

Robinson Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Held July 9, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

Present:

Tracy Mulligan
Bonnie Hayward
Travis Vugteveen
Bernice Berens
Christine Saddler

Absent:

Jackie Frye

Also Present:

Ron Bultje-Attorney
Kathy Kuck-Zoning Administrator
Greg DeJong-Ottawa County Commissioner
Amanda Price- State Representative, 89th District

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mulligan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an invocation was offered by Trustee Berens

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Hayward to approve the minutes of 6/11/14 with the addition of "and had adequate space for the public" for the motion regarding the tour of the Township with LSL. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to approve the agenda with the addition of Amanda Price. Motion carried.

Commissioner DeJong gave an update on activities in the County. He has been knocking on doors campaigning for reelection. One concern of residents is road closure information. The Ottawa County Road Commission will be holding a public hearing on July 22, 2104 concerning a ballot proposal to place a 1/5 percent millage on the ballot in November.

Representative Price gave an update of the State legislature. The budget has been passed. Revenue sharing is up and the EVIP process has been streamlined. The bike path portion of M-231 will be name in honor of Henry Plant, who was a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient from Robinson Township.

Berens made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to open the Public Hearing for the Russell property. Motion carried.

A brief explanation of the special use permit being applied for was given by James Russell. There have been multiple businesses located in that location over the years. When he went to sell it again it was discovered that the zoning had changed and he would need to have a special use permit.

No other comments from the audience.

Berens made a motion seconded by Hayward to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to adopt Exhibit B; a *Motion to Grant a Special Use Permit to James A. Russell and Faye A. Russell* for the property at 12880 North Cedar Drive, Parcel No. 70-04-32-400-043 and to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the Agreement to Accept Terms and Conditions of a Special Use Permit. Motion carried.

The sealed bids for the old utility trailer were opened. Two bids were received. The highest bid was for \$305.76 from Dennis McPherson. Berens made a motion seconded by Hayward to accept the bid from McPherson. Roll call vote: Everyone voted yes. Absent: Frye. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Hayward to issue a refund of the \$1500 application fee paid by Ken Topp for a Class B Earth Change less 10% based on his withdrawal request. Roll Call vote: All voted yes. Absent: Frye. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the publishing of the newsletter to be included with the tax bills. The consensus was that it was a benefit to the residents and we would continue to publish it.

Berens made a motion, seconded by Hayward to sign the *Pledge for Insurance Coverage of County Owned Election Equipment*. Roll Call vote: All voted yes.

Berens made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to purchase a camera at a cost of no more than \$400 for the Assessor. Roll Call vote: All voted yes. Absent: Frye. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the use of millings from Buchanan Street paving to repave the Township parking lot. The consensus was to wait due to the high cost and the extensive work needed before paving.

The Draft of the Annual Financial Report from the auditor was reviewed. A motion was made by Berens and seconded by Vugteveen to leave the funds in the accounts as is and in the future look at changing the distribution by adding a building improvement account. Motion carried.

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

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Hayward to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted

Christine Saddler

Deputy Clerk