

Minutes of the
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
November 8, 2023
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417
7:00 p.m.

Present: Frank Johnson, Bonnie Hayward, Christine Saddler and Travis Vugteveen
Absent: Travis Bergman

Also present: Attorney Bultje and seven members of the public

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the invocation given by Supervisor Johnson

Haward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023 board meeting. Motion passed.

Johnson made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the agenda with the addition of a presentation by Rich Houtteman from Consumers Energy. Motion passed.

Rich Houtteman the Community Affairs Manager from Consumers Energy discussed their 7 year reliability road map plan. He also discussed the closure of the Campbell Power plant in 2025. Fire Chief VanVelzen questioned the response during storms when the fire department is tending lines on a road. In those situations the fire chief can contact Emergency Management Director Lou Hunt who has the ability to contact Consumers and have responses prioritized in certain life/safety situations.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve to renewal of Township's Insurance policy from Burnham and Flower at a cost of \$43,069. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to approve the renewal of the Fire Department's Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy for 3 years at a cost of \$2,006 upon confirmation that coverage is not already in effect from a previous renewal. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson distributed profile sheets on the two candidates he is considering for the open planning commission seat.

Discussion was held regarding the disposition of the current 2005 Township Truck. It was the consensus of the Board to have Steve Kraai, Township Maintenance, work on selling it with the snowplow attachment

Clerk Saddler gave a progress update on the development of the new cemetery. Generalized bids have been formulated by Diemer's to determine and confirm that the project can be completed within the budget framework.

Saddler made a motion supported by Hayward to approve Abonmarche, Milanowski and Englebert the contract to conduct the Civil Engineering and Construction Staking contract for the new cemetery, to

authorize the Clerk to sign their professional services agreement subject to the Township's approval of the terms after review by counsel. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Saddler made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the general contracting service amount of 10% for Diemer's Property Services LLC, excluding the portion of the project completed by their company, for the construction of the new cemetery. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hayward shared that Sleeper Street paving had gone out for bids.

Johnson made a motion supported by Vugteveen that the cost of the striping of the Township parking lot be split between the Fire Department and the Township. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: The gas lines on Sleeper Street are going to be moved on the 20th

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

Reports are on file.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the sale of the KME International Pumper to the Glen Elder Fire Department in Kansas for \$80,000. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

A joint meeting with the Planning Commission will be held in December or January to review the draft Master Plan.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk