

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
November 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Present: Frank Johnson, Bonnie Hayward, Christine Saddler and Travis Vugteveen present.

Absent: Travis Bergman

Also present: Attorney Bultje and twenty-three 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 October 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion approved.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024 Special Board Meeting as presented. Motion approved.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson gave his opening remarks speaking on how it has been an honor to have been Supervisor and that he had a good time.

Saddler made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the renewal of the insurance policy for Township and Fire Department through Acrisure (formerly Burnham and Flower) including the Cyber policy at cost of \$54,622.00. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Bergman absent. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the First Amendment to the Water Master Plan which identifies a priority to extend the water system to the Stearns Bayou Bridge and the to extend it over the Stearns Bayou Bridge. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Bergman absent. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hayward gave an update on the monitoring well that Ottawa County is planning on putting in the Township Park. A contract is being drawn up that will identify responsibilities and liabilities and all of the parameters of the project.

Supervisor Johnson opened the public hearing for the Rex and Janice Pease Special Use Application for 13353 Green Street.

Public Comment:

Greg Kobrzycki, 13285 Green Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417 provided written comments (attached) and spoke in opposition to the project. His concerns include having an oversize structure located in direct sight of his house, the wooded barrier being removed, the resulting high density of structures within the area and possible impacts to the water source/wells. Concerns were also raised as to the stuff left outside for many years. He stated that if the oversize building was located at a different spot upon the property, closer to the neighboring church property, the negative impacts would not be as severe.

Mary Twa, 13241 Green Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417 asked if a business was being run out or would be run out of this location causing additional traffic. Mr. Pease stated that there was no business, only personal use.

Johnson made a motion supported by Vugteveen to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion supported by Hayward to send the Pease Special Use application back to the Planning Commission for further review and recommendation. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance 2024-11-03 Defining Marine Construction and providing for special uses in I-2. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Bergman absent. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the quote from McKellips Heating and Cooling #2024-4194R for a hanging furnace in the garage to replace the broken one at a cost of \$3,475.00. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve all of the PA 116 applications from H. Wolcott Family Farms LLC, parcels 70-08-24-400-014, 70-08-24-200-027, 70-08-24-400-015, 70-08-24-400-018, 70-08-24-400-019, 70-08-35-400-024 and 70-08-35-40-020. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Bergman absent. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve incoming Treasurer's attendance at a training held in Kalamazoo on November 21st and to reimburse for mileage and meals. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes. Bergman absent. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to set the 2024 Holiday Office Hours to be closed on December 25, 26 and 27th then also January 1, 2 and 3rd 2025. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the hiring of new firefighters Brinley Lang and Elijah Wagenmaker. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the PFAS monitoring well that will be installed by EGLE near the Fire Department station in December.

Hayward made a motion supported by Johnson to approve the renewal for the Fire Department's Life Insurance policy, choosing the present plan at a cost of \$6,612. Roll call vote was held with all members present voting yes, Bergman absent. Motion carried.

Public comment:

Bernice Berens expressed her gratitude for outgoing Board Members Bonnie Hayward, Christine Saddler and Travis Vugteveen for their many years of service and work to protect the residents of Robinson Township, acknowledging all of the work that they had put in.

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

Reports are on file. Zoning Administrator Julie Lovelace will be leaving Fresh Coast Planning. A replacement is being trained.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk