

# Robinson Township

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2018

- CALL TO ORDER** Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 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 Alan Shuckrow, and Township Engineer Richard Kauffman.
- PUBLIC DISCUSSION** The Chairman asked if anyone wished to speak on agenda items only. Resident Cathy Lodge inquired on the term of the Real Estate Tax Collector. The answer of four years was provided by Township Manager.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Chairman Kendall made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of August 13, 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 August 20, 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 August 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 August. **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, 36 calls. Itemization of calls provided by Officer Kubacki.
  - Zoning**-on file, provided by Dorsey
  - Animal Control**-10 calls
  - Solicitor**-updates on validity challenge, Rita Drive litigation is ongoing, and notes that a lawsuit in Federal court has been filed by Mr. Drummond. Provided by Alan Shuckrow.
  - Public Works**-Mary Donaldson praised the fast response to downed trees, and Rodger Kendall informed that the public works crew is doing some finishing interior work on the new maintenance building.
  - Engineer**-Richard Kauffman provided updates on Fourth Street progress; notice to proceed has been given to ECS for core boring, emergency DEP repair permit will be sought for Valley View culvert, and guiderail on Valley View is recommended through Green Acres, lowest bidder, updates on many other engineering matters. His full report is on file.

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### OPENING OF BIDS FOR TWO PROJECTS

A single bid packet was received and opened by Dave Foley for Bable Road, Washington Road, and Sunnyhill Road. Peter J. Caruso & Sons, Inc., of 352 Baldwin Road, Pittsburgh, PA was the respondent.

A **motion** was made by Kendall to accept road repair bid for Bable Road, Washington Road, and Sunnyhill Road from Peter J. Caruso & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$185,317.40, subject to the Township engineer's review and approval. Seconded by Donaldson. Donaldson clarified that the Township has been compensated by various Marcellus gas companies who utilize these roads for these repairs. Manager answered in the affirmative.

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

Two bid packets were received for the Raccoon Creek Road Dirt and Gravel Road Project. Respondents were El Grande Industries Inc., of Donora, Pa, at \$97,832.00 and Wolf Creek Holding Co., of Grove City, Pa at \$72,548.00. Bids opened by Dave Foley and Mary Donaldson.

A **motion** was made by Kendall to accept road repair bid for Raccoon Creek Road (unimproved portion only) with assistance from county Dirt and Gravel Road grant program, from Wolf Creek Holding Company at \$72,548.00, subject to the Township engineer's review and approval. Seconded by Donaldson.

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

A **motion** was made by Kendall to direct engineer to engage Green Acres to construct guiderail on Valley View as proposed in Alternative 1 of engineer's table at a cost of \$14,347.50. Seconded by Foley. Kendall clarified that an attempt had been made to use re-purposed material owned by the Township, but it had not proved cost-effective.

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

A **motion** was made by Kendall to direct engineer to apply for an emergency DEP repair permit for repair of culvert on Valley View Road due to recent impacts and concerns of Emergency Management Coordinator. Seconded by Foley.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

A **motion** was made by Kendall to approve advertising of concise financial statement of Robinson Township for 2017, as prepared by Jeffrey McCue, CPA. Seconded by Donaldson.

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

A **motion** was made by Kendall to approve advertising of Budget Workshops on October 16, 2018, October 30, 2018, and November 7, 2018, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Township Building. Seconded by Donaldson.

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

Kendall indicated his desire to abstain from all action in the following motion due to family relationship with the subject. His signed abstention memo was submitted to the Manager/Secretary. A **motion** was made by Donaldson to adopt RESOLUTION 11-2018, A RESOLUTION OF ROBINSON TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING SUCCESSOR TAX COLLECTOR AND APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALISHA M. KENDALL AS DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR ROBINSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL TAXES FOR THE REST OF THE TAX COLLECTOR'S TERM. Seconded by Foley. Manager provided brief background regarding this action to the audience. Additional comments were supplied by Solicitor Shuckrow.  
RCV: Kendall – Abstain, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

A **motion** was made by Kendall to approve the James R. Hughey Subdivision 1, as reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and Township Engineer. Seconded by Foley.  
RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** Jennifer Kramer of 305 Third St, McDonald, stated that heavy truck traffic associated with Bulldog Tree Service travels continually and parks near her home and is disruptive to her well-being. She indicated her belief that the business is operating inappropriately according to their zoning, as she understands it.

Chairman Kendall and Solicitor Shuckrow explained to Ms. Kramer that the county supplied zoning designation was likely inaccurate and the official township zoning map is the most correct. Solicitor asked the representative of Bulldog Tree to speak, as they were present.

Tim Mott identified himself as President of Bulldog Environmental, affiliated with Bulldog Tree, and acknowledged that the company's activities have outpaced their location. He explained that the company is actively negotiating for space elsewhere from which to operate but that these negotiations are taking longer than anticipated.

Chairman Kendall summarized by stating that more research is needed regarding the zoning, but that this item would be addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT** With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Kendall made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion was seconded by Donaldson.  
RCV: Kendall – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

Respectfully submitted:

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Crystal Brown, Manager/Secretary