

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
 March 25, 2014

The special joint meeting of the Robinson Township Planning Commission and Robinson Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Robinson Township Hall.

Planning Commission

Present	Absent
Bill Maschewske	Sue DeRuiter
Shawn Martinie	
Tom Tenbroeke	
George Schippers	
Scott Blackmer	
Travis Vugteveen (payment from Twp. Bd.)	

Township Board

Present	Absent
Tracy Mulligan	None
Bonnie Hayward	
Travis Vugteveen (Planning Commission Representative)	
Bernice Berens	
Jackie Frye	

Also present was Zoning Administrator Kathy Kuck, Pat Staskiewicz of the Ottawa County Road Commission, Rich Bramer of Northland Farms, Tom Newhof and two additional representatives of Prein and Newhof.

The purpose of this joint Planning Commission and Township Board meeting was to receive the Township Wastewater Plan prepared by Prein and Newhof, for the intersections of M-231 and M-45 and Lincoln St.

Bernice Berens gave the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

A presentation of the Wastewater Master Plan was made by Tom Newhof as follows:

Option 1 – Construct a force main from a holding tank at the County Complex up 120th Ave. to M-45.

Option 2 – Construct Option 1 above plus an additional main from the County Complex to the sewage treatment plant.

Option 3 – Construct a force main down M-45 to the West from 120th Ave. to intersect the Northwest Ottawa County Wastewater System.

Option 4 – Construct a force main east down M-45 to Allendale.

Supervisor Mulligan – Do we have access to the West Central Ottawa Wastewater System?

Pat Staskiewicz – Yes.

Mr. Newhof noted that the usage projections for Robinson Township are just guesses since we have no idea what development might be constructed at the subject site. Mr. Newhof also stated that if usage is less than 10,000 gpd, then the Ottawa County Health Department must grant approval. If it is greater than 10,000 gpd, then the DEQ must grant approval and the Township must also approve.

Based upon the projected estimated usages, the costs of the four presented options were discussed.

Shawn Martinie – Would properties along the route of the system have to connect?

Tom Newhof – No, in fact they could not connect without special arrangements. The line would be a force main and would back up into any connection. For general sewage lines, properties must connect if new construction or if the existing septic system fails, unless the dwelling is at least 250 ft. from the sewer line.

Mr. Newhof proceeded to review additional options.

Option 5 – Septic System. This was not considered a viable option due to the high water table and porous sandy soils. This option could be acceptable up to 10,000 gpd.

An inquiry was made regarding if wastewater rates vary among the possible system to which Robinson Township might be served.

Pat Staskiewicz – Yes, very much.

Bonnie Hayward – If a developer comes in, does the Township have a choice of the system?

Tom Newhof – Only if the usage exceeds 10,000 gpd.

Bonnie Hayward – How does the system get financed?

It was agreed this was a question for another meeting.

A motion was made by Jackie Frye and seconded by Tom Tenbroeke to adjourn the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Township Board at 7:20 PM.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Maschewske, Secretary
Robinson Township Planning Commission