

# Robinson Township

Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

June 8, 2020

6:00 p.m.

## CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2020. Chairman Donaldson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m., the delay due to an Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a pending lawsuit and discussion of a possible ordinance.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was conducted.

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Mary Donaldson, Vice Chair David Foley, Supervisor Chris Amodeo, Solicitor Gretchen Moore, Township Engineer Keith Straight, and Township Manager Crystal Brown.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** The Chair asked if anyone wished to speak on agenda items only. There were no comments.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Foley made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 11, 2020.

Motion was seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

**BILLS AND PAYROLL** Foley made a **motion** to authorize payment of the May bills and payroll. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley - Yes

**CORRESPONDENCE** Foley made a **motion** to accept correspondence for May. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

## REPORTS

Reports on file:

**Fire Department**-Midway 15 calls, McDonald 9 incidents.

**Police**-on file, 41 calls reported by Officer Zenk.

**Zoning**-M. Dorsey report on file.

**Animal Control**-not received, some discussion on desire for more specific reporting by animal control officer. Manager reports that officer declined to do so citing confidentiality reasons.

**Supervisors**-Donaldson reported that Russell Standard has completed their FB paving project on Valleyview and King. She further complimented staff and thanked the public for their support during remote and modified meeting process due to COVID restrictions.

**Solicitor**-Gretchen Moore provided the following information: status of Rita Drive, Validity Challenge and Gun Club legal proceedings. She notes that a recent Zoning Board hearing upheld the conduct of the Township in handling an application, and informs of working on numerous day-to-day matters with staff.

**Public Works-** Donaldson reported on road repair projects, including pipe replacement on Foley, need for weight limit signage on King Road due to misdirected Amazon trucks. Chris Amodeo commented on excessive speed on Candor Road by Russell Standard trucks. He personally took action on this matter. Manager will contact Russell about the speed problem as well as resident complaints on lack of notification by contractor for recent road closures.

**Engineer-** K. Straight is consulting with CDR Maguire for a possible parking/access area near the new Ft. Cherry Connector to provide access to the Trail. This will not incur cost to the Township. Supervisors had a positive response to this proposal. Keith has additionally prepared guiderail design proposals for Old Steubenville Pike for consideration, and is assisting Manager in pursuit of CDBG Block Grant from Redevelopment Authority for restrooms.

**Manager** –Brown acknowledged presence of resident John Zilich, a candidate for the Zoning Board. Also noted Admin. Assistant Renee Szymanski was present, sitting in to observe in case backup is needed for meetings. Discussion ensued on escalating problem of recycling contamination, and Manager presented some alternatives. At the request of Board, the Manager has also explored options to current animal control, and will report more fully on this next month.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Donaldson made a motion to direct advertisement of Ordinance 01-2020,  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE DEPOSIT OF LIQUID OR PARTICULATE MATTER ON PUBLIC ROADS; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Seconded by Amodeo. Clarification was requested by resident Cathy Lodge on enforcement and interpretation and explanation was given by Solicitor Moore.  
RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley

#### NEW BUSINESS

Donaldson made a motion to direct Manager to request removal of the recycling unit at the Township Building due to contamination issues, and failure of Waste Management to pickup material. Seconded by Amodeo. Conversation took place on challenges and resident Cathy Lodge expressed need for long term solution to recycling.  
RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS No discussion.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Mary Donaldson adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. which was seconded by Amodeo.  
RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

Respectfully submitted:

*Crystal Brown*, Manager and Secretary