

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Robinson Township Board of Trustees  
January 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
12010 - 120<sup>th</sup> Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

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

Absent: Trustee Travis Bergman

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

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

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

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Saddler made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the agenda with the addition of *2023 Policy and Guidelines for Poverty Exemption from Taxation* to be heard under "any and all other business". Motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson gave his opening remarks.

Johnson appointed Shawn Martinie to the Planning Commission for a three-year term.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve Supervisor Johnson's appointment of Shawn Martinie to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring January 2026. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Bergman absent. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the Sleeper Street Project estimate dated January 6, 2023 from the Ottawa County Road Commission and to authorize the Clerk to sign the estimate. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Bergman absent. Motion carried.

The payment rate for the collection of school taxes has remained at the same rate since 2005/06 and has not been adjusted to account for cost-of-living increases. Current rate is \$2.87. An adjusted rate using the Michigan multiplier would be \$4.29/parcel. Consensus of the board was to have the Treasurer propose to increase the rate to an amount equivalent to the 2014 adjusted rate of \$3.56.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to table the discussion on new Cemetery Fees until a finalized draft of rates is presented. Motion carried.

The consensus of the board was to set the date for Dumpster Day as April 22, 2023. Supervisor Johnson is to seek additional bids from Arrowaste and others.

The consensus of the Board was to allow the Loutit Library to use the Board Room for their outreach program at no cost.

Public Comment:

Resident Matt Pohl brought a discussion to the Board on having the Township contribute funds towards the improving the unimproved section of 124<sup>th</sup> Ave between Lincoln and Buchanan connecting both ends. This proposal would need to be given to the Board prior to a meeting and put on the agenda for full consideration. Before consideration it would need to be determined if the Road Commission would be willing to accept the road into their system and if so what they would require to do that. Can the construction be completed with an independent contractor? What other requirements would they have? Supervisor Johnson is to email Brett Laughlin at OCRC to get the needed answers. It was noted that it is unknown if all of the residents on 124<sup>th</sup> support this initiative.

Joe Bush, Water Resources Commissioner gave an update on the work that his office had been doing on the Drains throughout Ottawa County.

Derek Ochoa from Anytime Junk Removal asked to be considered as a provider for Dumpster Day. Supervisor Johnson promised to contact him.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the Policy and Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions from Taxation for 2023. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hayward announced that the long-time auditing firm that the Township has used will no longer serve municipalities. She will solicit bids for a new auditor.

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

Reports are on file.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler  
Robinson Township Clerk