres. Siglow to approve \$16,000.00 for Video Production using MI Community Media ending June 30, 2016.

Yeas: Trustee Edwards, Poznanski and Pres. Siglow

Nays: Trustee Bartholomew, Hart and Malzahn (Fail)

RFP- Video Production Contract will be tabled until Decembers Regular Scheduled Meeting

3) Sewer Committee (Addition)

Discussion was held regarding the Sewer Contract with Armada Twp. Village Attorney Mark Clark discussed issues with the contract that the Sewer Committee can review. Trustee Edwards will join Trustee Fowler, and Pres. Siglow as the Sewer Committee.

4) OPEB/Pension (Addition)

Discussion was held regarding the OPEB and Pension. Clerk/Admin. Lee explain in the meeting with MERS (Pension) that the we are currently on a plan which is moving the Village of Romeo forward toward 100% Funding. OPEB is currently be recalculated by the Village's auditing firm. Once information has been gathered the committee of Trustee Malzahn, Poznanski and Clerk/Admin. Lee will meet.

5) \$2000.00 for Vetrano Consulting Firm (Addition)

Discussion was held regarding lead by Trustee Poznanski questioning that the increase of \$2000.00 for Vetrano Consulting was supposed to be for OPEB and Pension work, not the Video Production RFP.

Resolved by: Trustee Poznanski, supported by Pres. Siglow to sever ties with Jaymes Vetrano at this time.

Yeas: Trustee Poznanski and Pres. Siglow

Nays: Trustee Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart, and Malzahn (Fail)

Resolved by: Pres. Siglow, supported by Trustee Poznanski to send out RFP for a consultant for the Village of Romeo to work on OPEB and Pension.

Yeas: Trustee Poznanski and Pres. Siglow

Nays: Trustee Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart, and Malzahn (Fail)

Board Member Comments:

Trustee Hart discussed the demolition and or vacancy of the Romeo Middle School and School Administration Building with the Village of Romeo being proactive on the planned use of the two locations. Clerk/Admin. Lee spoke on the new Marijuana Laws in the State of Michigan which the Village of Romeo will have to look at in the future. Trustee Malzahn commented on the DDA lawsuit against the Village of Romeo a few years back.

Adjournment

Resolved by: President Siglow, supported by Trustee Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 9:32p.m.

Yeas: All Nays: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael A. Lee, Romeo Village Clerk/Administrator

Tadd Siglow, Romeo Village President