

Minutes of the  
Robinson Township Board of Trustees  
June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting  
12010 120<sup>th</sup> 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 twelve members of the public

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

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2024 board meeting as presented. Motion approved.

Johnson made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the agenda with the removal of #12 use of Township Park for Radio event. Motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson gave his opening remarks. Summer is here. That means no shoes.

Loutit Library Director Ellen Peters gave a presentation on the services that the library delivers which include reading materials of all formats, genealogy records and research assistance, variety of programs for all ages including children's story time and newly opened vinyl record center with listening stations. She also talked about the library millage proposal that is on the ballot and the services they hope to be able to provide if it passes which includes home delivery of books for seniors and a book pickup station at the Township Hall.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve **Master Plan Approval Resolution 2024-06-11** which was forwarded to the Board for approval by the Planning Commission following the Public Hearing held on May 22, 2024. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board to request a quote from Fresh Coast Planning for the updating of the Zoning Ordinance.

Johnson made a motion supported by Hayward to approve **NORA Withdrawal Resolution 2024-06-10** with an effective date of July 1, 2025. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mary Twa, Park Board Chairperson, gave presentation on what the Park Board has accomplished and will be focusing on for the future. They would like to make the Park and inviting place for all and to encourage events to be held to bring the Community together.

Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to approve quote #1096 from KHC Technologies for managed IT Services at a cost of \$19,525.75: \$16,100 annual cost and \$3,425.75 cost and to authorize the Clerk to sign. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to untable the website ADA compliance discussion. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Saddler to approve the quote from KHC Technologies for a UserWay Accessibility widget to be implemented to provide ADA compliance for the Township website at a cost of \$500. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve **General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution 2024-06-12** amending Sherriff Contract account +\$1,400 and decreasing Township Office and Grounds by the same. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to approve the quote from Soils and Structures to conduct a soil boring at the new Township Cemetery at a cost of \$3,940 with the condition that the liability clause be removed. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson made a motion to appoint Penni DeWitt as Loutit Library Board Representative for a three-year term expiring 6/3/2027. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion supported by Vugteveen to appoint Milt Reeths as a Water Board Member for a three-year term expiring March 31, 2027. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on engine braking. Comments included: ordinances against engine braking are unenforceable, use of the engine brakes helps the trucks slow down safely and would cause safety issues to not allow their use. If complaints come in, we will continue to relay the message to the trucking company and request that they limit the use.

Discussion was held regarding a request from a citizen to pay to contract with a consulting service to conduct a survey to assess to extent of the spongy moth infestation in Robinson Township at a cost of \$5,000. Supervisor Johnson shared that we have had many experts come in and the consensus was that they are no longer considered an invasive species, and thus no invasive species monies for it. We believe they are starting to decline and collapse and will be less of a problem in the future. Some residents privately contracted to have spraying done. Other methods to combat them are to apply neem oil to the sacks or scrape the egg sacks into a bucket of soapy water. Using burlap tied around trees (folded over) prevents the worms from climbing up and traps them where they can be destroyed. Robinson Township is following the action of both the State and County to not use Township funds to spray for Spongy Months and instead encourage residents to take personal responsibility for their own property. The Township has utilized the neem oil, scrapping of sacks and the burlap at both the Township Hall and Park properties and have seem minimal numbers of worms. Consensus of the Board was to not entertain the idea of conducting a survey.

Saddler made a motion supported by Hayward to untable the discussion on the purchase of a trail rake. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Johnson to purchase a trail rake at a cost not to exceed \$800. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Public comment: comments and questions were received regarding the short-term rental survey and the bridge repairs being made by Ottawa County Road Commission.

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

Reports are on file. Investigating possible issues with deterioration of a wall in the vault.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler  
Robinson Township Clerk