

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP WATER BOARD

March 8, 2023

The special meeting of the Robinson Township Water Board was called to order at 6:03 PM at the Robinson Township Hall by Supervisor Frank Johnson.

Present

Bonnie Hayward
Bill Maschewske
Milt Reeths
Kurt Koella
Nate Adamczyk

Absent

None

Also present was Supervisor Frank Johnson who scheduled the meeting. There were no members of the public present until near the end of the meeting when John Wood and Tim and Sharon Shafer were present.

A written agenda for the meeting was not available.

The Action Items from the previous meeting were reviewed and are included below.

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.

Bonnie Hayward responded to most of the Action Items. Copies of the Approved Robinson Township Master Water Plan and the Robinson Township Water Ordinance, Ordinance 93-1, had been distributed (Action Items 3 and 4). No water access contract with Olive Township could be found. Olive Township was contacted but no response was received (Action Item 2). The Ottawa County Health Department was contacted about revised shallow well requirements with no response back from them (Action Item 1).

At this time, Bill Maschewske left the meeting to make color copies of the Deep Aquifer Area Recharge Maps and the report from Dr. David Lusch of Michigan State University regarding both shallow and deep aquifer recharge areas in Robinson Township. Upon return to the meeting, copies of these documents were distributed, addressing Action Item 6 on the June 9, 2021 meeting Action Item list above.

A motion was made by Kurt Koella and seconded by Nate Adamczyk to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2021 Water Board meeting.
The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Maschewske – Inquired if there was a written agenda for the meeting sent to members as usual since he did not receive one. He noted that previous meetings had been posted.

Supervisor Frank Johnson – Stated there was no written agenda and the meeting was not posted since it was not necessary for an organizational meeting.

Supervisor Johnson called for the Election of Officers.

A motion was made by Kurt Koella to nominate and elect Nate Adamczyk as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Milt Reeths.
The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Maschewske and seconded by Nate Adamczyk to nominate and elect Kurt Koella as Vice-Chairperson.
The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nate Adamczyk and seconded by Bonnie Hayward to nominate and elect Bill Maschewske Secretary.
The motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding the lack of a representative from Robinson Township on the Ottawa County Groundwater Initiative Board. This was felt an oversight considering the groundwater PFAS contamination in Robinson Township. Chairperson Adamczyk will investigate.

Bonnie Hayward stated that during several months of the year, Robinson Township water usage from Grand Haven Township is at or over the contracted amount. The contracted amount is not exceeded on an annual basis. The current contract with Grand Haven Township may need to be reviewed. She also noted that several residential deep wells along 96th Ave. have gone dry and that is apparently the reason for several new connections to the 96th Ave. water line extension.

Following discussion, it was agreed the Water Board would meet quarterly.

It was agreed to have the Township Secretary create a list of email contacts for all Water Board members.

Supervisor Johnson – Stated he will check re-appointment dates for members. All members stated they were willing to be re-appointed.

Chairperson Adamczyk requested comments from the public that was now present and there were none.

A motion was made by Nate Adamczyk and seconded by Kurt Koella to adjourn the Water Board meeting at 6:53 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Maschewske, Secretary
Robinson Township Water Board