

Robinson Township
Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, June 10, 2024, 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 John Zilich, Supervisor Chris Amodeo, Solicitor Alan Shuckrow, Township Engineer Duncan Nickles, and Recording Secretary Renee Szymanski.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION Donaldson asked for public comment on agenda items only.

Joe Hradil asked when the next Town Hall Meeting would be scheduled. Regarding the fact that the board is planning to vote on sending a Letter of Intent at tonight's meeting. He feels like the residents are not being kept in the loop. Unlike Mt. Pleasant and McDonald, how will Regional Police Services help Robinson Township. Solicitor Alan Shuckrow took a moment to remind the board and residents that this is only public comment, no questions need to be directly answered by the board at this time. Supervisor's Zilich and Amodeo both however did replied to Mr. Hradil. Reassuring residents that the Letter of Intent is only the next step in gathering more information from the DCED. David Foley commented that he felt the supervisors were not doing what they were elected to do in gathering the information for the beginning of this process. Dave Kramer stated that he did not feel Robinson Township had a police problem and why this subject is still being discussed. That going with the Regional Police will only cost the taxpayers more. Supervisor Amodeo stated that he did get a proposal from McDonald Police Department on June 9, 2024, and wanted to share the proposed numbers with the residents. Chief Denise Alborn commented that these numbers were only a base of negotiation (McDonald Police Department- \$275.00 Regional Police- \$340.00). Angie Greenslate asked again why the topic of Regional Police was even being brought back up. Where are the taxpayers supposed to turn when they feel they can no longer count on the board. Stating that we need to have more Public Meetings and you were voted in to represent the best interest for the public, Supervisor Amodeo did agree. James Cataney also commented that he felt McDonald Police Department is doing a fine job and he has zero complains. Bobby Cummins asked how the board will appoint two representatives for the Steering Committee, can a resident be appointed. Supervisor Zilich commented that the DCED recommends two Supervisors be appointed to the Steering Committee. Howard Fugitt feels that the board is "putting the cart before the horse".

MINUTES Zilich made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2024. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Yes, Amodeo- Yes

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

CORRESPONDENCE Zilich made a **motion** to accept correspondence for June, Two items. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Yes, Amodeo- Yes

REPORTS **Fire Department**- Midway 21 calls, McDonald 11 calls, itemized by Chief Philp Boggs.
Police- 86 calls, itemized by Chief Dennis Ahlborn.
Zoning- report on file, itemized by Gail Matus.
Animal Control- Dane Culley patrols township, 2 calls this month.
Supervisors- Donaldson, announced that there were two winners awarded \$2500.00 each from this year's Fort Cherry Rangers Nation Scholarship Program. She then asked Supervisor Amodeo when the next meeting would be set up with the DCED (June). Supervisor Zilich answered that the next step to get continued information from the DCED was Signing the Letter of Intent (on tonight's agenda). Zilich, made just a quick announcement ensuring the residents that signing the Letter of Intent was in no way a "Vote" to move forward with the Regional Police. It is the next step that the township needs to take to gather and receive more information from the DCED. Amodeo, had some updates from some of the surrounding areas on possible police contracts. Hanover Township- Not Interested, Findlay Township- Not Interested, North Fayette Township- Confirmed that their quote would come in much higher than what is being proposed by the Regional Police, McDonald Borough- \$275.00 +\$15,000 for Police Vehicle (3-year contract with 5% increase each year). McDonald Borough would like to set up a meeting with all 3 Robinson Supervisors to start negotiations (Solicitor Alan Shuckrow will be looking into how to set up this meeting). Amodeo asked that the residents stop believing all the rumors and remember that the supervisors themselves are not getting anything out of this (taxpayers themselves).
Solicitor- report on file, itemized by Alan Shuckrow.
Public Works- report on file, itemized by Supervisor John Zilich.
Engineer- report on file, itemized by Duncan Nickles.

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

ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS at 6:34 p.m.

Solicitor Alan Shuckrow swore in all attendees who would possibly speak at a public hearing of the evening.

COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING ON:

Review of approval for Conditional Use Application- Application submitted by John Zirwas for Light Manufacturing at 8620 Noblestown Road in the Commercial District in his existing supply store. There was no public comment, Township Engineer Duncan Nickles confirmed that this was recommended by Robinson Township Planning Commission.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 6:39 p.m.

These minutes are not intended to capture the totality of comments on the public hearings.

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING at 6:40 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS Zilich made a **motion** to approve Conditional Use application of John Zirwas for Light Manufacturing at 8620 Noblestown Road in the Commercial District in his existing supply store. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Yes, Amodeo- Yes

Zilich made a **motion** to approve Resolution 6-2024- Resolution Adopting an Emergency Operation Plan, as required by the Washington County Department of Public Safety and recommended by Doug Baird, Emergency Management Coordinator. Seconded by Amodeo. RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Yes, Amodeo- Yes

Zilich made a **motion** to approve signing of Letter of Intent for submission to the DCED indicating Robinson Township's intention to participate in an inter-governmental steering committee to further develop information on police regionalization. Seconded by Amodeo. RCV: Donaldson- No, Zilich- Yes, Amodeo- Yes

Motion to appoint two representatives from Robinson Township to serve on steering committee to explore police regionalization.
RCV: Motion Tabled

Zilich made a **motion** to authorize release of performance insurance bond held by Burns and Scalo for completion of Phase 1 developments on Lot 1 in the Fort Cherry Development District. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Yes, Amodeo- Yes

Donaldson made a **motion** to authorize Timothy Ramacker to repair the roof, remove and replace aged soffit and fascia on exterior of township office for a quoted cost of \$12,500.00. Seconded by Zilich.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Yes, Amodeo- Yes

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS

Beverly Schwab commented that all 3 supervisors should be able to attend the proposed meeting with McDonald Borough. Howard Fugitt asked again when the second Townhall Meeting would be held. Supervisor Amodeo and Zilich said they would like to have another meeting in the future but would like to see more than 90 people attend (want to hear from all Robinson Township residents). Supervisor Amodeo stated that he has been in contact with the DCED and does want to make sure they have a representative in person, the DCED did comment that was one of the worst ran Townhall Meetings. Tanda Amodeo stated that she has counted 600+ residents who have contacted Supervisor Amodeo. That they are in support of the Regional Police (Calls and Emails). She was directed by Supervisor Donaldson to bring the information to the township. If the township does not have (Names, Number, and Addresses) on file they cannot be recorded or considered valid comments. Joe Hradil asked why they cannot negotiate with McDonald Police Department. Dave Kramer asked if someone could tell me what the problem is currently with McDonald Police Department. Supervisor Amodeo answered that just because there is no current problem does not mean there was never one and that we do not know what the future will look like.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted: *Renee Szymanski*, Recording Secretary