

Minutes
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
October 10, 2018 Regular Meeting
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

Present: Kuck, Hayward, Saddler, Berens, Vugteveen

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje, Dustin Moore and three members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Berens gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2018 Regular Board meeting. Motion carried

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to approve the agenda with the addition of Four Pointes agreement and the Water Quality Forum. Motion carried.

Opening remarks of Supervisor Kuck: The water quality forum focused on water conservation. There is more work to be done and all parties need to be involved. Updates were provided on the building renovation repair, broadband and the MTA Christmas dinner.

Commissioner Greg DeJong: Ottawa County gave an update on the M-231 Race, Ester VanSlooten's retirement and the Lunch and Learn on October 17th with Sheriff Steve Kempker speaking about the marijuana proposal.

Public Comment:

Paul VanVelzen stated that at the September 12, 2018 when the Board addressed the Township maintenance position that the discussion on his job performance was disrespectful. He handed the board a letter stating his position. The letter was read into the record. It stated that he was resigning his Township maintenance position after November 9th which allowed for the closing of the park, winterizing sprinklers and the setup/tear down of the election equipment.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to accept Paul VanVelzen's resignation for the maintenance position effective November 10, 2018. Motion carried.

Dustin Moore from Burnham and Flower Insurance reviewed the proposal for the renewal of the Township's Insurance. Some typographical errors were discovered in the numbers.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to renew the policy without the terrorism coverage and with the choice to lower the deductible to \$500 subject to confirmation of the rates. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming revision to the ambulance agreement that is currently under Attorney's review. Vugteveen made a motion supported by Kuck to table the ambulance agreement. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding using a different vendor for copier service. Questions were raised regarding the technical set up of the new copier. Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to table the copier discussion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding renewing Red Cross facility use agreement. The board wants to make sure that the space is available for the Township personnel if needed. Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to not maintain a facility use agreement with the Red Cross for the use of the Township Hall. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Hayward to table flag pole repair. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding applying for a Par Plan grant for security improvements to the Township office. The timeline of the improvements may be delayed if the costs for the park cleanup, which are still unknown, are too high. Saddler made a motion supported by Vugteveen to table the Par Plan Grant Resolution. Motion carried.

The bill for the repair of the door which was covered by insurance was \$441.

Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to enter into an agreement with Four Pointes Center to buy services for \$1,900 and to publish a notice in the newspaper within 15 days. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to have two people attend the Water Quality Forum on November 19th at a cost of \$15 each and to be paid a per diem. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to have Attorney Bultje work with Treasurer Hayward to draw up a document to deal with unclaimed property. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding nonsufficient fees and payment of taxes. We could have a resolution stating our policy to make it a lien.

Discussion was held regarding marijuana legislation and opting out. If needed Dickinson Wright will have a specific packet of documents to assist us with any future ordinances.

Discussion was held regarding the streamlining of the building permit process. Responsibility for making changes needs to be shared with Doug Hopkins.

Discussion was held regarding adding an additional pension or compensation for the fire department. One suggestion was to establish a change in the compensation policy to incorporate a once a year payment based on years of service. Saddler will work on the numbers and discuss with Deputy Chief Boyer.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to pay the bills. Motion carried

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Reports are on file.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk