

**Minutes
Of the
Regular Meeting
Of the
Robinson Township Board of Trustees
Held 10/09/2013 at 7:30 P.M.**

Present:

Tracy Mulligan
Jackie Frye
Bonnie Hayward
Bernice Berens
Travis Vugteveen

Also present:

Township Attorney Ron Bultje
Ottawa County Commissioner Greg Dejong
John Scholtz Ottawa County Parks Dept.
Steve Kushion
Kathy Kuck

Several members of the public (list attached.)

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Mulligan. Bernice Berens gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vugteveen made a motion to approve September's minutes. Berens supported the motion and it passed.

Hayward made a motion to add Public Comment to the agenda before paying the bills. Frye seconded the motion and it passed.

Hayward made a motion to approve the agenda with the one change noted above. Berens supported the motion and it was approved.

Supervisor Mulligan gave an update on the road paving project.

Greg Dejong gave a report on Ottawa County beginning with the budget that was approved on 10/08/2013. He stated that at this time the Federal Government shut down has not yet affected the County. He asked Board Members that were interested to attend the Water Quality Forum to be held on 11/25/13 at 8:30 am,

John Scholtz gave a presentation of the proposed Greenway Project. He displayed maps showing where the bike/walking project is so far and future route. He gave an overview of the Ottawa County Parks and showed slides of the kayak launcher that will be installed in Conner Park. He gave a report on what various entities have pledged toward the Greenway Project.

The amount he would like to see from Robinson Township is a suggested \$300,000.00. He described donated easements, fund raising projects and grants.

Bernice made a motion to purchase a terabyte drive not to exceed \$100.00 to maintain the history records of Robinson Township. Vugteveen seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Applicants present for the Zoning Administrator position were asked questions by the board. Hayward made a motion to hire Kathy Kuck for the Zoning Administrator position. A roll call vote was taken: ayes: Frye, Berens, and Hayward. Nays: Mulligan and Vugteveen. The motion was approved.

Hayward made a motion to set the compensation for the Zoning Administrator position at \$25.00 per hour and to set the employee's probationary period for 90 days. Berens supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Hayward made a motion to approve an over run of \$450.00 for the hydrant paving project. Berens supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted aye.

Berens made a motion to accept the Surety Bond in the amount of \$93,700.00 for the Clark Farm mining operation. This is to be accepted pending details. Vugteveen supported the motion and it was approved.

Hayward made a motion to accept the McCarthy public hearing for their Special Use Application for 11/14/13. Berens supported the motion and it was approved.

Berens made a motion to approve 2013-10-03 Earth Change Amendment Ordinance (re: Ponds.) This revised the 2002 amendment. A roll call vote was taken. All members voted aye. The motion was approved.

Public utilities were discussed. A proposal for a sewer plan was reviewed. It was decided to look into getting quotes for a planner. Preferably someone to that has experience in rural and agricultural planning.

A progress report was given by OCRC concerning the progress on the Buchanan Street road paving project.

Public comments were heard from:
Mark Harmon concerning his variance request.

Hayward made a motion to waive the \$250.00 application fee for Mr. Harmon's second ZBA application. Escrow is still required. Frye seconded the motion and it was approved

To clear up any confusion it was stated that the Farmland Preservation Act as stated in previous minutes, is also known as PA-116.

Kathy Kuck gave a report on NORA and millage that may be requested in 2014.

Other reports are on file.

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

Vugteveen made a motion to adjourn. Berens seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Jackie S. Frye
Robinson Township Clerk

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