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MINUTES
TOWN OF ROME COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026 3:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order

   Town Chairman Carl Hasdal called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Discussion and possible action – Appointment of Officers
   - Chairperson

     Motion by Samelstad/Dalton to nominate Tiffany Seavecki as Chairperson. Motion carried.

   - Vice-Chairperson

     Motion by Dalton/Samelstad to nominate Mark Lake as Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried.

3. Roll Call

   CDA Members Present: Tiffany Seavecki, Mark Lake, Heather Dalton, Mark Samelstad, and Carl Hasdal
   Excused: N/A
   Also present: Zoning Administrator, Emily Arndt and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Taylor Owczynsky

4. Certify Posting of Meeting

   Taylor Owczynsky certified that on, Tuesday, June 2, 2026 the agenda for the Town of Rome Community Development Authority meeting for Thursday, June 4, 2026 was posted at:

Posted at the Rome Town Hall	*3:00 p.m.*
Posted at Kwik Trip, LLC	*2:43 p.m.*
Posted at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank	*2:50 p.m.*
Emailed to the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune	*1:03 p.m.*

5. Approve the Agenda

   Motion by Lake/Samelstad to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

6. Citizen Comments – During the Citizen Comment period of the agenda the Community Development Authority Committee welcomes comments from any town resident, not a member of the Community Development Authority Committee, on any item not on the agenda. Please know that pursuant to State law the Community Development Authority Committee cannot engage in conversation with you but may ask questions. The Community Development Authority Committee 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 Chair providing their name, address and topic for discussion.

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

No citizen comments received.

NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED EXCEPT POSSIBLE REFERRAL TO FUTURE AGENDA:

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

Town Chairman Carl Hasdal shared an update on the proposed solar farm. He shared that Adams County has filed suit against the Public Service Commission.
He also shared that the Rome Sno-Bandits have their upcoming car show on June 20th.
Samelstad – Mentioned that the Annual State of Our Lakes event will be taking place this weekend.

8. Sub-Committee, Department Head Reports
   - Parks & Recreation Committee

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Taylor Owczynsky gave an update on the recent Parks & Recreation Committee's activities. She explained that the Committee is currently working on a shade project for in the Rome Town Center by the bandshell. She gave an update on grants that have been applied for and awarded to the Town from Visit Rome. She also noted that the Committee's meeting time was changed from 5pm to 4pm.

   - Plan Commission

Zoning Administrator, Emily Arndt gave an update that the Plan Commission's upcoming agenda has a proposed Wellhead Protection Ordinance and a "cleaned-up" version of the Town camping regulations

   - Rome Town Center

Chairwoman Seavecki gave an update that the RTC Sub-Committee is currently working on updating the Master Plan and Rome Town Center Ordinances.

   - WEDC-Connect Communities

Zoning Administrator Emily Arndt indicated that there is no current update and that we are just waiting on the updated contract.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

9. Discussion and possible action – Approval of the May 7, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion by Samelstad/Lake for the approval of the May 7, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

10. Discussion and possible action – Speaker Daric Smith from Adams County Economic Development

Daric Smith, Executive Director of Adams County Economic Development gave a verbal presentation of what Adams County Economic Development is truly about. He mentioned that ACED is dedicated to enhancing the economic vitality of Adams County, Wisconsin. Their mission is to foster a thriving business environment by creating viable opportunities and jobs, while ensuring that existing businesses have the resources and support they need to grow. He further elaborated that they are committed to coordinating and directing economic development activities that benefit the community and contribute to a prosperous future for all.

11. Discussion and possible action – Review and Update Goals Matrix

The Goals Matrix was discussed and to be updated with the following changes: Goal #1, has been completed. Goal #2, is ongoing. Goal #3, ZA Emily Arndt to bring contract, once received. Goal #4, to remain as ongoing. Seavecki shared the possibility of developing a Chamber in the future. Goal #5, this goal updated to ongoing.

12. Discussion and possible action – Business Alliance

No update at this point. Item tabled until there is further update.

13. The Community Development Authority may go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to consider a Commercial and Senior Housing Development Offer to Purchase

Motion at 3:55 p.m. by Lake/Dalton to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to consider a Commercial and Senior Housing Development Offer to Purchase. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Community Development Authority exited closed session at 4:57 p.m.

14. The Community Development Authority reserves the right to enter into open session authorized by Wis. Stat. 19.83(2) to possibly take action from the closed Session and continue with the agenda.

Motion 4:57 p.m. by Seavecki/Samelstad to enter into open session authorized by Wis. Stat. 19.83(2) to possibly take action from the closed Session and continue with the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. Discussion and possible action – Commercial and Senior Housing Development Offer to Purchase

No action taken; tabled until next meeting.

DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/MEETINGS

16. Next agenda items

- *Commercial and Senior Housing Development Offer to Purchase*

17. Next meeting date and time

July 2, 2026 at 3:00PM (Time changed back from 3:30PM to 3:00PM).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lake/Samelstad to adjourn at 4:58 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Owczynsky
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Deputy Clerk/Treasurer