

Board of Trustees Meeting
MINUTES

Date: June 21, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Bartholomew
Edwards
Fowler
Hart
Parker
Poznanski
President Malzahn

1. Call to order – pledge of allegiance
Meeting was called to order by President Malzahn at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** (*minutes – regular May 17th, closed session May 17th, Special Meeting May 24th, budget workshop June 7th*) (*council bills/vendor report June \$221,223.71 and \$15,244.80*)
MOTION BY Malzahn second by Bartholomew to approve the consent agenda and removing three items (may 17th meeting minutes, June 7th meeting minutes, council bills)
AYES: ALL
NAYS: NONE
Motion carried.
MOTION by Malzahn second by hart to approve the May 17, 2021 meeting minutes with the correction of adding of agenda items
AYES: ALL
NAYS: NONE
Motion carried.
MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the bills [\$221,223.71 & \$15,244.80]
AYES: Bartholomew, Edwards, Fowler, Hart, Parker, Poznanski, Malzahn
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

3. b. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION by Malzahn second to approve the agenda with the changes of moving item 9. Unfinished Business to now become item 11.a., after the Closed Session and adding item i. Ordinance Violation Notification to New Business as presented by Trustee Poznanski
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
4. Special Presentations
 - a. **June Pride Month – Presenter did not show. No presentation.**

5. Correspondence(s)

None

6. Public Comment - None

7. Officer reports

a. President –

Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for hosting its annual “State of the Community” event. The event was headlined by Congresswomen Lisa McClain who did an excellent job in updating everyone on some of the initiatives she has undertaken as well as fielding questions from the audience. Supervisors’ Preeti and Filbrook along with myself were also invited to provide an update on the happenings in our local municipalities and we answered a few questions from Magistrate Andary who was the MC. The three main projects that I spoke on were the Pedestrian Crosswalks, the on-going residential sidewalk rehabs, and the Romeo Village Park. For a full coverage on that event please visit the MittTV.com and their Roku channel. I continue to hold regular office hours to meet with our property and business owners to address their concerns. If you have a concern, compliment or complaint that you need assistance with, please call my office at 586-752-3565, ext 3.

Many, many residents have either come in to the office or called me with concerns over our trees and their need for either removal or maintenance care. I am working with our DPW and private contractors to prioritize the work according to the potential hazards the individual trees pose. And I have asked to Tree Board for some assistance in developing a long-term management plan. Together we will begin working on that goal in the coming months.

Other notable meetings include the following:

- a. Labor Unions and Non-Union employees regarding their new contracts.
- b. Bruce Township regarding their current sewer use contract and approvals for permitting current development projects, including Northern Grove Townhomes and Bruce Tech Park.
- c. Ford Motor Company regarding the pending plant closure and the re-development opportunities for that 500 acre site.
- d. Washington Township regarding the GLWA interconnect between our two communities. That project is for the installation of township water lines from 30 Mile to 32 Mile near Powell Road. The Interconnect will serve as an emergency service option from Romeo to Washington if the need arises.
- e. Ransomware Team and I have been trying to obtain the 2nd decryption key for the data from the DPW hard drive. I notified the team, after a conference call between legal counsel and myself, that Romeo will no longer negotiate or that key. Mark and I agree that the potential problems from continuing outweighs the potential for a successful outcome. The forensic team member continues to analyze the equipment that we shipped to them, and I hope we have their final report soon.

I think most of the other agenda for tonight’s meeting cover everything else that I’ve been working on these past few weeks.

b. Clerk –

Very happy to report that our annual Memorial Day parade was a huge success this year! Happy to be back. Special thank you to Diane Smiles and Sandra Brooks of the Cemetery board, along with several SERVE Students for placing flags on Veterans graves. Also, a special thank you to Len Harding and his family and the Boy Scouts he's a part of for also helping placing flags on Veterans graves.

Macomb County Community Action has asked each community to spread the word about the Limited Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program provides income eligible homeowners with free assistance for home repairs including leaking roofs, inoperable heating systems, water heaters and accessibility home modifications.

The second week of June I was at Michigan Association for Municipal Clerks Clerk's Institute. The schedule of classes covered such topics and how municipalities handled the recent pandemic, maintaining archives, to ethic policies and procedures, current and upcoming legislation for a marihuana law.

This past Friday I had the honor of attending a tree dedication ceremony to honor Washington Township Trustee Peggy DeVos. A bench will also be placed by the tree in her honor.

c. Treasurer –

All Payments have been backdated and entered into the cash receipt system and we are entering payments current

Special Assessments have been added to Tax

Completing Tax Roll for Taxes to be mailed on July 1

Thank the residents and look forward to serving you through my term

d. Trustees –

Trustee Fowler commented on the donation of funds from Ford Motor Company for Village park improvements.

Trustee Parker commented on the donation of funds from Ford Motor Company for the Village park improvements.

Trustee Edwards

Trustee Bartholomew gave an update on the Sidewalk Repair program

e. Ex-Officio Planning Commission – No report; no meeting in May 2021.

8. Committee Reports

a. Sidewalk Subcommittee

Trustee Bartholomew gave Sidewalk Subcommittee report in his Trustee Report

b. Rental Inspection Subcommittee

Trustee Fowler passed out a list of neighboring communities

Trustee Parker commented that he spoke with Village Inspector Mike Bommarito

c. Bruce Sewer Capacity Subcommittee

President Malzahn reported that there was a meeting with HRC, WWTP Supervisor, Legal counsel and subcommittee last week. HRC to review plans.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. **Re-stated and Amended Marihuana Business Ordinance #556-1**

***MOVED TO ITEM 11**

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. FY 20-21 Budget Amendments – 4th QUARTER

MOTION by Edwards second by Hart to approve the Budget Amendments as presented

AYES: Edwards, Hart, Hart, Poznanski, Malzahn

NAYS: Fowler, Parker

Motion carried.

b. FY 21-22 Meeting Dates

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the meeting dates as presented

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- c. June 28th Public Hearing Date

MOTION by Hart second by Edwards to approve the June 28th Public Hearing date

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

NAYS: Fowler

Motion carried.

- d. Smart Mileage Rates

Motion by Hart second by Edwards to approve the SMART Milage rate in the amount of \$9,848

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- e. June Pride Month Resolution

MOTION by Poznanski second by Fowler to adopt the proclamation prepared by President Malzahn declaring that Pride Month as June

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- f. Rowe TAP Pedestrian Crossing Grant Bid Package

MOTION by Hart second by Parker to accept the ROWE TAP Pedestrian Crossing Grant Bid package

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

- g. Rules of Procedure Amendment

MOTION by Poznanski second by Parker to keep the procedure as is

AYES: Fowler, Parker, Poznanski, Edwards

NAYS: Hart, Malzahn, Bartholomew

Motion carried.

- h. Romeo Elected Offices

Discussion took place. No board action taken.

- i. Ordinance Violation Notification (**Added by Trustee Poznanski in discuss her violation**)

Discussion took place. No board action taken.

11. **CLOSED SESSION** – For the purposes of receiving a legal opinion regarding cannabis ballot petition
MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to enter into CLOSED SESSION (at 8:45 p.m.) for the purpose of receiving a legal opinion regarding cannabis ballot petition

AYES: ALL

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Poznanski to enter in to Regular Session (at 9:45 p.m.)

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

***11. a. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Re-stated and Amended Marihuana Business Ordinance

MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to repeal ordinance 556-1 and reaffirm Ordinance #521

AYES: All

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Malzahn second by Hart to add this item to the June 28th agenda

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

12. Adjournment

MOTION by Fowler second by Hart to adjourn the meeting

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Trapp
Clerk, Village of Romeo