

Minutes
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
June 10, 2020 Special Meeting at 5:30 pm
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

Present: Kuck, Saddler, Hayward, Berens Vugteveen

Absent: None

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje, Fire Chief Paul VanVelzen, Attorneys Robert and Melissa German and over twenty members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. by Supervisor Kuck.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Paul VanVelzen to determine the exact scenario and circumstances surrounding his unauthorized decision around the first of April to pay firefighters who did not show up to respond to medical calls because they were concerned about COVID exposure, but did notify that they would be available if another call came in. This policy was terminated around the end of April.

Robinson Township firefighters Steve Parent, Luke Reenders, Jerry Westerman and Joel McJones spoke in support of Chief VanVelzen. Former fire department member Steve Wolbrink also spoke in support.

Fire Chief VanVelzen acknowledged that he failed to seek the legally required Board approval for a change in pay and apologized for not doing so.

Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck to adjourn the special meeting at 7:18 pm in order to begin the scheduled regular board meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk