

**Minutes of the Special Board Meeting
Of the
Robinson Board of Trustees
And
The Robinson Township Planning Commission
Held 11/06/2013 at 7:00 P.M.**

Present:

Tracy Mulligan
Jackie Frye
Bonnie Hayward
Bernice Berens
Travis Vugteveen
Shawn Martinie
George Schippers
Bill Maschewske
Sue Deruiter
Tom TenBroeke

Absent:

Scott Blackmer

Also Present:

Leon Stille – Crockery Township Supervisor
Tom Newhof and Kevin Kieft - Representatives from Prein and Newhof
Pat Staskiewicz – Ottawa County Public Utilities Director
Kathy Kuck – Zoning Administrator.

Supervisor Mulligan opened the meeting. An invocation was offered followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vugteveen made a motion to accept Kathy Kuck's resignation from the ZBA. Berens supported the motion and it was approved.

Tom Newhof offered opening remarks in regard to the Wastewater System Master Plan Proposal.

Kevin Kieft handed maps out.

He explained the importance of the placement of lift stations. Also that the minimum pipe size that should be considered is 8 inches.

In regard to The Master Land Use Plan he explained that this placement is what will drive the study.

Questions were asked and comments given.

Pat Staskiewicz gave various examples concerning funding, including having the developer pay for the system.

Bill Maschewske stated he thought it might be premature to give direction for this study due to impacts from the M-231 project with acquisitions and future rezoning.

Bill Maschewske also stated that the Wastewater Plan should match the Township's Water Master Plan. He asked if the study was for M-45 and 120th and stated that the M-231 and Lincoln area should also be covered.

Shawn Martinie also wanted to know if the plan was for a targeted area. Kevin Kieft responded that the study would cover the entire Township. He explained that the DEQ is involved and decides on the quality of any discharged water and reviews everything before permits are issued. He also explained that a draft of the completed plan will be presented to the Boards for review when the study is complete.

Bonnie Hayward said when the plan is complete she felt that it was more important to focus on water for the Township first, as so many residents have no water or poor quality water.

Vugteveen asked when the study would be completed. Kevin Kieft replied that it takes a few months. Possibly 3 to 6 and then a draft will be presented.

Leon Stille explained the sewer situation in Crockery Township and advised that it is best for Townships not to own their own plants.

Berens made a motion to appoint Rich Saddler to the ZBA as an alternate. Vugteveen supported the motion and it was approved.

Hayward informed the Board of a lien she was placing on a property due to non-payment of taxes.

Vugteveen made a motion to adjourn. Hayward supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Jackie S. Frye
Robinson Township Clerk