

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP WATER BOARD  
June 9, 2021

The special meeting of the Robinson Township Water Board was called to order at 6:05 PM at the Robinson Township Hall.

Present

Bonnie Hayward  
Bill Maschewske  
Milt Reeths

Absent

Kurt Koella  
Nate Adamczyk

There were no members of the public present.

A motion was made by Milt Reeths and seconded by Bill Maschewske to approve the October 20, 2020 Water Board minutes as written.

The motion carried unanimously with two members absent.

A motion was made by Milt Reeths and seconded by Bill Maschewske to approve the agenda as written.

The motion carried unanimously with two members absent.

Public Comment – None

Business

Election of Officers

The election of officers was discussed. It was agreed to have Bonnie Hayward be acting Chairperson for this meeting. It was agreed that the Election of Officers would be held at a following meeting at which hopefully more members would be in attendance.

Discussions

Bonnie Hayward reported that citizen calls have been received at the Township Hall regarding residential water wells spitting air along 120<sup>th</sup> Ave. North of Buchanan St. It is not known what the issue is with these wells or if there is any connection to the recent approval received from EGLE by Spring Meadow Nursery for four wells, each for 300 gallons per minute, seven days per week, 365 days per year with two wells operating 8 hours per day and two wells operating 10 hours per day. Since the Township does not permit wells, citizen calls have been referred to the Ottawa County Environmental Health Department. Bonnie Hayward agreed to send all members a link to the EGLE website.

Action Items from the Previous Meeting were reviewed.

1. New Ottawa County Environmental Health shallow well requirements were previously discussed at the last meeting. Bonnie Hayward will follow up with Paul Sachs of Ottawa County Planning and Performance Improvement to provide an update.
2. Bonnie Hayward will investigate to see if a water access contract exists between Robinson Township and Olive Township.
3. Copies of the approved Robinson Township Master Water Plan will be distributed by Bonnie Hayward to Milt Reeths, Nate Adamczyk, and Kurt Koella.
4. Copies of the Robinson Township Water Ordinance, Ordinance 93-1, will be distributed to all Water Board members.
5. Review of the Robinson Township Water Ordinance will be scheduled following distribution of the document.
6. Bill Maschewske is to distribute Deep Aquifer Recharge Area Maps at the next Water Board meeting.

#### Further Discussions

Bonnie Hayward expressed concern over the Ottawa County Groundwater Initiative Committee's future actions. A discussion was held regarding Section 125.3209 of the Township Zoning Act to determine if a Township Water Ordinance would take precedence over a County Ordinance on the same issue. This issue will be discussed with Township Attorney Ron Bultje at the next available opportunity.

A motion was made by Milt Reeths and seconded by Bill Maschewske to adjourn the Water Board meeting at 6:52 PM.

The motion carried unanimously with two members absent.

Bill Maschewske, Acting Secretary  
Robinson Township Water Board