

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP WATER BOARD
February 19, 2024

The meeting of the Robinson Township Water Board was called to order at 6:03 PM at the Robinson Township Hall.

Present

Bonnie Hayward
Bill Maschewske
Milt Reeths
Kurt Koella

Absent

Nate Adamczyk

Also present was Township Supervisor Frank Johnson.

Due to the absence of Chairperson Nate Adamczyk, Vice-Chairperson Kurt Koella chaired the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Milt Reeths and seconded by Kurt Koella to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023 Water Board meeting as written.
The motion carried unanimously with one member absent.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Bonnie Hayward and seconded by Milt Reeths to approve the agenda as written.
The motion carried unanimously with one member absent.
A copy of the agenda is attached.

Business

There were no specific agenda items reported by the Chairperson.

Bonnie Hayward – Agreed to provide copies of the agenda and minutes for members at future meetings.

Bill Maschewske – A statement was made at the November 21, 2023 Water Board meeting that the Continental Dairy in Coopersville was a large user of groundwater and the effluent went to Lake Michigan. Bryan Buist, Director of the Coopersville Department of Public Works verified by telephone conversation that the water supply for Continental Dairy comes from the Grand Rapids water system (source Lake Michigan) and is discharged to the Coopersville Sewage Treatment Plant.

Bonnie Hayward reported that she had distributed copies of the Township Board Resolution that created the Water Board and specifically identified the responsibilities of the Water Board.

Since no agenda items were listed, a general discussion regarding the possible extension of water utilities in Robinson Township was discussed.

Consideration was given to where any water utility extensions should be considered. It was noted that the Northwest corner of the Township near Albee's Cove would be consistent with the Township Master Land Use Plan, serve an area already developed, and provide good water in an area that has water quantity and/or quality issues. The consensus of the Water Board was not in favor of constructing water utilities through undeveloped or agricultural areas.

Bill Maschewske – Is there anything we should be doing regarding the Grand Haven Charter Township water contract?

Bonnie Hayward – Stated there has been no pushback from Grand Haven Township regarding connecting new customers on existing water lines. Robinson Township has exceeded the contracted limit of water for several years during the third quarter of the year but is well below the limit the remaining three quarters. It was noted that Albee's Cove is completely developed. She also stated that when the Stearns Bayou bridge work is performed for the non-motorized trail this might be an ideal time to run a water line across Clarks Channel. It was recognized that any extension of water lines on the Grand Haven Charter Township system in Robinson Township would probably require a re-negotiation of the contract.

Bill Maschewske – Noted that it would probably be cost effective even if the line were just run across the bridge and capped at each end of the bridge to take advantage of joint construction with bridge repair and modification.

Kurt Koella – What about a line North from M-45 to the village of Robinson to serve the area affected by PFAS contamination?

Bonnie Hayward – Noted that all PFAS affected residents now have filters, including the Fire Station and the Township Hall.

Bonnie Hayward – Asked Supervisor Johnson, as a member of the public, what the Water Board should be working on.

Supervisor Johnson – It would be to supply water to the Stearns Bayou area and those affected by PFAS contamination. The PFAS contamination issue, however, is a bigger issue that should involve the State, and at this time, is probably beyond the scope of the Township. He also noted that the County is proposing legislation to provide better access to the shallow aquifer for residential irrigation, but they are concerned that people may connect this water source to their potable water system.

It was agreed that the Ottawa County Parks Department could be contacted to determine if it is too late to perform joint construction of a water line with the bridge modification. Before any discussion with Grand Haven Charter Township regarding the water contract, the issue should be presented to the Robinson Township Board.

Bonnie Hayward – Agreed the focus should be on the Stearns Bayou area. She also stated the Township has a Capital Water Account and could also seek grants. As the Township Board representative on the Water Board, she agreed to take this issue to the Township Board for consideration before any action is taken.

Following discussion, Bill Maschewske made a motion that was seconded by Bonnie Hayward to have the Water Board meet on an as-needed basis rather than quarterly. The motion carried unanimously with one member absent.

Milt Reeths initiated a discussion regarding the harmful affects of PFAS.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Milt Reeths and seconded by Bonnie Hayward to adjourn the Water Board meeting at 7:04 PM.

The motion carried unanimously with one member absent.

Bill Maschewske, Secretary
Robinson Township Water Board

Attachment: Agenda for February 19, 2024 Water Board Meeting



ROBINSON TOWNSHIP
12010 – 120TH AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MI 49417
616-846-2210

A meeting of the Robinson Township Water Board will be held on **Monday, February 19, 2024** at 6:00 pm at the Robinson Township Hall.

AGENDA

- **Call to Order**
- **Approval of Minutes 11/21/23**
- **Approval of Agenda**

- **Business:**
 1. Any and all other business that may come before the Board

- **Adjournment**

The Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services at this meeting, such as signers for hearing impaired persons and audiotapes of printed materials for visually impaired person, upon receipt of seven days prior notice. Disabled persons requiring such auxiliary aids or services should so notify the Township by contacting the Township Clerk. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of the Michigan Open Meeting Act, Act 267, and Public Act of 1976

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk
February 15, 2024