

Minutes
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
February 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417

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

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje and eleven 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 January 8, 2020 Regular Board meeting. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the agenda with the addition of Board of Review training approval. Motion carried.

Commissioner Greg DeJong was absent. Commissioner Phil Kuyers gave a brief update on issues at the County level which include the coronavirus and a decision to not livestream County Board meetings at this time.

Public comment: Representatives from Ottawa County Parks spoke regarding their desire to have the Board hold a new public hearing (publishing costs to be covered by them) to reconsider expanding the slow no wake zone by Riverside Park and forwarding a recommendation to the DNR. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until the next Board meeting to make a decision on whether or not a new public hearing would be held.

Brett VanDusen from 14097 Garfield, Spring Lake spoke about his desire for an expansion of the slow no wake zone by his property, which had been the subject of a previous public hearing, where it was denied. He spoke about the impacts of the high-water levels on his property.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to delay enforcement of the Accessory before Primary Agreement for Devin Reavis, 12079 Buchanan, parcel no. 70-08-16-400-008 provided that a well and septic permit is pulled and submitted to the Township within thirty (30) days, and a building permit for a primary structure on the property must be obtained within sixty (60) days with the rest of the installation to follow the code. Also, the property must be cleaned up and compliant within fifteen (15) days as per ordinance. The Township reserves the right to enforce the Accessory before Primary Agreement if at any time during this process the Township concludes of its own opinion that the property owners are not proceeding in good faith and in a timely manner. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve Resolution No. 2020-02-02 for a *Partial Termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement with Pre-existing Structure* for parcel No. 70-08-34-100-010 owned by Philip and Pamela Kuyers, provided that the Supervisor confirms that the structure on the property predates the Farmland Development Rights Agreement. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the *Supervisors Compensation* Resolution No. 2020-02-03 setting compensation at \$24, 500 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the *Treasurers Compensation* Resolution No. 2020-02-04 setting compensation at \$24, 500 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck to approve the *Clerks Compensation* Resolution No. 2020-02-05 setting compensation at \$24, 500 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Saddler to approve the *Trustees Compensation* Resolution No. 2020-02-06 setting compensation at \$120 per meeting for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the 2020 wage schedule with the Assessor, Deputy Clerk, Election Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Zoning Administrator, Secretary and Township Maintenance positions receiving a 1.5% raise in pay. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to set the Regular Board meeting date schedule for 2020-2021 with the meetings to be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to schedule the Budget Workshop meeting for March 13th at 1:00 pm and the Budget Public Hearing for March 26th at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to designate that 60% of the surplus funds after the audit is complete will go into the Road Fund and 10% will go into Water. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kuck shared that road brining is scheduled for the weeks of May 20th, July 2nd, and August 19th weather and road commission schedules permitting.

Supervisor Kuck advised that she is still waiting to hear from Potluck Pickup on a date for the Spring Cleanup.

Kuck made a motion supported by Hayward to appoint Kathy Osmun as Township Representative to the Loutit Library Board for a three-year term expiring in 2023. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to appoint Milt Reeths, Ben Ipema and Paul Tejehma to the Construction Board of Appeals for a three-year term expiring in 2023. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to appoint Bill Maschewske and Kurt Koella to the Water Board for a three-year term expiring in 2023. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the project estimate from the Ottawa County Road Commission for the re-graveling of two miles of gravel road (roads to be determined) sharing 50% of the cost with the Road Commission and to authorize the Clerk to execute the agreement. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to approve the Grant of License for Grand Haven Christian Schools to use the Robinson Township Park and to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the agreement. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck a approve the purchase of four (4) sets of turn out gear from Dingesfire per quote for the Fire Department. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kuck shared that she was part of the group connected to “Managing Media Relations: Contaminated Drinking Water at a Rural School” who received the Berreth Award for excellence in Public Health Communications.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to approve paying for Board of Review class registration costs for Rich Saddler, Rich Conway, Milt Reeths and Joe Clark and to pay mileage and a meeting per diem for the Board of Review members. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

A proposed revised application and escrow fee schedule was distributed.

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

Reports:

Fire: MABAS contracts are being adopted throughout the County. A copy has been forwarded to the Clerk.

Clerk: The Par Plan Risk Reduction grant for backup cameras for the Fire Department was approved.

NORA: No report

Library: Hayward reported that she has started taking materials to the library for scanning. The Library has graded the condition of the items to be poor to neglected.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk