

Robinson Township

Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

July 13, 2020

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2020. Chairman Donaldson called the meeting to order at 6:13 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. Solicitor Alan Shuckrow was also present.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION The Chair asked if anyone wished to speak on agenda items only. Bonnie Moore of Old Steubenville Pike read a prepared statement in opposition to the proposed ordinance and suggested improved signage as an alternative. Ms. Moore submitted her written statement to Manager to place on file. John Campbell of Campbell Road presented the challenges of active farming and opposes the proposed ordinance. Mr. Campbell noted that oil and gas industry activities that impact the roads are cleaned up by the producers themselves. Robert Foley of 322 Foley Road spoke in opposition against the ordinance, considering it unnecessary. Cathy Lodge of Meinrad Road noted that she has observed contamination of roadways by industry haulers, and suggests a differentiation should be made between resident debris and industry debris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Foley made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 8, 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 June bills and payroll. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley - Yes

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

REPORTS Reports on file: **Fire Department**-Midway 15 calls, McDonald not received.
Police-on file, 48 calls, read by attending officer. Amodeo questioned whether any citations were issued for speeding on Candor Road. The officer answered not to her knowledge.
Zoning-M. Dorsey report on file, activities were described by Mr. Dorsey.
Animal Control-not received.
Supervisors-Amodeo cited safety of motorists as his reason for supporting the proposed ordinance.

Solicitor-Gretchen Moore provided the following information: a mediation scheduled in the matter of Rita Drive, Validity Challenge is before Judge Lucas, and Drummond case remains before the 3rd Circuit Court.

Public Works- Donaldson reported on road department activities: mowing roadsides, regular repair.

Engineer- K. Straight is conducting inspections of the Ft Cherry Connector, under construction, guiderail replacement project on Old Steubenville Pike, and the ADA restroom project with the Redevelopment Authority which is in progress.

Manager -Brown expressed condolences to Dave Foley on his recent bereavement, acknowledged the presence of Montour Trail personnel and described the pending parking lot for the trail and described day to day activities of the office.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Foley made a **motion** to approve **Ordinance 1-2020, An Ordinance of the Township of Robinson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, prohibiting the deposit of liquid or particulate matter on public roads; establishing penalties; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date with the addition of the Code Enforcement Officer or his designee as a second person designated for enforcement of the Ordinance.** Seconded by Amodeo.

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Donaldson expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance, as it places hardship on farming and agricultural pursuits, and notes that her vote will be “no” in support of her farming neighbors.

RCV: Amodeo - Yes, Donaldson - No, Foley-Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Donaldson made a **motion** to appoint resident John Zilich as Alternate Zoning Hearing Board member, with a term to expire December 31, 2021. Seconded by Amodeo. This action is formalized by Resolution 9-2020.

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

Donaldson made a **motion** to authorize bidding of replacement of approximately half of required guiderail on Old Steubenville Pike, following guidance provided by Township Engineer. Seconded by Amodeo.

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

Donaldson made a **motion** to include language related to Situational Teleworking into Robinson Township Employee Handbook, pending final review by solicitors. Seconded by Amodeo.

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS

Mary Duranti, representing Heritage Library advised of modified programs and hours of the Library, and formally requests the financial appropriation routinely made by the Township. Amodeo thanked Mrs. Duranti for her ongoing service to the Library.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Mary Donaldson adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. which was seconded by Amodeo.

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

Respectfully submitted:
Crystal Brown, Manager and Secretary