

**Minutes  
Of the  
Special Meeting  
Of the  
Robinson Township Board of Trustees  
Held December 9, 2013 at 10:30 A.M.**

**Present:**

Tracy Mulligan  
Jackie Frye  
Bonnie Hayward  
Bernice Berens  
Travis Vugteveen

**Absent:**

None

**Also Present:**

Ron Bultje  
Paul VanVelzen  
Chris Saddler

**The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mulligan.**

This meeting was called to discuss the Fire Department insurance policy and Social Security/Medicare withholding.

The current insurance policy pension plan from VFIS for the Fire Department is not for firefighters that are classified as employees. It is only for volunteer fire fighters and must be terminated with payouts to the members enrolled in the plan.

The motion to approve the ordinance to terminate the VFIS policy (pension plan) will be done at the December regular board meeting December 11, 2013.

Once the VFIS policy is terminated the firefighters will be subject to FICA withholding. An amendment to the ordinance must be passed before the plan is terminated.

The Board requested that the Township Attorney prepare any needed amendments, and the ordinance to cover the change in status.

The issue whether MDOT needs Earth Change Permits for some of their work on the M-231 project was discussed.

VanVelzen explained the poor condition of the lawnmower for the Township Cemetery. He gave estimates of what it would cost to purchase a new lawnmower and what it would cost to re-build it. The matter will be decided December 11, 2013.

There being no further business Vugteveen made a motion to adjourn. Berens supported the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

**Respectfully submitted  
Jackie S. Frye**

**Robinson Township Clerk**