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TOWN OF ROME BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

   Chairman Carl Hasdal called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

   Present: Chairman Carl Hasdal; Supervisors Bob Baurhyte, Dan Gohmann, Lori Djumadi and Daniel Minter; Administrator Jami Gebert; Clerk/Treasurer Amy Reuteman

3. Certify Posting of Meeting

   Amy Reuteman certified that on, Monday January 16, 2023, the Agenda for the Town of Rome Board meeting for Thursday, January 19, 2023 was posted at:

Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune	*4:00 p.m.*
Posted at the Rome Town Hall	*3:45 p.m.*
Posted at Kwik Trip, LLC	*4:15 p.m.*
Posted at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank	*4:10 p.m.*

4. Approve the Agenda

   Motion by Baurhyte/Gohmann to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Citizen Comments – During the Citizen Comment period of the agenda the Town Board welcomes comments from any town resident, not a member of the Town Board, on any item not on the agenda. Please know that pursuant to State law the Board cannot engage in conversation with you but may ask questions. The Board may refer the item to staff, a standing committee or a future board agenda for discussion and action. Each person wishing to speak will have up to 3 minutes to speak. Speakers are asked to submit a card to the Clerk/Treasurer providing their name, address and topic for discussion

   The board will also take comment from the public on agenda items as called by the Chair, but not during Citizen Comment. Please note that once the board begins discussion on an agenda item no further comment will be allowed from the public on that issue

   No comments.

NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED EXCEPT POSSIBLE REFERRAL TO FUTURE AGENDA:

7. Open Public Hearing – Proposal of an Expanded Use of a Certified Survey Map To Divide Land Into Greater Than Four Parcels, Pursuant To Wis. Stat. Sec. 236.34(1)(ar)(1)

Attorney Nicholas Flanagan explained that this was a request from Sand Valley and explained the statutes and process. He stated that the Plan Commission recommended approval of this. John Kastner from Verbeicher was present and there were no questions asked of him.

8. Close Public Hearing – Proposal of an Expanded Use of a Certified Survey Map To Divide Land Into Greater Than Four Parcels, Pursuant To Wis. Stat. Sec. 236.34(1)(ar)(1)

   Motion by Gohmann/Minter to close the public hearing. Motion carried at 5:04 p.m.

9. Information Updates, Meeting Recaps, Recent Correspondence, Current Events, Announcements

   Supervisor Djumadi announced that Sno-Blast is at Lake Arrowhead on February 10 – 12, 2023. Chairman Hasdal announced that there is a fisheree at the Lure on Saturday. The Chairman also provided information regarding Tri-Lakes efforts. Saturday, January 21st is the fisheree on Lake Sherwood and Saturday, January 28th is the Mark Symons Memorial Fisheree and Raffle at Camelot on the Lake to benefit the Wisconsin Rapids American Legion Post #442.

10. Department and Committee Reports

□ Administration	□ Rome Police Department
□ EMS District/Lifestar	□ Rome Public Works Department
□ Lester Public Library of Rome	□ Rome Water Utility
□ Police and Fire Commission	□ Visit Rome, WI
□ Rome Fire Department	□ Zoning Department

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

11. Discussion and action – Approval of the January 5, 2023 meeting minutes

    Motion by Baurhyte/Minter to approve the January 5, 2023 meeting minutes with the addition of the word Drive after Alpine in the 3rd paragraph under information updates, meeting recaps, recent correspondence, current events and announcements. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and action – Checks, Vouchers, Receipts and Journal Entries - approve checks #44851 – 44926 totaling $462,081.59; Auto-payments totaling $61,408.61; State / Social Security / Medicare / Withholdings totaling $56,748.31; Payroll Vouchers V19771 – V19957 totaling $143,849.36; Receipts #24160 - 24225 totaling $7,910,760.86

    Motion by Baurhyte/Minter to approve as presented. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action – Review of the 2023 Strategic Plan Update Roadmap, specifically Public Input Options, with facilitator Bill Zeinert *(attending virtually)*

    Administrator Gebert stated that three public input options have been added since the last meeting. Additional options were a personal public forum, constituent focus group and individual, in person interviews.

    Motion by Baurhyte/Minter to do the road map and add number one, the personal public forum facilitated by Bill Zeinert. Motion carried.

14. Discussion and possible action – Recommendation from the Plan Commission regarding consideration of a final plat for the Alpine Estates subdivision to be located on a 79-acre parcel owned by T & S Land

Investments, described as follows: Parcel numbers 030-00631-0000 and 030-00632-0000, all parcels also described as part of Section 07, Town 20N, Range 06E, Town of Rome, Adams County, WI

Attorney Flanagan explained the process and the fact that the preliminary plat was approved with conditions. The developer is responsible for snow removal until the road is paved and turned over to the Town.

Motion by Minter/Baurhyte to approve as recommended by the Plan Commission with the four conditions as listed on the finding of facts, plus the developer to include a performance bond to cover the cost of the road if not completed. Motion carried with Djumadi opposed.

15. Discussion and possible action – Approval of Ordinance No. 23-01, Recommendation from the Plan Commission regarding consideration of proposed amendments to Chapter 360 (Zoning), Article XXV Signs and Billboards § 360-126 Regulations in Certain Zoning Districts and Article XXXI § 360-162 Standards in Gateway Overlay District

    Attorney Flanagan explained that the Plan Commission has reviewed the sign ordinance as they relate to the gateway overlay and the Rome Town Center District and this ordinance will clean up some of the language. Illustrations will be available at Town Hall that will show the types of signs.

    Motion by Gohmann/Djumadi to approve Ordinance No. 23-01, Recommendation from the Plan Commission regarding consideration of proposed amendments to Chapter 360 (Zoning), Article XXV Signs and Billboards § 360-126 Regulations in Certain Zoning Districts and Article XXXI § 360-162 Standards in Gateway Overlay District with the recommended changes from the Plan Commission. Motion carried.

16. Discussion and possible action – Resolution No. 23-01, Approval of an Expanded Use of a Certified Survey Map to Divide Land into Greater than Four Parcels, Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 236.34(1)(ar)(1)

    Motion by Baurhyte/Gohmann to approve Resolution No. 23-01, Approval of an *Expanded Use of a Certified Survey Map to Divide Land into Greater than Four Parcels, Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 236.34(1)(ar)(1). Motion carried.*

17. Discussion Only – Consideration of one additional Brush & Timber collection in 2023 due to December storms

    The Town was awarded $15,000 from the State for this year's brush and timber collection. The Town is still waiting to hear on a Federal grant but if the Town is awarded that grant then the Town would have to return the awarded State Grant. The hours that were reported by the Public Works Director do not include Arrowhead and the Town would need to add that in if there were to be a spring collection.

    Mark Lubecke, 931 Sussex Ct, stated that he feels it should be a function of Public Works as needed.

    Supervisor Baurhyte suggested that if this is going to be done then it needs to be done by April 1st and Supervisor Gohmann agrees. Administrator Gebert explained that the property owner has the timber rights. Attorney Flanagan explained the process with letters regarding the trees in the right of way. The Board tasked the Public Works Director/Administrator with solutions for this.

18. Discussion and possible action –Approval of Beautification Project for placement of a mural on the east and south side walls of the Public Works building as recommended from the Community Development Authority (CDA)

Motion by Minter/Djumadi to proceed with the proposal as recommended by the Community Development Authority. Motion carried with Baurhyte opposed.

19. Discussion and possible action – Update on possible WE Energies extension of natural gas in the Aspen Avenue, 16th Avenue, Hornet Trail, Hampton Trail, Homestead Trail, Wood Road, Deer Run Road, and Little Fawn Road and Apache Avenue, 16th Avenue and Apache Drive area of the Town of Rome

    Administrator Gebert stated that there is currently $45,000 – 48,000 left of the ARPA funds plus the $17,800 the Town is anticipating being reimbursed. The Administrator said if the Town is interested it would be put on the next agenda as two separate items. The Board agreed that the Town would follow the same process as the last expansion.

20. Discussion and possible action – Continue conversation on safety concerns, property damage, lakebed soil disruption and shoreline erosion caused by wake manipulation devices on Lake Camelot, Sherwood, and Arrowhead specific to:
    a. Eligibility to provide input – one input per property in the Tri-Lakes Management area, approximately 3,593 surveys
    b. Method input will be provided – combination on-line & where necessary paper survey
    c. Begin assembling input questions – v3 draft attached

    Discussion took place and it was decided that if a person owns multiple properties they would receive multiple surveys with the exception of the Lake Associations, WRPCO and the businesses located within the Tri-Lakes area will receive one survey and Adams County will not receive any. Administrator Gebert mentioned that this could be discussed at the Annual Meeting in April. She stated that this will be a labor-intensive project and does not think that there will be any results for the upcoming boating season. The Administrator will make changes to the survey as discussed and bring a draft of the postcard to the next meeting.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

21. Next agenda items

    WE Energies project
    Wake manipulating device survey
    BIL grant – is the Town applying and for how much
    Update on ARPA funds
    MABAS – Adams County

22. Next meeting date and time

    February 2, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Baurhyte/Gohmann to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Reuteman
Clerk/Treasurer