

Minutes of the  
Robinson Township Board of Trustees  
February 28, 2025, Special Meeting  
12010 120<sup>th</sup> Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417  
9:30 A.M.

Present: Adam MacMillan, Penni DeWitt, Steven Ambrose. Absent: Jamie Tubergen, Ben Ipema.

Also present: Eight members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Supervisor MacMillan.

Public Comment: Tom Schultz – asked why the decision in regard to selection of a fire chief was done at the last minute.

John May – asked about the non-appointment of deputy chief as interim chief.

Motion made by DeWitt, supported by MacMillan, to hire attorney Brad Fisher from Scholten Fant to attend the March 10, 2025 Board of Review. MacMillan asked if there were any questions. DeWitt inquired about why our attorney, Ron Bultje, was not representing us at the Board of Review; she noted that Ron Bultje was just appointed interim attorney to represent Ottawa County. MacMillan explained that Brad Fisher is an attorney that specializes in BOR issues, and we have hired him in the past to assist with BOR issues. Roll call vote: MacMillan – yes; DeWitt – yes; Ambrose – yes. Absent: Tubergen, Ipema. Motion carried.

Motion made by MacMillan, supported by Ambrose, to hire Eric Tubergen as interim fire chief effective 3/1/25 with compensation equal to that of the current fire chief. Ambrose explained the interview process on Wednesday night for replacement of the fire chief. He indicated there were three excellent candidates; deliberation was long in making a decision. Roll call vote: MacMillan – yes; DeWitt – yes; Ambrose – yes. Absent: Tubergen, Ipema. Motion carried.

Supervisor MacMillan explained the public comment policy. The public is welcome to make comments; the Board will listen to the comments; the Board is not required to respond to comments in the meeting. He welcomes the public to e-mail him with questions.

Paul Van Velzen joined the meeting and indicated the interim fire chief is going to need some training, and he is willing to do that for compensation, as has been done for the clerk and treasurer. MacMillan is willing to talk about this after the meeting. When asked by MacMillan if there was anyone else that he had trained to help, Van Velzen indicated that he was the only one that was trained and could help train the new fire chief.

MacMillan made a motion supported by DeWitt to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Penni A. DeWitt,  
Robinson Township Clerk