

Minutes  
Robinson Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting August 14, 2019  
12010 120<sup>th</sup> Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Present: Supervisor Kathryn Kuck, Treasurer Bonnie Hayward, Clerk Christine Saddler, Trustee Bernice Berens and Trustee Travis Vugteveen

Absent: None

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje and five members of the public

Berens gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019 Special Board meeting. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019 Regular Board meeting. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported Hayward to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2019 Special Board meeting. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the agenda with an addition of a budget amendment resolution. Motion carried.

Commissioner Greg DeJong was absent. Supervisor passed along information regarding the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Office's open house to be held August 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm. The 2020 Census will be looking for people to work.

Public comment: None

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance with a draft date of 5/31/19 to amend section 6.4 of the Robinson Township Zoning Ordinance which shall limit the number of lot splits and site condominium units in the A-1 agricultural zoning district. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried. To be published within 15 days.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve Resolution #2019-08-17 Supporting participation in the Ottawa County Farmland Preservation Program as it is stated in Ottawa County Ordinance 13-1, amended July 23, 2013 without amendments. Roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Vugteveen, Hayward, Kuck, Saddler. Nays: Berens. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the hiring of Joe Vander Yacht as new firefighter. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Saddler to purchase two laptops to be used for elections through Ottawa County at a total cost of \$752.40. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Saddler to purchase three (3) minute books, each will include 250 sheets of minute paper, from Governmental Business Systems at a cost not to exceed \$610 including shipping. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the control of moles at the Park. This cost falls within the budget for maintenance. Consensus of the Board was to proceed with having Diemers Property Services control the moles.

Discussion was held regarding the millage rate. In 2018 voters approved a proposal which allowed for the millage rate to be reset to the amount before the Headlee amendment was applied. The amount that could now be levied would be up to 1.0510 before the rollback is applied, 1.0450 after. When the 2019-2020 budget was developed and the Budget Public Hearing was held, the millage rate used was .8902. The consensus of the Board was to remain with this millage rate for this year to keep it lower for our residents.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to table the discussion on escrow fees and rates. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to have the John Deere tractor fixed by Fillmore Farm Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to approve Resolution # 2019-08-18 Fire Fund Budget Amendment increasing the legal expense by \$3,000 and decreasing Misc. expense by \$3,000. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to approve the cost of Diemers Property Services repairing the irrigation system in the Township park and a cost of \$1,851.27. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding how to bill IMS for permits where no action (inspections) by IMS had been undertaken. The consensus of the Board was to bill for the full amount and not reduce the amount owed by ¼ as proposed by IMS.

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

The Township was granted a \$2,500 Par Plan grant to be applied towards the purchase of a backup generator. Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck to table the discussion on the purchase of a backup generator.

Reports are on file:

Zoning

Treasurer

NORA

Library: Wicked Robinson Tour to be held in October

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler  
Robinson Township Clerk