

**Meeting
Of the
Regular Board
Of the
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
Held 01/09/13 at 7:30 P.M.**

Present:

Tracy Mulligan
Jackie Frye
Bonnie Hayward
Bernice Berens
Travis Vugteveen

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Several members of various boards, members of the Robinson Township Fire Department, applicants and residents, totaling approximately 50 individuals.

Supervisor Mulligan opened the meeting. Trustee Berens gave the invocation, and that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

A motion was made, supported, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting.

Mulligan made a motion to change #4 on the agenda to read "reappointment of various board members," and to move the CITO project to #1, and then to approve the agenda as revised. Berens supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Greg DeJong introduced himself as a new County Commissioner. He explained his experience and said he was looking forward to serving the residents of Ottawa County. He passed out cards and stated he wanted to be available to all residents and if he could not answer their questions he would get the answers for them.

The CITO Project was explained by a representative. CITO would be willing to take on the labor for any projects at the park, township or fire department. Berens made a motion to accept the offer. Mulligan seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Berens made a motion to untable the matter of the Orr Class A earth change application. Hayward supported the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Mulligan explained the items and information the Board had requested. Soil borings for contaminants were explained by Kurt Koella, a member of the Water Board. He offered to calculate the size of the pond in the application if needed.

Township Attorney Ron Bultje wanted to have a report showing the ratio of the pond to the number of acres that will be irrigated for agriculture, and confirming that the proposed pond and its size were required for the irrigation of the acreage. This report should be from a reliable source.

The question is should it be a Class A or a Class B Earth Change? It is large enough to be a Class B, and it can be treated as a Class A only if its size is justified by a need for irrigation of the tillable area.

Gary Orr indicated that the field to be stripped and replenished with soil from the banks of the Grand River would now be stripped to only 34 to 36 inches of depth, rather than eight feet. Bultje indicated that last month, the applicant was asked for justification of the size of the pond, and asked for documentation concerning the stripping and replenishing. Since none of that information was produced, Bultje recommended the motion be tabled.

The property owner, James Szymas, stated that the tillable area of the land to be irrigated is 20 acres. Orr says he wants to expand it to 80 acres, if possible.

Because the required information was not submitted Vugteveen made a motion to table the Orr class A application. Berens supported the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Ambrose Class A Earth Change application and the work completed was reviewed. Steve Ambrose asked for an extension of the six months to complete the project. Ambrose did not have information to confirm the size of the pond and whether it was a Class A or a Class B. Vugteveen made a motion to table this application until Ambrose confirms the size of the pond. Berens supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

Frye made a motion to direct Chris Saddler to write the Grant Request for scrap tire removal. Mulligan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bultje reported on the status of the Horton Property.

Berens made a motion to pay Mindy Raymond an additional 4.5 hours of Holiday Pay for New Year's Eve. Hayward supported the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The following appointments were made and approved.

Berens made the motion to reappoint Sue DeRuitter to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Vugteveen. Motion passed unanimously.

Frye made a motion to reappoint George Schippers to the Planning Commission. Berens supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vugteveen made a motion to appoint Tom TenBroeke to the Planning Commission. Berens supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Hayward made a motion to reappoint Kurt Koella to the Water Board. Berens supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Hayward made a motion to reappoint Kathy Kuck to the NORA Board. Frye supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Berens made a motion to reappoint Milt Reths to the Board of Review. Hayward supported the motion. Motion passed with one dissent.

Berens made a motion to reappoint Rod Bekius to the Board of Review. Vugteveen supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Hayward made a motion to reappoint Rich Conaway to the Board of Review. Frye supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Frye made a motion to reappoint Greg Poel to the Board of Review. Berens supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Vugteveen made a motion that all pond applications be sent to be reviewed by the Planning Commission before coming to the Board. Hayward supported the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Berens made a motion to approve a contract with Zeeland Public Schools for summer tax collection, requiring the payment of \$2.87 per parcel. Vugteveen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Discussions were held on temporary truck routes, bonds, and the fact that contractors must ask for a variance to truck route ordinance that is applicant specific.

Berens made a motion to pay the bills. Vugteveen supported the motion and it was approved.

The reports are on file.

Hayward made a motion to adjourn. The motion was supported by Vugteveen. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Jackie S. Frye
Robinson Township Clerk.

The sign in sheet for this meeting is available at Robinson Township Hall.