

**VILLAGE OF ROMEO  
VILLAGE OF ROMEO BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ROMEO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Take notice that the Village of Romeo will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Romeo Community Center: 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065.

The purpose of the public hearing is to gain citizen input regarding the 2022 – 2037 Romeo Downtown Development Authority Plan update. The Development Area consists of the area in the Village of Romeo, Michigan, within the boundaries described as follows: Starting at the intersection of N. Main Street and Dickenson Street, east to N. Bailey Street, south to Newberry Street, east 150 feet to N-S alley, south to Lafayette Street, west to S. Bailey Street, south to Washington Street, west to S. Rawles Street, north to Lafayette Street, west 150 feet to N-S alley, north to Newberry Street, east to N. Rawles Street; north to Church Street, east to N. Main Street, north to intersection of N. Main Street and Dickenson.

President Malzahn opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Comments were heard. Public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m. One comment was emailed to the President prior to the meeting. Amanda Minaudo, AICP, Program Director Macomb County Dept of Planning & Economic Development spoke about the counties roll with updating the DDA Master Plan.

PRESENT:     BARTHOLOMEW  
                  EDWARDS  
                  FOWLER  
                  HART  
                  PARKER  
                  POZNANSKI  
                  MALZAHN

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Agenda

Date: October 18, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 361 Morton Street, Romeo, MI 48065

South Building Meeting Room

1. **Call to order** – pledge of allegiance. President Malzahn opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.
  
2. **Roll Call**
  
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** (*minutes September 20, 2021, CLOSED SESSIONS September 20, 2021*) (*council bills/vendor report \$311,694.92 AND \$31,475.20, Meeting Agenda*)  
**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the Consent Agenda**  
**AYES: Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: Fowler, Parker, Poznanski**

**Motion carried.**

4. **Special Presentations** – Romeo Community Schools Bond Review. School Superintendent Dr. Todd Robinson gave a presentation about the November 2, 2021 Bond Proposal vote.
5. **Correspondence(s)** – Bruce/Romeo Fire Open House  
RCS Memorial Field Walkway  
MSU Extension Gypsy Moth Spray
6. **Public Comment -**  
Carl Blanchard, Dickenson Street – made comments  
Kurt Grover, First Street – made comments  
Bill Parker, Wonder Lane – made comments  
Shelley Rosso – made comments  
Nathan Bartholomew, North Main Street – made comments  
Zach Fowler, Dickenson Street – made comments
7. **Officer reports**
  - a. President–

I continue to work with Paul O’Meara from Rowe Engineering for the pedestrian crosswalk project. We are nearing the end of the design and prep phase. The next steps will be to reach out to our main and St. Clair street businesses to gather input and plan for the interruptions from the construction phase next spring. DDA director Elizabeth Miller will be working with Paul and myself to develop a communication plan.

Romeo Floor Covering installed the new carpet squares in the main workspace and two offices of the Village Hall, the steps still need to be completed but the areas done look terrific. Please stop in and see the improvements.

I held a kick-off planning meeting with our engineering firm, building inspector, DPW supervisor and building administrator to discuss our new Church Street Parking lot. Plan review should be available for next month’s meeting, after the planning commission has had an opportunity to make its recommendations.

Congratulations to Kiwanis Supporter of the Year, Ruth Heidebreicht. She was recognized for her outstanding dedication to the betterment of the community during the Kiwanis installation dinner last week.

Congratulations to Pastor Kevin Cook for his recognition as a long-time community leader and volunteer. Thank you, Kathryn Trapp for presenting him a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Village of Romeo in my absence on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

The October 16<sup>th</sup> Community shred day and e-recycling day was another success. We were grateful that the rain ended and we were able to help our residents with the FREE event. Thank you to Bruce Twp. Supervisor Mike Fillbrook, Romeo Clerk Kathryn Trapp, SERVE students, Paulina Renteria, Hannah Richardson and Karoline Lenczewski for volunteering with me to help unload the 90+ cars and trucks who pulled through to drop off their unwanted items. We collected over 2 tons of paper and a truckload of electronics that won’t end up in a landfill somewhere.

Officer Lynda Blevins retired from our Romeo Police Department on October 8<sup>th</sup>. She served this community for thirty years and we wish her well in her retirement. There will be a celebration for her at the Bruce Fire Department on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder that trick or treating in the business district will be October 30<sup>th</sup> from 11-1, the Parks and Re will be hosting a party in the park starting at 12:30, and of course regular trick or treating will begin at 6:00 pm on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Candy donations for our first responders to pass out to all our little visitors are welcome at both our Police and Fire Departments.

James Routheaux is collecting items and seeking volunteers to help serve or deliver FREE Thanksgiving Dinner meals on Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup> from Noon-3:00 PM. Dine-in service will be at the Masonic Lodge, 231 N. Main Street. If you are able to make a donation or lend a hand or know of someone in need of a delivered meal please contact James at 586-781-7590 or [james-routheaux@att.net](mailto:james-routheaux@att.net) As always 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 or send me an email to [president@villageofromeo.org](mailto:president@villageofromeo.org)

Clerk –

Marihuana Business license applications are now open. There is no end date for submissions. The Village office does ask that you call ahead before submitting your app because it does take a little bit of time for the submissions process.

I had the honor of presenting Pasto Kevin at River of God Church a certificate of recognition on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Reverend Belle for including me.

This past Saturday the Macomb Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Mt. Clemens honored soldier Joseph Goodwin who was a Revolutionary War hero.

Another item from our Cemetery, we will be having a cremation burial in a few weeks for a soldier named Chauncey D. Garfield. His Great-Granddaughter reached out to me back in December of last year because she wanted to lay him to rest in his spot in the Romeo Cemetery but she had to wait until his remains got mailed back to her from Oregon. She waited almost 10 months and last month in September his remains made it to Michigan. But that’s not even the best part. His story of how he dies in Oregon in 1939 and his remains not making it back to hi family until 82 years later is featured on the Amazon Prime documentary “Libraries of Dust”.

Treasurer –

Total Tax Collected \$2,431,258.60. Internet Tax Payments 32 payments consisting of \$31,363.80

Total Delinquent \$180,000, Bruce \$109,000, Washington \$70,346

October 13, 2021, I went to Macomb County and met with Tax Officer. We balance.

Trustees –

Trustee Bartholomew gave an update of the Sidewalk Committee.

Trustee Poznanski attended the Bruce Township Planning Commission meeting. Spoke with a resident on Chandler about water from the old middle school property. Spoke with resident on Dickenson Street about the electric sign at Amanda Moore Elementary. Made a presentation to the Village of Romeo Planning Commission.

Trustee Edwards – asked Trustee Poznanski about a resolution for the Chandler Street water issue

Trustee Parker – reached out to Ruth Heidebrieht, Mitt Tv, to ask about the progress of the Village Park updates.

Ex-Officio Planning Commission – The Planning Commission extended the request for the Bailey Street medical building project.

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. Sidewalk Subcommittee – report given in Trustee reports
- b. Rental Inspection Subcommittee – report given
- c. Bruce Sewer Capacity Subcommittee – report given

**MOTION by President Malzahn second by Bartholomew to dissolve the Sidewalk Committee and the Rental Inspection Committee**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Middle School Sidewalk  
Discussion took place by the Trustees.
- b. Parking Ordinance  
**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the fee of as \$10,500.00 per spot for payment in lieu of for the parking fee**  
**AYES: Bartholomew, Edwards, Fowler, Hart, Parker, Poznanski, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**
- c. Wages – WWTP  
**MOTION by Edwards second by Bartholomew to go with Al Lapeer’s recommendation of \$37.00 an hour pay**  
**AYES: Edwards, Bartholomew, Parker, Fowler, Malzahn, Hart, Poznanski**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. 2022-2037 Romeo Downtown Development Authority Plan Update  
**MOTION by Hart second by Bartholomew to approve the proposed Romeo Downtown Development Authority Plan Update**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**
- b. WWTP Valve Purchase  
**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Hart to approve the purchase of the valve at \$7,795.00**  
**AYES: Bartholomew, Hart, Poznanski, Fowler, Edwards, Parker, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**
- c. President’s Ordinance  
**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to approve the updated Presidents Ordinance**  
**AYES: Bartholomew, Edwards, Hart, Malzahn**  
**NAYS: Parker, Fowler, Poznanski**  
**Motion carried.**
- d. Road Plan Proposal  
**MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to approve the proposal of \$10,858.00 for the Road Plan Proposal**  
**AYES: Hart, Bartholomew, Malzahn, Edwards**  
**NAYS: Poznanski, Parker, Fowler**  
**Motion carried.**
- e. Trick or Treat Road Closure  
**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Poznanski to approve the permit for the road closure on October 30, 2021**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**  
**Motion carried.**
- f. Utility Rate Study  
**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Edwards to proceed with the RFP for an Utility Rate Study to not exceed \$500 for publishing**  
**AYES: All**  
**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

- g.** First Street Property Sale Discussion  
Discussion was held. NO board action taken.

**h. CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of union labor negotiations [9:29 p.m.]**

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

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**MOTION by Bartholomew second by Fowler to end Closed Session [9:36 p.m.]**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**MOTION by Hart second by Poznanski to accept the tentative agreement of the POAM**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Malzahn second by Fowler to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m.**

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
KATHRYN TRAPP  
VILLAGE CLERK**