

Robinson Township

Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

October 12, 2020

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 2020. Chairman Donaldson called the meeting to order 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 Alexis Wheeler, Township Engineer Keith Straight, and Township Manager Crystal Brown.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION The Chair asked if anyone wished to speak on agenda items only.

Although not technically an agenda item, resident Cathy Lodge reiterated her request for Board support of her actions regarding Max Environmental, specifically alleging procedural objections with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, a board under the DEP. Chair Donaldson advised of an informational meeting between herself, township engineer, and Max personnel. Township Engineer Keith Straight provided clarification on several operational functions and processes of Max Environmental, and noted that the activities in question are located on Smith Township portion of Max property, and no activities are planned in Robinson portion. The Board did not feel they had jurisdiction or enough information on the matter of SWAC procedure to take a position or action at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Foley made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 14, 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 September bills and payroll. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley - Yes

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

REPORTS

Fire Department-Midway 23 not received, McDonald 10 incidents.

Police-on file, 35 calls reported by attending officer, Officer McGinnis. Supervisor Amodeo clarified responsibility for animal control complaints, Manager answered that police refer the matter to animal control officer who then handles citations.

Zoning-report not received, M. Dorsey absent

Animal Control-specific number of calls not received by meeting date.

Supervisors-Donaldson recognized junior firefighters from McDonald VFD: Ryan Hamilton and Seth Sinatra. Also, she reported on a severe pothole on Quicksilver, a state road, that has been corrected. Amodeo noted working with the state to procure a stop sign on Candor/Beech Hollow intersection.

Solicitor-Alexis Wheeler provided updates on the appeal of the validity challenge, Rita Drive, and the gun club matter which remains in federal 3rd circuit court with a hearing on November 17th.

Public Works- Donaldson reported on public works applying millings to slip area on Fourth Street

Engineer- K. Straight notes few inspection forthcoming in near future on Ft. Cherry Connector, it is awaiting its final wearing course, Old Steubenville Pike guiderail bid is out for advertising, status meeting with Burgettstown Road Associates to update permits, as well as many other engineering matters affecting the township.

Manager –Brown reported on completion of preliminary grading of trail parking lot off 980, fruitful meeting with police chief for updates, working with county on CARES coronavirus grant funding opportunities, and listing Comprehensive Plan as well as complete codification of ordinances on website. Approved Minutes will now appear on Facebook as well.

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 permit manager to apply for grant reimbursement from the county (CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund) for coronavirus-related expenses. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley

Foley made a motion to authorize a letter of support to the Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc as they pursue Local Shares Grant. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley

Foley made a motion to engage a professional cleaner to do weekly cleanings and sanitizing in office. This is likely a reimbursable expense through CARES Act. Donaldson inquired of manager whether confirmation of reimbursement was advisable. Manager replied that janitorial service was historically a budget line item, but staff has for the past three years been cleaning at no charge to the township. However, in pandemic circumstances it is the opinion of Manager that professional cleaning is necessary and advisable. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS

Resident Jonette Bordo of Bordo Lane requested update on progress of multiple code violations she has reported on an adjacent property including overgrown grass, burning, and dumping of solid waste. In the absence of Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, no such update could be given. Ms. Bordo was very dissatisfied and Chair promised to inquire further on the matter in the coming week.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Mary Donaldson adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m. which was seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

Respectfully submitted: *Crystal Brown*, Manager and Secretary