

# Robinson Township

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER** Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodger Kendall at 6:02 pm.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Rodger Kendall, Vice Chair Mary Donaldson, Supervisor David Foley, Manager/Secretary Crystal Brown, Solicitor Gretchen Moore, and Township Engineer Tom Lubanovic.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** Chairman asked if anyone wished to speak on agenda items only. No one wished to speak.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kendall made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of November 12, 2018. **Motion** made by Kendall and seconded by Donaldson. RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

Chairman Kendall made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting of November 27, 2018. **Motion** made by Kendall and seconded by Foley. RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

**BILLS AND PAYROLL** Kendall made a **motion** to authorize payment of the November bills and payroll. Motion made by Kendall and seconded by Donaldson. RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

**CORRESPONDENCE** Kendall made a **motion** to accept correspondence for November. Motion made by Kendall and seconded by Foley. RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

**REPORTS** Reports on file:

- Fire Department**-no reports received
- Police**- on file, 43 calls.
- Zoning**-on file, provided by Dorsey
- Animal Control**-19 calls

Supervisors-Mary Donaldson asked for details on traffic citations, noting that last month speeding was observed on Raccoon Creek Rd. There have been no recent complaints.

**Solicitor**-informed that arguments are taking place Dec.11<sup>th</sup> on the Gun Club case, otherwise normal day-to-day legal work is taking place. Provided by Gretchen Moore.

**Public Works**-Rodger Kendall reports that interior finishing of new building is ongoing.

**Engineer**-Tom Lubanovic gave updates on ongoing engineering matters, his complete report is on file.

Kendall made a **motion** to accept reports. Seconded by Donaldson. RCV: Kendall-Yes, Donaldson-Yes, Foley-Yes.

OLD BUSINESS Kendall made a **motion** to approve the 2019 Budget. Seconded by Foley.  
RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley - Yes

Kendall made a **motion** to accept Tax Collection Deputization Agreement between Bonnie Moore, Appointed Tax Collector, and Alisha M. Kendall. Seconded by Donaldson.  
RCV: Kendall – ABSTAIN, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes  
Kendall has an abstention memo on file.

NEW BUSINESS Kendall made a **motion** to advertise and hold an Organizational Meeting on January 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., with the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting immediately to follow. Seconded by Donaldson.  
RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

Kendall made a **motion** to approve fire contracts between Midway V.F.D and McDonald V.F.D., pending Solicitor’s final review and approval. Seconded by Foley.  
RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

Kendall made a **motion** to authorize the undertaking of ADA Compliance and Accessibility Improvements for Robinson Township Municipal Complex, as part of building renovation. Seconded by Donaldson.  
Brief explanation of this project was provided by Manager. Formalizing our intentions in this regard are necessary requirements to potentially qualify for a Block Grant through the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County.  
RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

END OF REGULAR BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ZONING AMENDMENT COMMENCED AT 6:30 P.M.

DISCUSSION Two persons desiring to speak were identified and sworn in by the Court Reporter Kim Strnisa. Resident Cathy Lodge read a prepared statement in opposition to the activities referenced in the proposed amendment. She indicated that it had been signed by several parties. The statement was entered as an exhibit. Resident Brenda Vance voiced her opposition to further gas industry construction.

Following the public comment period, the Public Hearing was then closed.

NEW BUSINESS Kendall made a **motion** to consider for adoption Robinson Township, Washington County, Ordinance 2-2018, an Amendment to the Robinson Township Zoning Ordinance, Amending Section 601, Definitions, to Address the Development and Operation of Essential Services (Wholesale or Private) and Natural Gas Metering Stations, *etc.* Seconded by Donaldson.  
RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Resident Put Foley asked for a lay person’s explanation of the new Amendment. Gretchen Moore provided additional clarification.

Quinten Jones also asked for further information on how this may affect landowner’s rights. Solicitor informed him that property owners always have the right to accept or refuse offers, unless in specific eminent domain cases of public utilities.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION FROM HEARING, CONTINUED

Cathy Lodge questioned whether the use of the term “essential services” can be applied to an independent power producer. Solicitor Moore answered that the ultimate end use for electricity produced is to be absorbed into the public power grid and sold as a public utility.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Kendall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47. Seconded by Donaldson. All in favor.

Chairman Kendall reminded visitors of the date and time of the next meeting, January 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Crystal Brown, Manager/Secretary