

Robinson Township

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2018

- CALL TO ORDER** The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodger Kendall.
- Present at the meeting were Chairman Rodger Kendall, Vice Chair Mary Donaldson, Supervisor David Foley, Manager/Secretary Crystal Brown, Solicitor Gretchen Moore, Township Engineer Kevin Chappell, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Mark Dorsey.
- PUBLIC DISCUSSION** The chairman asked if anyone wished to speak on agenda items only. Cathy Lodge of Meinrad Road approached the podium and questioned what project was referred to in the Act 14 Notification in the correspondence list, and why a speed study was being conducted in connection with Rita Drive. Manager clarified that the Act 14 Notification referred to the Kendall Meter Station and Township Engineer stated that he will address the Rita Drive matter in his Engineers report.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Chairman Kendall made a motion to approve the minutes of both the January Re-Organization Meeting and the Regular meeting. Motion made by Kendall and seconded by Donaldson.
RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley - Yes
- BILLS AND PAYROLL** Kendall made a motion to authorize payment of the January bills and payroll. Comment was made by Donaldson that many of the bills reflected a higher balance because they were for two months, due to the early meeting date in January. Motion made by Kendall and seconded by Foley.
RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley - Yes
- CORRESPONDENCE** Kendall made a motion to accept correspondence for January. Motion made by Kendall and seconded by Donaldson.
RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes
- REPORTS** Reports on file:
- Fire Department**-Midway-31 calls
 - Police**-56 calls
 - Zoning**-on file, provided by Dorsey
 - Animal Control**-10 calls
 - Solicitor**-brief comments by Gretchen Moore
 - Public Works**-brief comments by Rodger Kendall
 - Manager**-brief comments by Crystal Brown
 - Engineer**-Kevin Chappell described the acquisition of GIS information from the County, to which he will add a road bonding layer. HMT has reviewed the Act 14 Notification and submitted comments relating to E & S issues to the engineer of record. He notes that the Wash. Co. Conservation District has approved the project. Updated the Board on numerous Township matters including the recommended “speed study” on Candor Road to assess realistic travel speeds in vicinity of Rita Drive.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Motion was made by Kendall to authorize Solicitor to proceed with title searches relating to parcels in proximity to Rita Drive. Resident Cathy Lodge expressed her belief that Rita Drive had been determined to be a private drive. Chairman Kendall rebutted this, citing the long history of Township maintenance and improvements going back at least to the 1970s, including patching and tar and chipping 3-4 years ago. He stated difficulty in public works maneuvering plow trucks around in the road, which has become obstructed and noted other service vehicles have been seen backing out onto Candor due to turnaround issues. Motion was seconded by Foley.

RCV: Kendall – YES, Donaldson – YES, Foley – YES

Motion made by Kendall to authorize Township Engineer to request that LTAP perform a vehicular “spot-speed” study in accordance with PennDOT Pub 212, Official Traffic Control Devices, Appendix Study 17 to determine the 85th percentile speed along Candor Road near Rita Drive to assess potential solutions to safety issues at that intersection. Motion was seconded by Foley.

RCV: Kendall – YES, Donaldson – YES, Foley – YES

NEW BUSINESS

Kendall made a motion to approve purchase of a 2018 Chevy Silverado as allowed for by the 2018 Budget. Kendall clarified the “CoStars” governmental purchasing program realizes significant savings for Municipalities for certain purposes. Cost of said truck is \$14,350.00 with a trade-in, and purchase was made through Sun Chevrolet. Motion was seconded by Donaldson.

RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

Kendall made a motion to appoint Bulldog Tree Care to clear trees along Beagle Club Road with proper notification given to residents as required by our current resolution. Motion was seconded by Donaldson.

RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

Kendall made a motion to approve Resolution 06-2018, A Resolution of Commendation to Stacy Dunks Zeno as she retires, in recognition of her superior service to residents.

Resolution was read in its entirety by Manager. Motion was seconded by Foley.

RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

Kendall made a motion to approve Resolution 07-2018, A Resolution Making the Issuance of Building Permits Contingent on the Procurement of a Sewage Permit. Motion was seconded by Donaldson.

RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

A motion was on the Agenda to re-sign the contract with McDonald Police Department with some modifications. It was determined that further review is required by Solicitor. Chief Mark Dorsey agreed to forward a proposed contract to Solicitor Moore for review. Motion tabled pending further consideration.

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Elizabeth Borovich of Robinson Church Road spoke about concerns of excessive engine brake noise emanating from the nearby Turnpike. Chairman Kendall agreed there is a lack of cooperation of Turnpike officials in addressing these problems. Ms. Burovich also questioned the status of the "gun club". Kendall replied that to his knowledge it was currently not in operation. Discussion ensued about how proposed zoning changes will affect the operation of the club.

Resident Judy Kramer, also of Robinson Church Road, added her support of Ms. Burovich's comments, with additional question about the possibility of passing a Township ordinance that would address the excessive brake noise. Kendall spoke of sound-abatement measures that had once been proposed, noting that the Turnpike had failed to implement them. The "gun club" was again mentioned with Ms. Kramer asking for a commitment to expedite zoning changes.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Kendall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., noting that the Board was preparing to enter Into Executive Session, which was seconded by Donaldson.

RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

Respectfully submitted:

Crystal Brown, Manager