

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
ROBINSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD MAY 8, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

TRACY MULLIGAN  
JACKIE FRYE  
BONNIE HAYWARD  
BERNICE BERENS  
TRAVIS VUGTEVEEN

**ABSENT:**

NONE

**ALSO PRESENT:**

KATHY KUCK  
RON BULTJE  
PHIL JOHNSON  
GREG DEJONG  
JIM VANTOL  
PAUL ELIAS  
TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY TRACY MULLIGAN. BERNICE BERENS GAVE THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER DEJONG EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE OF ALL THE RECENT FLOODING OTTAWA COUNTY HAS BEEN DECLARED A DISASTER AREA. HE REPORTED THAT FEMA WOULD BE WALKING THROUGH THE FLOODED AREAS TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE. HE URGED BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND ROAD COMMISSION MEETINGS AND TO LOOK TO THE OTTAWA COUNTY WEBSITE FOR LOTS OF GOOD INFORMATION.

THE P.C. GAVE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD TO IMPOSE A NINE MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUE OF LED AND DIGITALLY LIGHTED SIGNS.

JIM VANTOL, ON BEHALF OF THE EMBASSY BAR & GRILL, GAVE A PRESENTATION ON SIGNS AND WHY HE THOUGHT THESE SIGNS SHOULD BE APPROVED, ESPECIALLY THE ONE FOR THE EMBASSY BAR AND GRILL. HE STATED HE HAD FOLLOWED ALL OF THE RULES. WHEN HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTING THE PROPER PAPERWORK AND TALKED TO THE FORMER ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, HE ASSURED HIM VERBALLY THAT THERE WAS NO PROBLEM. WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE TOWNSHIP THERE WAS A NEW ZONING ADMINISTRATOR WHO DID NOT AGREE THAT IT COULD BE APPROVED. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY RON BULTJE SAID IF THE ISSUE WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE IT COULD NOT BE APPROVED. HE SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE MORATORIUM TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR STUDY OF THE ISSUE OF LED AND DIGITAL SIGNS. VUGTEVEEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE *ROBINSON TOWNSHIP BOARD RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE ERECTION OR OPERATION OF DIGITAL SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP - RESOLUTION #2013-05-10*. HAYWARD SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE. THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED.

DENNIS MCKEE EXPLAINED THAT THE INSTALLATION OF CONSUMER ENERGY'S "SMART METERS" WOULD BE STARTING SOON IN ROBINSON TOWNSHIP, WITH SOME POSSIBLE DELAY DUE TO HIGH WATER LEVELS, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF 136<sup>TH</sup> AVE. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING PROBLEMS THAT PEOPLE WHO NEEDED TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WERE HAVING GETTING THESE APPOINTMENTS SET UP. HE SAID THAT CONSUMERS HAS BEEN WORKING ON IT AND THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS SHOULD BE UP AND RUNNING.

PHIL JOHNSON EXPLAINED WHICH MINING SITES WERE UP TO RECEIVE RENEWAL OF THEIR PERMITS. RON BULTJE ADVISED THAT THE CURRENT PROCESS FOR EARTH CHANGE PERMITS IS TO FIRST RECEIVE P.C. APPROVAL AND THEN THEY ARE SENT TO THE BOARD. HAYWARD MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE RENEWAL OF THE CLARK FARM SITE AND SEND THE APPLICATION TO THE P.C. BERENS SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS APPROVED.

BERENS MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE NEW SOCCER NETS FOR THE PARK, NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00. FRYE SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS ON TRUCK ROUTES, ESCROW MATTERS AND WATER LEVELS.

HAYWARD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE FOURTH REVISED RESOLUTION FOR ESCROW ACCOUNTS # 2013-05-11. VUGTEVEEN SUPPORTED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE. THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.

ROAD LIGHTING WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WAS DECIDED TO ASK CONSUMERS ENERGY TO CONDUCT A STUDY IN THE AREA OF 128<sup>TH</sup> AND M-45 FOR A POSSIBLE STREET LIGHT.

HAYWARD MADE A MOTION TO DIRECT RON BULTJE TO ACCEPT THE HORTON PROPERTY OFFER AND RETURN THE PAPERWORK TO ROBINSON TOWNSHIP. BERNICE SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS APPROVED.

**BERENS MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS THAT WAS SECONDED BY VUGTEVEEN. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

THE REPORTS ARE ON FILE.

VUGTEVEEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THAT BERENS SUPPORTED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:16 P.M.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

**JACKIE S. FRYE  
ROBINSON TOWNSHIP CLERK**