

Robinson Township

Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 14, 2022
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for ordinary business. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was conducted. Present at the meeting were Chair Mary Donaldson, Vice-Chair Dave Foley, Supervisor Chris Amodeo, Solicitor Alan Shuckrow, Township Engineer Keith Straight, Township Manager Crystal Brown, and absent was Zoning Officer Mark Dorsey.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION Chair Donaldson asked for public comment on agenda items only. There were no comments.

ADVISEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair advises that an executive session took place on this date at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving legal advice on current litigation, specifically Drummond vs. Robinson Township.

MINUTES Foley made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the Organizational and Regular Meeting of January 3, 2022. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley - Yes

BILLS AND PAYROLL Foley made a **motion** to authorize payment of the January bills and payroll. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley - Yes

CORRESPONDENCE Foley made a **motion** to accept correspondence for January. As an unusual item was received from resident Cathy Lodge, and she was present, Chair Donaldson requested clarification on the item. Cathy Lodge noted that she gave public comment at a public hearing regarding Max Environmental and their request to de-list certain waste products, and her opposition to this proposed action. She made two requests of the township which were noted in detail by the manager. No further comments on correspondence. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Amodeo – Yes, Donaldson – Yes, Foley – Yes

REPORTS **Fire Department**-reports were not received, Manager will forward when received.
Police-described in detail by attending Officer Zemansky. Amodeo requested clarification on location of ATV activities, which was provided by officer.
Zoning-report on file
Animal Control-Dane Culley patrols township, 4 calls this month.
Supervisors-Dave Foley remarked that he now serves on the Midway Sewage Authority Board, and reported on several upcoming projects; Donaldson noted a pressing need for procuring generators capable of supporting the municipal facility, and the possibility of establishing this facility as a warming center in case of emergency. This suggestion was met with favorable reaction. She also commented that she was aware of several new volunteer firefighters with Midway VFD who specifically joined because of the presence of the fire truck housed on Robinson Church Road. An item of particular concern is the turnpike-owned intersection of the Ft Cherry Connector and Noblestown Road, located in Mt. Pleasant Township. Donaldson has communicated with Representative Jason Ortity and obtained his assistance in accelerating additional signage and devices at this intersection.

Solicitor-Alan Shuckrow advised that the appeals time period in the Rita Drive / Dysert matter has expired. This matter is considered closed. In the Drummond vs. Robinson Township, Shuckrow explained a mediation proceeding and the resulting consent decree / agreement, which will be further explained in an upcoming action item.

Public Works- Donaldson noted the significant events on public works log, particularly the extraordinary efforts in combating a recent severe winter storm. Public works removed 58 trees and plowed roads round the clock for 24 hours.

Engineer- Keith Straight described several corrections he identified in a recent review of Ft. Cherry Connector Deed of Dedication review. He is working with the turnpike commission to get these matters corrected before final takeover.

Manager -Brown reported on evaluation of use of American Recovery Plan grant funds, as well as requesting a Capital Expenditures Workshop public meeting to receive input from the public and discuss possible expenditures and purchases in the township.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS Donaldson made a **motion to consider approval of settlement agreement in Drummond vs. Robinson Township case**. Solicitor Shuckrow described the trajectory of the case, that involved challenges to provisions of the Township's zoning ordinance as to operation of Sportsmen's Clubs. The federal lawsuit filed in 2018 alleged that these zoning provisions violated Second Amendment rights. Mr. Shuckrow noted that Robinson's ordinance was upheld by the District Court on two occasions but most recently the Third Circuit Court raised issues that would mean the case would continue, potentially for some time. Through a mediation which included participation by all parties in January, a proposed settlement is up for a vote which Mr. Shuckrow is recommending be approved. A financial settlement in the amount of \$165,000 was negotiated to be paid in full by Township's insurance company, as well as concessions made thus allowing Mr. Drummond to operate as a for-profit company and broadened the type of shooting that may occur on the property. The operation will be required to meet all safety and legal standards, including a federal permit under the scrutiny of federal agencies. Mr. Drummond intends to operate with NRA standards observed. Based on these considerations, the board considers the settlement. **Seconded by Foley.**

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

Donaldson made a **motion** to release insurance certificate bond of Energy Transfer Company, on Donaldson and Campbell Roads, with a value of \$88,500. Manager advised that Road Manager John Ramacker has no objections to the release, and the roads remain bonded by other entities. **Seconded by Foley.**

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS

There was no public discussion of other matters.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m. which was seconded by Foley.

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

Respectfully submitted: *Crystal Brown*, Secretary