

## Board of Trustees Meeting

### Minutes

Date: March 15, 2021

Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Location: 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065  
South Building Meeting Room

PRESENT: Bartholomew  
Edwards  
Hart  
Poznanski  
Parker  
President Malzahn

ABSENT: FOWLER

1. Call to order – pledge of allegiance. President Malzahn opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.
2. Consent Agenda (Approval of Minutes, Bills, Agenda)
3. Special Presentations – Dave Miller from the Village Tree Board, Terry Gibb from the MSU Extension
4. Correspondences - *None*
5. Public Comment – Glenn Wilhelm (Younger’s Tavern) and Nicki Czajka (Thee Office Pub and Cookery) spoke about parking in the Village. Clerk Trapp read a comment that was sent via email by resident Debi Martone.
6. Officer reports
  - a. President

Romeo’s annexation request on behalf of Mr. Zachowski’s Armada Township parcels is tentatively on hold from the County Commissioners agenda, pending further review of municipal boundaries.

I want to wish the 2<sup>nd</sup> of our Romeo centurions a very happy One Hundredth Birthday – Ms. Genevieve Gates will be honored with a drive by procession on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – anyone who is available is asked to join the procession at Crystal Diamonds Fields (that’s on 33 Mile near the court house) at Noon. I believe that Trustee Parker is helping to organize the parade so if you have any questions certainly reach out to him.

I will be presenting a certificate on behalf of the Village of Romeo, as I did for Ms. Frances Stenvig who turned 100 on February 25<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone caught the parade livestreamed on the MittTV.

I am extremely pleased and proud to announce that Romeo has been awarded the Transportation Alternative Program Enhanced Pedestrian Crosswalk grant I submitted with the assistance of Paul O’Meara from Rowe Engineering. This grant award \$190,000, the anticipated project cost is \$363,000 with \$80,000 of the remaining project cost coming from the DDA. Once I receive the directives for receiving the funds, we will begin the engineering and bid process in hopes to have the work begin in the spring of 2022.

Just to re-cap this project – the scope of work is for 5 intersections – along Main Street (Van Dyke) at Washington, Lafayette, at St. Clair and Newberry as well along St. Clair (32 Mile Road) at Bailey at Rawles, will receive a colored surface treatment, designed to look and sound like paver bricks, as well as new curb and

gutter, new ADA compliant mats and crossing signage placed on the curb. The signage is not expected to be lit or audible and the project will not include any bump outs other than at Lafayette.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to SEMCOG (South East Michigan Council of Government) for this financial investment in Romeo.

- b. Clerk – Thanked Treasurer Maddox for extending the Clerk the Professional Courtesy of reviewing the meeting minutes and providing comments/edits BEFORE the Board Meeting. It is much appreciated that the Clerk be notified prior to the meeting instead of being blasted in the meeting.
- c. Treasurer - Given
- d. Trustees -  
Trustee Parker asked about bills questions from the last month, wanted to add an agenda item after the agenda was approved, asked about the marihuana application/ordinance process  
Trustee Poznanski stated done with classes for Zoning Administrator, started a new pod-cast “Romeo Wrap-Up”
- e. Ex-Officio Planning Commission Member - Absent

7. Committee Reports –

- a. Sidewalk Committee – *No report*

8. Unfinished business:

- a. MSU Gypsy Moth Spray

**MOTION by Malzahn second by Bartholomew to approve the expenditure to not exceed \$27,000 for the Gypsy Moth Spray**

**AYES: Malzahn, Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart**

**NAYS: Poznanski, Parker**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

- b. Proposed Project/Goals List

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the bolded items listed on the Proposed Projects/Goals List**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Absent: Fowler**

9. New Business:

- a. Bio-Solid Waste Hauler Bids

**MOTION by Hart second by Parker to approve the Bio-Tech Agronomics Inc. proposal for bio-hazard waste hauler**

**AYE: Hart, Parker, Edwards, Bartholomew, Poznanski, Malzahn**

**NAYS: None**

**Absent: Fowler**

**Motion carried.**

- b. Digester Boiler Cleaning  
**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Poznanski to approve Watson Bros. Company for digester boiler cleaning**  
**AYES: Bartholomew, Poznanski, Malzahn, Parker, Edwards, Hart**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**
- c. President Pro-Tempe  
**MOTION by Malzahn second by Parker to continue with Matt Edwards as President Pro-Tempe**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**
- d. Publications of Minutes  
**MOTION by Poznanski second by Parker to publish the synopsis in The Record newspaper**  
**AYES: Poznanski, Parker, Edwards**  
**NAYS: Bartholomew, Malzahn, Hart**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Tie vote, motion fails.**
- MOTION by Malzahn second by Hart to post full-meeting minutes drafts in three (3) locations**  
**AYES: Malzahn, Hart, Edwards, Bartholomew**  
**NAYS: Poznanski, Parker**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**
- e. Ordinance #523 Permit Fees (Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants, and Sales from a Public Space)  
**MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to increase the Transient Merchant fees to \$150.00 per 30-day period**  
**AYES: Hart, Bartholomew, Edwards, Poznanski, Parker, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**

10. Adjournment

- MOTION by Bartholomew second by Malzahn to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Absent: Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Trapp, Village Clerk

