

Minutes  
Robinson Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting September 11, 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 six members of the public

Berens gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Berens made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 Regular Board meeting. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the agenda with an addition of "backup generator" as a tabled item. Motion carried.

Commissioner Greg DeJong gave an update on happenings in Ottawa County which include: The approval of an informational robot for the front lobby at Fillmore, an open house to welcome the new Parks Director September 15<sup>th</sup>, a Farm Preservation fundraiser, upcoming legislative forum, October 15<sup>th</sup> Ottawa Sands dedication and a water quality forum.

Public comment: None

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the purchase of four Minitor VI pagers from Tele-Rad for the fire department at a cost of \$1,916.00. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to purchase a Valor Series fan for the fire department from Magnum Lakes for a cost of \$4,708.00. Roll call was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck to authorize the execution of the new agreement for Sheriff's services between Robinson Township and the County of Ottawa for a ¼ Community Policing/Traffic Deputy with the following changes to the agreement: some non-substantive revisions to be made by the Township Attorney, the addition of an effective date of October 1, 2019, a rescission of all former agreements and a stipulation that a, by municipality, breakdown of all of the deputies activities and expenses be provided each month. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to approve a two-year bid with Diemer's Property Services for snowplowing (estimate #1319) with a clarification to be obtained as to why the pricing for shoveling varies. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Saddler made a motion supported by Kuck to table the SEMCO Energy franchise ordinance resolution. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to approve the purchase of two "No Trucking Per Township Ordinance" signs for Johnson Street from the Ottawa County Road Commission at a cost of \$422.45. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Kuck to have Lakeshore Environmental conduct soil and water testing. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding purchasing water filters for the Township hall and the need for a whole system filter for the Fire Station.

Kuck made a motion supported by Saddler to approve the expenditures for the Fire Department open house that will be held September 19<sup>th</sup> not to exceed the \$5,000 budgeted amount. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck to approve the transfer of \$35,830.50 into the General Fund line item *Water* which restricts these funds. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried. This amount represents 10% of the revenue less expenditures that remained from the previous fiscal year at the conclusion of the annual audit.

Discussion was held regarding the updating the escrow and fee schedule. The goal is to find a balance between covering the costs of holding special meetings whereas the taxpayers are paying the costs and making the fees exorbitant. The consensus of the board was to work on a formula based on 50% of the actual costs.

Saddler made a motion supported by Kuck to untable the backup generator discussion. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to accept the Michigan Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant in the amount of \$2,500 and accept the quote from Larson Electric Services in the amount of \$7,900 for the purchase and installation of a backup generator for the Township Hall. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

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

Reports are on file:

Zoning

Treasurer

NORA

Library: Wicked Robinson Tour to be held in September 12 at 4:00 and 7:00

Fire: monthly report and open house to be held September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 at Robinson Elementary

Discussion was held on solar farms.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler  
Robinson Township Clerk