

Robinson Township
Board of Supervisors
Zoning Amendment Hearing and Regular Meeting
November 9, 2020
5:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, November 9, 2020. Due to the absence of several key individuals, the Zoning Hearing was delayed to allow for their arrival. Chairman Donaldson opened the regular business meeting at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was conducted.

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Mary Donaldson, Vice Chair David Foley, Supervisor Chris Amodeo, Solicitor Alan Shuckrow, Township Engineer Keith Straight, and Township Manager Crystal Brown. Zoning Officer Mark Dorsey was absent.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION The Chair asked if anyone wished to speak on agenda items only. There was no discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Foley made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 12, 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 October bills and payroll. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley - Yes

CORRESPONDENCE Foley made a **motion** to accept correspondence for October. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

REPORTS

Fire Department-Midway 10 incidents, McDonald 8 incidents.

Police-on file, 31 calls reported by attending officer. Supervisor Amodeo asked officer for clarification of policy regarding pursuit of ATVs on private property. Officer responded that liability issues prevent them from doing so. Amodeo expressed dissatisfaction with this policy.

Zoning-report on file.

Animal Control-10 calls

Supervisors-Donaldson recognized a newly certified junior firefighter from Midway, Mark Walls and commended him for his commitment.

Solicitor-Alan Shuckrow referenced the several pending court cases, with no new status to report at this time.

Public Works- Donaldson reported on public works filling in ditchlines along roads and continued end of season mowing.

Engineer- K. Straight notes his inspection oversight at Ft Cherry Connector, restroom renovations of township building, Old Steubenville Pike guiderail bid award, Geary Farm guiderail project kicking off, meeting with developer of Burgettstown Road Associates to coordinate agreements, and many other applications and projects in the township.

Manager –Brown provided explanation of changing banks due to local branch closure, discussing Amodeo’s concerns regarding ATVs with Chief Ahlborn, finalized Budget 2021 and discussions with CPA, CARES Grant money pursuit, and many resident and developer meetings with affiliated staff.

Foley made a **motion** to accept reports. Seconded by Amodeo.

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

OLD BUSINESS No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS Foley made a **motion** to approve subdivision application of Imperial Land Corporation for Findlay Industrial Park Phase IV Plan of Subdivision Revision No. 2. Has been reviewed and recommended for approval. Brian Temple was present and provided explanation of the project. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson - Yes, Foley

Foley made a **motion** to award Contract 20-01, Steubenville Pike Guiderail Replacement to winning bidder Green Acres Contracting, Inc, at a cost of \$60,772.00. This bid was hosted on PennBID and managed by engineer. Straight advised that all due diligence has been followed and recommends acceptance. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson - Yes, Foley

Foley made a **motion** to authorize manager and engineer to advertise bids for guiderail project 20-02, Geary Farm Way guiderail replacement via PennBID. Source of funds will be the Liquid Fuels account. This project is strongly recommended by PennDOT. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson - Yes, Foley

6:30 p.m.

Chair Donaldson closed the regular meeting at this time in order to hold Zoning Amendment Hearing. Solicitor Shuckrow assumed control of the Hearing. Solicitor provided explanation for the purpose of this Hearing. Inconsistencies were discovered in the process of codifying our body of ordinance. This amendment addresses four specific items. Shuckrow described an accompanying exhibit packet, prepared by township manager, with five accompanying items. These packets were available to the public. This packet will be attached to these minutes and filed. Shuckrow clarified with manager that the Washington County Planning Commission had received this proposed amendment, and had no comments. The answer was yes. Shuckrow asked for any questions from the public and board. There were no questions.

Chair closed the Hearing at 6:36 p.m. and immediately re-opened the regular meeting.

Foley made a **motion** to **approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBINSON, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ITS ZONING ORDINANCE.** Complete title and ordinance attached. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson - Yes, Foley

An administrative item regarding employee Thanksgiving recognition was deferred with no action taken.

Foley made a **motion** to direct advertisement of the Preliminary Budget 2021. Manager advised that anyone wishing to receive a copy please request and it can be provided via email as well. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson - Yes, Foley

Foley made a **motion** to appoint Jeffrey McCue, CPA to examine all accounts of the township for fiscal year 2020, in lieu of elected auditors, and authorize manager to advertise same. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson - Yes, Foley

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS

There was no public discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Mary Donaldson adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m. which was seconded by Amodeo.

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

Respectfully submitted: *Crystal Brown*, Manager and Secretary