

Minutes
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
April 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Present: Supervisor Frank Johnson, Treasurer Bonnie Hayward, Clerk Christine Saddler, Trustee Vugteveen.
Trustee Travis Bergman arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje and nine members of the public.

Supervisor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance before giving the invocation.

Johnson made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the minutes from the March 5th Budget Workshop, March 10th Regular Board Meeting and the March 24th Special Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the agenda with the addition of the TYSO contract for use of the Township Park. Motion carried.

Opening remarks of the Supervisor: he encourages attendance at the Board meetings so that there is more input from the residents.

Public Comment: Forest Brown of 14545 120th Ave expressed concern over the piles of dirt placed on the property next to him that resulted in dirt being blown into his yard and onto his vehicles. Questioned if all of the activity being conducted there is allowed under the special use that is in place for that property. The Zoning Administrator will be directed to contact Mr. Brown to follow up on his complaint.

Commissioner Phil Kuyers reported that the County is looking at potential projects to use the money that may be received from the American Rescue Plan. They will be coordinating with the local jurisdictions. The consensus of the Board is that any money designated for Robinson Township should stay local and benefit the residents of Robinson Township.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Bergman to approve Bin There Dump That LLC to provide services for dumpster day with the following stipulations: to be held on April 24th from 8-12, with 8 dumpsters to be placed on site to begin and up to 15 total available at a cost of \$400 per 20 yard dumpster with no overages assessed in addition to all other terms of the quote provided. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to contribute \$500 to Ottawa County for Phase 1 of their Broadband Initiative in response to a request from Ottawa County Planning and Performance. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to appoint Nate Adamczyk to the Water Board for a three year term expiring 3/31/24. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Saddler to approve the quote from Addorio Technologies for the purchase and installation new computers for the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer and the set up of an old computer for elections for a cost not to exceed \$3,500. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to approve the project estimate from the Ottawa County Road Commission for the resurfacing of Richland Court with an estimated cost of \$26,979.88 and to authorize the Clerk to sign. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Johnson to approve the quote from Larson Electric Services LLC for installation of hand dryers for in the Fire Station at a cost not to exceed \$2,133. Roll call vote was taken. Vugteveen: yes, Johnson: yes, Hayward: yes, Saddler: yes, Bergman: no. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to table the discussion on rolling the fields at the park until more information can be gathered regarding options. Motion carried.

Attorney Bultje was directed to draw up a contract zoning agreement for Pete Bourque that would allow him to continue to do business at the same location for the length of his career with provision that he pays his back personal property taxes and remains current on them in the future.

Johnson made a motion supported by Hayward to table the discussion on the contract zoning agreement for Pete Bourque until it is available. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a zoning issue regarding the most beneficial way to allow a private road that may impact the neighboring properties allowable uses.

Public Comment: John Wood stated that the lack of participation at Board Meetings might be due to “happy apathy”.

Bergman made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the contract with TYSO for use of the Township park on April 17, May 1, May 8 and June 12 and to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the contract. In lieu of payment of a player fee TYSO will stripe the playing fields. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussions were held on:

- Appearance of Supervisor at Planning Commission meetings. Attendance, as the Supervisor, leads to the potential for undue influence on members as the Supervisor appoints members and so is not allowed. Attendance as a private citizen would be allowed but there should be no “direction” given to the PC as to their conduct.
- Conflict of interest: would occur when a individual has a personal interest in, would benefit from or there would be an appearance of a conflict.
- All zoning complaints and issues should be processed through the Zoning Administrator and not independently handled to avoid possible misdirection and misinformation.
- The Township tax exemption number/status is for Township use only. No individual/personal use allowed.

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

Reports:

- Fire: there were 26 calls last month, FF Joe Vanderyacht resigned. Results of the ISO audit are in and the ISO rating has improved and is now 4/10

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk