

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
December 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm
12010- 120th Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

Present: Supervisor Frank Johnson, Treasurer Bonnie Hayward, Clerk Christine Saddler, Trustee Travis Vugteveen and Trustee Travis Bergman

Absent: None

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

The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor Johnson gave the invocation.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Saddler made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the agenda with the removal of Chris VanHekken. Motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson gave his opening remarks. Former Supervisor recently passed. He was a important part of Robinson Township and will be missed. Bernie Felix Pytlinske from Felix's Marina also passed away. They were two Robinson Township icons.

Commissioner Gerg DeJong gave a County Update. There was a recent 2.5-million-dollar donation to Ottawa County Parks which will be used for improvements to Ottawa Sands Park. The Ottawa County Department of Public Health mask mandate will expire on January 3, 2022. The jail has recently purchased a body scanner. Sub-committee meetings will now be streamed over YouTube.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Bergman to hire Kirk Marsman as a firefighter. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to accept the resignation of firefighter Derek Deluca. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding driveway access for the commercially zoned property on the Southwest corner of M-45 and 104th Ave and the owner's request for the Township to install a driveway. Attorney Bultje stated that the Township cannot expend public money on a private driveway.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to accept the bid from Diemer's Property Services LLC of \$500 for topping out of a tree on Limberlost property and one at the Township Hall. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion supported by Hayward to pass Foreclosure Property Denial Resolution No. 2021-12-15 which denies the transfer of property 70-08-14-300-056 to the Township from Ottawa County. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Frank Johnson appointed Anne Goede to the Planning Commission to fill the partial term expiring January 2022.

Johnson made a motion supported by Vugteveen to table consideration of the candidate to the PC until Planning Commission Chair Martinie can meet with her. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Saddler to table and return to the Planning Commission the proposed Zoning Text Amendment for further review. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the renewal of the Provident Life Insurance coverage for Fire Department members for one year at the present rate with confirmation that it covers nominally paid on-call firefighters. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion supported by Vugteveen to retroactively approve the purchase of sweatshirts and hats for the fire department from Kustom Dezins LLC in the amount of \$1,640. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the temporary housing agreement with Anne Veach. She refused to sign the agreement.

Discussion was held regarding the tragic accident at Rich Street and 144th Ave and if there was anything that could be done to help prevent one in the future. Consensus was to have Supervisor Johnson talk to the Road Commission regarding reflectors.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to accept the resignation of Zoning Administrator Brian Werschem effective January 1, 2022. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to hire Kathy Kuck as interim zoning administrator for two mornings a week for \$30/hr. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to pay Kathy Kuck a \$60 per diem for attendance at the planning commission meeting when requested by the PC Chairperson. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding ARPA funds. The loss calculation was conducted by both Treasurer Bonnie Hayward and our auditor. A loss was determined. As a result, there are more options for use of the funds. A plan for spending needs to be determined by April 30, 2022. Guidelines will be part of next month's packet.

Discussion was held regarding ideas for a memorial to honor Ray Masko.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to accept the bid from Teds' Daily Grind LLC to be paid out of the Fire Department account in the amount of \$500 for trimming of trees along the driveway on the North side of the Fire Station. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: His father received a violation letter for a commercial vehicle on a residential property. He stated that his vehicle is a motor home made from a charter bus and is titled as such. This is a temporary placement while updates are made and will be moved by Summer. Supervisor Johnson has copies of the paperwork confirming this and will communicate with ZA Werschem and will make sure both the complainant and respondent are contacted and given a determination letter.

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

Reports were given: Fire Department has been working on the RFP for a new truck. Andrew Berens cleared to return to work. Treasurer stated that due to issues with the bank, balancing had not been completed yet.

Motion was made by Vugteveen and supported by Bergman to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk