

Board of Trustees Meeting
MINUTES

Date: July 19, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: BARTHOLOMEW
FOWLER
HART
PARKER
POZNANSKI
MALZAHN
ABSENT: EDWARDS

1. Call to order – pledge of allegiance – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Malzahn.

2. Roll Call

3. **CONSENT AGENDA** (*minutes June 21, 2021, CLOSED SESSION June 21, 2021, June 28, 2021–*) (*council bills/vendor report, meeting agenda*)

MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to add Agenda Approval under Roll Call, add Parade Calendar approval to item i. under New Business, and move Thee Office Pub Permit approval to item b. under New Business.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to approve the bills in the amounts of \$53,508.02 and \$57,272.05.

AYES: Bartholomew, Hart, Parker, Malzahn

NAYS: Fowler, Poznanski

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to approve the minutes with the addition of Jamie Lucero under Presenters

AYES: Hart, Bartholomew, Fowler, Parker, Malzahn

NAYS: Poznanski

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

4. Special Presentations - None

5. Correspondence(s) - None

6. Public Comment - None

7. Officer reports

a. President

A site meeting was held on July 8th with DPW Supervisor Tim Metz, DDA Chair Kelly Stephens, our Rowe Engineering Pedestrian Crosswalk Coordinator Paul O'Meara and myself to discuss the upcoming crosswalk project, the two most challenging intersections will be Rawles at St. Clair, and Main at Newberry, due to some alignment and tree issues. Collaboratively we are working to develop plans for these specific areas. I approved the vendor for the soil boring work and they should be completing that in the next few weeks.

The final full report on the ransomware attack is being completed now by the cyber forensic team and should be available in the next two weeks. I can confirm and share with you today that the results verify that there was NOT a data breach of any sensitive or personal information from either the staff or residents during the attack.

The Village has fully recovered the encrypted data and is back to normal operations with our BS&A software. Unfortunately, we are not able to recover the loss of historical utility data and archived reports from the DPW and I am working with DPW staff to re-create items as they are needed

As covid restrictions ease and we return to gathering in public I wanted to highlight a few upcoming events. So please mark your calendars for the following happenings:

The Parks & Rec Sunday Concerts in the Village Park from 5:30-7:00 have three more dates this summer, so please plan to grab your bag chairs and join us on:

July 26th, August 1st and August 15th

Peach Fest 2021. Several groups are working hard and making plans to bring most, but not all of our favorites peach festival traditions back. A few notable items are:

The 5k & 10K fun run will take place on Thursday, September 2 @ 6:30.

Parks and Rec and their sponsors will put on a Fireworks show on Friday September 3rd at the Crystal Diamonds field on 33 Mile Road at dusk.

Parks and Rec will also be holding its kids day event in the Village Park on Saturday September 4th from (8:30 AM –4:00 PM). Watch their website RWBparks.org for more details.

The Chamber of Commerce is coordinating the Children's Parade on Sunday September 5th at 11:00 AM. That route will be from Hollister traveling south to Washington Street.

Please note that there will NOT be a hometown floral parade this year, but Grace Venet and the Parks and Rec staff is already working to make the 2022 Floral bigger and better than ever

The Lions are coordinating a classic car parade on Sunday, September 5th @ 7:00 PM – that route is from Tractor Supply on Van Dyke thru the Village to 34 Mile.

The Lions will have the midway, food vendors and beer tents open September 2nd through the 6th. Please visit the Lions website: discoveringromeo.org for more details and watch for fall issue of MittTV fall magazine for complete peach fest schedules in mid-August.

The 2021 Romeo Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Wednesday October 13th @ 6:00 PM. The parade route is still being finalized, but planning as of now is from Washington Street to Newberry and into the Village Park for the rally.

Trick or Treating in the Central Business District will be on Saturday October 30th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM with Main Street closed from Newberry to Washington. Followed by a Parks and Rec party in the park.

Romeo Village Tree Lighting and Santa Parade will be on Thursday December 2nd beginning at 7:00 PM – that route and event is still in planning stages, so stay tuned to their website for more details!

- b. Clerk
There are new street signs at the cemetery. The next cemetery board meeting will be held this coming Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
- c. Treasurer
Tax Bills mailed and receipting payments
Questions regarding Tax Bill with Escrow top right-hand corner indicates Tax Servicing Company.
Payment is generally received by 1st week of September. Wire Transfer is received and group payments are applied to each resident
Please feel free to contact me with any questions
Accept payments: Walk in say “hello”, 24 hour drop box, website online,
Mail, mindful of delay with mailing payments
If a receipt is needed, please indicate when mailing
- d. Trustees
Trustee Bartholomew-Rapp Concrete finished Bailey Street sidewalks. Everything else looks good.
Trustee Poznanski – Attended the Parks and Rec meeting. DDA – huge paintings and artwork in the Village
- e. Ex-Officio Planning Commission
DeLaura Dental plans were approved with ADA compliance

8. Committee Reports

- a. Sidewalk Subcommittee – Update was given in Trustee Bartholomew’s report
- b. Rental Inspection Subcommittee – Coordinating a new meeting date
- c. Bruce Sewer Capacity Subcommittee – Coordinating a new meeting date.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. *Village Park* (Trustee Parker)
President Malzahn spoke about the donation from Ford Motor Company. Attorney Robert F. Boesiger discussed the process of accepting donated funds to the Village from Ford Motor Company.
No Board action was taken.
- b. *Thee Office Pub Trailer for Peach Festival*
MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to approve the permit as presented
AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Edwards
Motion carried.
- c. ~~*Wage and Compensation Study*~~ Item removed as part of agenda approval.
- d. Trustee Salary (Trustee Parker)
MOTION by Hart second by Parker to remove the cap of 16 meetings for Trustee and President Pay
AYES: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Edwards
Motion carried.

- e. Village Ordinance #557 – Marihuana Ordinance

President Malzahn opened up comments to the public.

Tracy Gore - Made comments

Bud Demchik – Made comments

MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to approve the draft of Ordinance 557 with the following edits:

- **Remove initial scoring**
- **Keep the bonus**
- **Page 6 change “facility” to “Marihuana Establishment”**
- **Buffer zone to 750 ft**

AYES: Hart, Bartholomew, Parker, Malzahn

NAYS: Fowler, Parker

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

**Thee Office Pub Special Events Permit Peach Fest – move to item b.

MOTION by Parker second by Bartholomew to take a 5 minutes recess at 8:53 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

Meeting resumed at 9:01 p.m.

- f. Village Hall Carpet Replacement

MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to accept the proposal from Dave’s Carpet for the amount of \$5,500.69

AYES: Hart, Bartholomew, Malzahn

NAYS: Fowler, Parker, Poznanski

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion failed.

- g. *Village Notification System – TextMyGov/Nixel*

MOTION by Poznanski second by Parker to accept the contract for TextMyGov notification system

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

- h. *Parks and Rec Proposed By-Laws*

Item was discussed. No Board action was taken.

- i. *Parade Calendar* (Item Added)

MOTION by Malzahn second by Fowler to approve the Parade Calendar as presented

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

11. **CLOSED SESSION** – For the purpose of Union Labor Negotiations

MOTION by Bartholomew second by Parker to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Union Labor Negotiations

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

Closed Session began at 9:37 p.m.

MOTION by Poznanski second by Bartholomew to enter into Regular Session

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

Regular Session began at 10:00 p.m.

MOTION by Malzahn second by Poznanski to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

MOTION by Malzahn second by Parker to [re]enter into Closed Session for the purpose of Union Labor Negotiations

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

Closed Session began at 10:01 p.m.

MOTION by Malzahn second by Bartholomew to enter into Regular Session

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

12. CLOSED SESSION – For the purpose of Property Purchase

MOTION by Malzahn second by Hart to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of Property Purchase

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

Closed Session began at 10:12 p.m.

MOTION by Malzahn second by Bartholomew to enter into Regular Session

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

Regular Session began at 10:23 p.m.

MOTION by Fowler to adjourn. Motion withdrawn by Fowler.

MOTION by Hart second by Parker to go forward to purchase property for \$100,000 paid for out of the General Fund.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

13. Adjournment

MOTION by Fowler second by Bartholomew to adjourn the meeting

AYES: All

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Edwards

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
KATHRYN TRAPP
VILLAGE CLERK**