

Minutes
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
December 13, 2017 Regular Meeting
12010 120th Ave, Grand Haven MI 49417

Present: Kuck, Hayward, Saddler, Berens, Vugteveen

Absent: None

Also present: Attorney Ron Bultje, Commissioner Greg DeJong 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 November 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Hayward to approve the November 29, 2017 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried

Vugteveen made a motion seconded by Kuck to approve the agenda with the addition of "group term insurance for Fire Department" as number 7 and to reorder the agenda, placing Medical Marijuana as number 6. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kuck reported that the office has been busy this month and she was able to attend several meetings at Ottawa County including the Water Quality Forum and the MTA Christmas dinner.

Commissioner Greg DeJong announced, to the delight of those present, that he will be seeking to be reelected as our County Commissioner in 2018 and gave an update on happenings in Ottawa County.

Kuck made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to table the Robinson Township defined benefit 401A agenda item. Motion carried.

Berens made a motion seconded by Hayward to revise the meeting per diem rate for the zoning administrator's contract to \$60 per PC or ZBA meetings and Board meetings upon request retroactive to 11/13/17. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

The final version of the Robinson Township Park Memorial Policy, which had been previously approved by the Board with final revisions to be done by the Township attorney, was reviewed. Now that it is in place, a letter along with a copy of the policy will be sent to the resident who was interested in making a donation.

Vugteveen made a motion to send the Clerk to the MMAC accreditation class in March. Motion died for lack of support.

Berens made a motion seconded by Kuck to table the discussion on sending the Clerk to the MMAC Clerk accreditation class in Mt. Pleasant. Motion carried.

Review of section 5 of the personnel policy was conducted. Kuck will collect all of the job descriptions to consolidate into one location.

The need for a Medical Marijuana opt out resolution was discussed. Consensus was that the previous motion by the Board that stated we choose not to proceed with approving anything was sufficient.

Kuck made a motion supported by Hayward to approve a 1 year renewal of the Provident Term Life Insurance at the present plan for the fire department. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes.

Al Esanola had a concern with the method of salting the roads being done by the road commission. It was recommended that he contact the Ottawa County Road Commission with his concerns.

Saddler made a motion seconded by Hayward to untable the Amendment to the Emergency Medical Service Agreement. Motion carried.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Vugteveen to approve the First Amendment to Emergency Medical Services Agreement dated 11/14/17 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign. Roll call vote was held with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Kuck made a motion seconded by Hayward to untable the Farmland Preservation Resolution. Motion carried. No motion to approve was made.

Discussion was held regarding proposed legislation that would restrict local control in regards to utilities being placed in road right of ways. Supervisor Kuck will contact our legislators on behalf of the Board to express our concerns.

Discussion was held regarding farmers being contacted regarding their property being leased to allow solar panels to be installed and if our current zoning ordinance currently addresses this. It was noted that the installation of a large number of solar panels would be considered a commercial use which is not allowed in AG zoning. We should make sure we make allowances for it somewhere in the future. It would be a good use for properties that are not prime farmland. The planning commission could create a solar overlay district. This would be a good discussion item for a joint meeting between the Planning Commission and Board.

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

Supervisor Kuck gave an update on NORA and the cooperative effort being undertaken.

Hayward made a motion seconded by Kuck to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried.
Reports are on file.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Clerk