

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the
Robinson Board of Trustees
Held 03/12/2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

Present:

Tracy Mulligan
Jackie Frye
Bonnie Hayward
Bernice Berens
Travis Vugteveen

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Attorney Ron Bultje
Commissioner Greg DeJong
Zoning Administrator Kathy Kuck
Ottawa County Weighmaster Jody Carter
Refer to sign in sheet for others present

Supervisor Mulligan opened the meeting. An invocation was offered by Trustee Berens. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Berens made a motion to approve the two sets of March minutes as written. Vugteveen seconded the motion and it was approved.

Vugteveen made a motion to approve the agenda. Frye supported the motion and it was approved.

Comments by Supervisor Mulligan:

Condolences were offered to Blair DeYoung on the loss of his Mother.

She commented on her attendance at the MTA conference and what a good experience it was with so many learning opportunities and networking with other Townships.

She explained the work being done by Ottawa County Emergency Management in preparation for possible spring flooding.

Greg Dejong took the floor. He recommended Ottawa County's website for information on flooding and many items of interest to our residents. He talked about the Fracking Seminars and the Ottawa County Budget. He stated that Ottawa County's millage was the second lowest in the State of Michigan.

Vugteveen made a motion to open the Budget Public Hearing. Hayward supported the motion and the Public Hearing was opened. The budgets for the General Fund, the Fire Fund, and the Road Fund were reviewed. Hayward explained that we were hiring a planning consultant firm

to partner with the Planning Commission to update the General Development Master Plan to ensure it has a design for the Townships' future growth that takes into account the construction of M-231. She reviewed how the money was already budgeted for that.

Questions from the residents were answered. There being no further comments Vugteveen made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Hayward seconded the motion and the meeting was closed.

Hayward made a motion to approve the 2014/15 fiscal budget for the General Fund, Fire Fund and Road Fund. Resolution #2014-03-08. Berens supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The Budgets were approved.

Frye made a motion to accept the Grand Haven School's payment of \$2.87 per parcel for the collection of summer taxes. Berens supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The motion passed.

Berens made a motion to approve the fiscal year end budget amendments for the Fire Fund. Frye supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Resolution 2014-03-09 was approved.

Berens made a motion to approve the fiscal year end budget amendments for the Road Fund. Hayward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Resolution 2014-03-10 was approved.

Frye made a motion to approve the fiscal year end budget amendments for the General Fund. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Resolution 2014-03-11 was approved.

Frye made a motion to table the resolution for the Fire Millage Renewal. Berens supported the motion and it was approved.

Fire Department wages were reviewed. Supervisor Mulligan compared the Robinson Township Fire Department wages with similar townships in Ottawa County. The comparisons showed that only one other Township had lower wages. Frye made a motion to raise the wages in the following amounts:

Trainees: \$12.00 to \$13.00 per hour.

Officers: \$19.00 to \$20.00 per hour

Firefighters: \$ 16.00 to \$17.00 per hour

Hayward supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The motion was approved. Effective April 1, 2014.

A discussion was held on making 120th Ave. a permanent truck route. Jody Carter Ottawa County Weighmaster answered questions and explained the road closings that will be implemented this summer for the ongoing M-231 project.

Supervisor Mulligan reported on the references she had checked for LSL Planners. All were good and reported a great job done. Frye made a motion to approve LSL Planners as our consultant company to help update the General Development Master Plan contingent on the details of the contract that they will submit. Vugteveen seconded the motion. A vote was taken with Frye, Mulligan, Hayward and Vugteveen voting aye. Berens voted Nay and the motion carried.

Hayward made a motion to approve Emerald Lake's three year mining permit renewal with the stipulations as set forth by the Planning Commission. This permit will expire in October of 2016. Berens supported the motion and it was approved.

A request was made to Chris Saddler to add to the website that the park would be open April first or as conditions permit.

Letters were read.

Available Grants were discussed.

There was more discussion with Jody Carter about the Fire Department concerns in regards to emergencies and road closures

Vugteveen made a motion to pay the bills. Berens supported the motion and it carried. The reports are on file.

Vugteveen made a motion to adjourn. Hayward supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Jackie s. Frye
Robinson Township Clerk