

Minutes
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

Present: Kuck, Hayward, Saddler, Berens, Vugteveen Absent: None
Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje, Sheriff Steve Kempker, County Clerk/Register Justin Roebuck and eight members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Berens gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hayward made a motion supported by Berens to approve the May 9, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion supported by Vugteveen to approve the agenda with the removal of the discussion of escrow fees and the addition of: Presentations by Sheriff Kempker and County Clerk/Register Roebuck, FEMA reporting request discussion, mowing of FEMA Grant acquired properties, seawall on VanLopik, Clark Farm cell closure and opening. Tabled items for agenda: Message board. Motion carried.

Opening remarks of Supervisor Kuck: Polkton Township will be hosting the well water testing on June 22 from 10-2. They will be screening for bacteria and nitrates. A Farm to Food event will be held at the Berlin Fair. She shared the conceptual drawing of the Hofma Vision proposed park in Grand Haven Township on recently donated property. The Township office continues to be busy.

Commissioner Greg DeJong reported that Ottawa County is working on an initiative for affordable housing. He implored the board to help a resident with their short term housing issue.

Public Comment:

Justin Roebuck, County Clerk/Register discussed a proposed Election Agreement for the 10 year maintenance agreement for the new election equipment between Ottawa County and each of the local jurisdictions. Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Berens to have Attorney Bultje review this agreement. Motion carried.

Sheriff Steve Kempker presented the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department Annual report which highlights the outstanding job they are doing.

Amanda Zant of 13555 Panacea Way presented a request to the Board to approve a temporary variance to the zoning ordinance to allow a trailer to be placed on their property and lived in while the smoke damage to their home is repaired.

Don Zant of 13555 Panacea Way stated that the variance request would be temporary as their insurance company would be providing the camper to live in and they would not want it to become a permanent solution.

Earl Hilaski of 11601 VanLopik Ave stated that he feels the property next to him needs to be cleaned up. He said it was condemned, however Robinson Township does not have a condemnation policy so that is incorrect. State law does have a dangerous building property policy. Attorney Bultje will send the ZA this information. The property owner did previously shore up his deck so it is not dangerous.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Kuck to authorize the Supervisor to sign a temporary dual residence agreement for Amanda and Don Zant that is drafted and approved by the Township Attorney that would: detail the unique circumstances of this situation, the time limitations which shall be five months from the signing of the agreement, that there shall be adequate water and sanitary facilities, a penalty which would be added to their property tax bill for exceeding the time line and that their home shall not be occupied without an occupancy permit. This agreement would allow for placement of a trailer on their property. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

VugteveenVugteveen made a motion seconded by Hayward to approve a FMLA request from Marena Raymond to use her sick time to help her mother recover from surgery/or her son in laws illness. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Berens to purchase three ash pans replacement kits for the grills in the Township Park. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kuck and seconded by Berens to not pay for the proposed AFLAC policies but will look into other longevity program options for the Fire Department. Motion carried. Hayward and Saddler will work with Kerry Boyer on ideas for incorporating something with our existing 457 plan.

Discussion was held regarding posting “no ~~engine braking~~ engine braking” signs. These signs are not enforceable. Number and placement is undetermined. Kuck will contact the Road Commission to get clarification from them.

Discussion was held on the FEMA Grant reporting on the river properties. The procedures have changed. Pictures will now be required to be taken every three years and submitted to the State. Pictures were just taken and the next set will be due June 1, 2021. The pictures have been loaded into the assessing system.

Discussion on mowing of the FEMA grant acquired properties. We do mow it occasionally but want to allow it to be as natural as possible. Our mowing could change if the State/FEMA notifies that this is not allowed. A letter will be sent to property owners on VanLopik and Limberlost that states that we do mow our properties and they should not be mowing them and reiterate that those properties are not to be used for dumping yard waste. This will be sent out by Hayward and Saddler.

Discussion on removal of seawall on VanLopik. If this is to be done, we would want to have approval from FEMA, DEQ, and Army Corps of Engineers and a soil and sedimentation permit before proceeding. We would have to figure out how to remove the wall. The consensus of the Board is to remove the boards from the top of the seawall and pursue determining how to remove the seawall. Phil Johnson may be able to assist with how to remove this.

Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck to approve the request for the Clark Farm mining site to place cell 4 from active to interim and to place cell 7 in active status and increase the bond by \$16,700. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion on letter from Joseph and Mary Ellis and request to waive building permit reopening fee. No action taken.

Kuck made a motion supported by Hayward to reopen the discussion on the message board. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to approve purchase of a message board for placement by the drop box for a cost of \$1,750 plus shipping. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Hayward reported that the updated website will be ready to launch in July after training is conducted.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Reports are on file.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk