

Minutes
October 11, 2017 Regular Meeting
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

Present: Kuck, Hayward, Saddler, Berens, Vugteveen

Absent: None

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje, Commissioner DeJong, Jared Dekker, Jordan Dekker and four 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.

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Berens to approve the September 13, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to approve the September 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion seconded by Hayward to approve the agenda with the addition of #9 to set special meeting date. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kuck thanked the fire department for putting on a wonderful open house at Robinson Elementary. Grand Haven Township sent a letter to the Fire Department to thank them for attending their open house. She expressed thanks to the Sheriff's Department personnel who are always willing to help us when needed, especially Eric Tubergen. She is planning on attending the Legislative Forum on October 27 and the October 30th Fall Planning Meeting.

Commissioner Greg DeJong attended a recent presentation regarding the Poor Farm. He donated a copy of the video to the Township. He also attended an event at the newly expanded Ravines Park, an AG Preservation fundraiser, the Robinson Township fire open house and a tour of the Ludington Power plant and wind farm. Upcoming events include the Water Quality Forum and the M231 race on October 21st.

The migrant housing site plan and special use request was reviewed, with questions answered by Jared and Jordan Dekker. They stated that no record of an easement allowing access to the neighboring back property had been found. It was clarified that any dispute over continued access would be a property matter between the two owners. The Planning Commission had specified that a legal description of the easement should be submitted prior to approval by the Board. Research as to how the back property was created without an easement will be conducted by the Township. Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Berens to approve the Dekker Farm Migrant Housing Site Plan and Special Use request based on the findings and conditions of the Planning Commission at the September 26, 2017 meeting. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Saddler made a motion seconded by Berens to approve the hiring of Derek DeLuca and Greg Kindt as new firefighters. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Hayward to table Renewal of Township Insurance. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to approve the 1 year renewal of the current plan of the Provident Death and Dismemberment insurance policy for the fire department. Roll call vote was held: Kuck-yes, Berens-yes, Vugteveen-no, Hayward-no, Saddler-no. Motion failed.

Hayward made a motion supported by Kuck to table renewal of Provident D&D coverage. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to approve Kuck's attendance at the Water Quality Forum on November 30, 2017. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the necessity of pursuing a tire cleanup grant. Vugteveen made a motion supported by Kuck to not pursue a tire cleanup grant at this time. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Hayward to table discussion on dump day. Motion carried.

Section 3.0 of the Personnel Policy was reviewed. A clarification will be added for the timing of an annual performance review.

Kuck made a motion supported by Berens to hold a special board meeting on October 24, 2017 at 5:00 to discuss the two renewals of insurance, the website demonstrations from Addorio Technologies and Standard Computers, upgrading email system and dump day. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion supported by Berens for Supervisor Kuck to be a part of the advisory committee for the Bass River/Deer Creek Restoration Project and to be reimbursed for meetings if submitted. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hayward and supported by Berens to direct Crystal Bultje to review our Zoning Ordinance and its wireless communications facility language and address any Michigan Zoning Enabling Act or FCC concerns.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming vacancy on the Planning Commission due to the resignation of Rich Sibley.

Discussion was held on the complaint by a resident on Limberlost about the erosion occurring on Township property that might hurt her property. Consensus was that it is up to residents to take care of their own seawalls.

Reports are on file.

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

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Berens to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk