

Robinson Township
Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting and Public Hearings
May 9, 2022
Beginning at 5:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for ordinary business and public hearings. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was conducted. Present at the meeting were Chair Mary Donaldson, Vice-Chair Dave Foley, Supervisor Chris Amodeo, Solicitor Alexis Wheeler, Township Engineer Keith Straight, Township Manager Crystal Brown, and Zoning Officer Mark Dorsey.

A COURT REPORTER WAS PRESENT TO TRANSCRIBE THE DIALOGUE OF THE TWO HEARINGS. ANY PERSONS POTENTIALLY GIVING TESTIMONY WERE DULY SWORN-IN.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING

At 5:15 p.m. the Robinson Township Board of Supervisors assembled for the Conditional Use Hearing of applicant Timothy Motte. A slight delay was observed to allow for the arrival of Mr. Motte. At 5:30 p.m. the hearing proceeded in Mr. Motte's absence. A brief summary of circumstances was described by Township Engineer Duncan Nickles. It was the advice of Solicitor Alexis Wheeler, that in the absence of a recommendation from the Robinson Township Planning Commission, which tabled the matter, this hearing be continued until next month's meeting date. This matter will again go before the Planning Commission prior to that date. Solicitor noted that formal agreement to the continuance was pending from the applicant.

Donaldson made a **motion** to continue the Conditional Use application until June's meeting. Seconded by Foley. This hearing closed at 5:36 p.m.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo-Absent

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ZONING AMENDMENT AND MAP CHANGE

At 5:45 p.m. the Robinson Township Board of Supervisors undertook a hearing for a proposed zoning amendment. The substance of this matter was to change several parcels at the request of landowners from Commercial to Light Industrial. Additionally, a change was proposed altering the definition of Sportsmen's Club, eliminating a sentence from that definition. Solicitor, engineer, and manager provided brief information on the subject. Commentary was received from public: resident Cathy Lodge noted objection to this change, citing potential heavy industry use by one of the landowners, Reaxis. She expressed confusion at a change in parcel numbers, Reaxis having undergone a recent consolidation of lots. Brian Temple of Imperial Land Corporation provided some background into the circumstances of the consolidation, as his company has a right-of-way on Reaxis property. Solicitor pointed out that for clarity, both the former and current parcel numbers appeared in the materials. Manager confirmed that all adjacent property owners had been notified and public posting had been done. No opposition was received by the office to the proposed changes. This hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.
At this time, the Regular Business meeting of the board commenced.

These minutes are not intended to capture the totality of proceedings on public hearings, as professional transcripts were taken by Kim Strnisa. Ms. Strnisa may be contacted at kstrnisa@comcast.net if necessary.

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS REPEATED AT 6:00 P.M.

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

MINUTES Foley made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2022. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo-Yes

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

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

REPORTS

- Fire Department-** Midway 7 calls, McDonald 7 calls.
- Police-** 92 calls, itemized by attending officer.
- Zoning-** report on file and briefly described by Zoning Assistant Gail Matus.
- Animal Control-** Dane Culley patrols township, 4 call this month.
- Supervisors-** Foley mentioned Midway Sewage Authority activity, and described township staff's attendance at annual convention, PSATs. Donaldson discussed Ft. Cherry intersection update from State Rep Jason Ortity, the pending acquisition of emergency first aid equipment including AED machine, Amodeo expressed concern about damage to guiderail on Old Steubenville Pike in a recent accident, as well as numerous incidents of dumping garbage on public and private properties.
- Solicitor-** Alexis Wheeler reported on assisting with general day to day legal business of the township.
- Public Works-** Donaldson referenced the public works log and noted primary activities of the crew were preparing for 2022 road repair projects, cleaning up trees and maintaining problems spots on the roads.
- Engineer-** Duncan Nickles report on file and briefly explained the many matters he is reviewing for the township.
- Manager-** described assisting road manager with preparations for the 2022 road repair package, notes, office closure May 17 for polling activities in building, reminder of in-person tax collection hours by Alisha Kendall, and provided information on recycling options for residents.

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

OLD BUSINESS Foley made a **motion** to approve Resolution 9-2022, Acceptance of the Fort Cherry Connector Road, Sportsmen's Club Way, and Cooks Road. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo-Yes.

NEW BUSINESS Foley made a **motion** to approve subdivision application of Ridge Road South Associates, LLC for the Ridge Road South Plan of Lots. Seconded by Amodeo. The chair asked manager if the application was administratively complete, and it was.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo-Yes.

Donaldson made a **motion** to officially table, or continue, the matter of the conditional use application of Timothy Motte until next month's meeting. Seconded by Foley.

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

Foley made a **motion** to approve Ordinance 2-2022, amending the township zoning code and map. Seconded by Donaldson.

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

Foley made a **motion** to approve Resolution 10-2022, Entering into Joint Bid with Midway Borough for 2022 Micropave Project for road repair. Seconded by Amodeo.

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

Foley made a **motion** to direct advertising of bid for roof repair for township municipal building. Seconded by Amodeo. The reason for this potential advertising is rising cost of construction and materials has dramatically increased and potentially exceeds the bid threshold for public advertising.

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

Foley made a **motion** to approve change in employment status of Public Works employee Christian Illig from part-time to full-time. Seconded by Amodeo. Manager explained that this change will take effect upon employee's graduation from high school and his hourly wage will be unchanged. He will become eligible for benefits available to all full-time employees.

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS

Engineer Duncan Nickles made a visual and verbal presentation to the board describing a request from Imperial Land Corporation for an alteration of right-of-way along several parcels adjoining the Ft. Cherry Connector. This request is in the interest of improving sight distance for development of the lot(s) in this vicinity and engineer describes other considerations regarding the request. He asked for general agreement to continue his assessment of the matter.

Donaldson made a **motion** to amend the agenda to address the above-mentioned subject. Seconded by Foley.

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

Donaldson made a **motion** to grant permission to engineer Duncan Nickles to continue his assessment of right-of-way alteration along the Fort Cherry Connector, with further information to be provided at a later date. Seconded by Foley.

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m. which was seconded by Foley.

Respectfully submitted: *Crystal Brown*, Secretary