

Robinson Township
Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 11, 2025
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday February 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for ordinary business. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was conducted. Present at the meeting were Vice-Chair Chris Amodeo, Township Supervisor Mary Donaldson, Township Solicitor Sarah Scott, Township Engineer Keith Straight, and Township Secretary Renee Szymanski.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS ON:

Thursday January 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
TO DISCUSS REGIONAL POLICE

PUBLIC DISCUSSION Vice-Chair Chris Amodeo asked for public comment on agenda items only.

Angie Greenslate asked Supervisor Chris Amodeo to answer some questions regarding Thursday January 16, 2025, Police Meeting. Why was there a private citizen present at the meeting? Where is the information that is supposed to be brought back to the residents from these meetings? Supervisor Amodeo responded that he was just as shocked to see a private citizen present at the meeting. At this point there is no information to bring back to the residents. They are continuing to go over some preposed Budgets and see if this is even something Robinson Township would be able to afford. If it is not something the Supervisors feel would be a benefit for Robinson Township once they gather all information and Budgets, they will make that decision at that time. John Campbell also had some questions regarding Regional Police. Why was that citizen not asked to leave before the meeting had started? Is there a sign-in for these meetings? Who runs the meeting? Supervisor Mary Donaldson commented she is also wondering if the DCEC was present. Supervisor Amodeo answered... The citizen that attended the meeting did not leave he was there to present some donation ideas to contribute to Robinson Townships cost. There is no sign-in at Regional Police Meetings, more of informational setting. The DCED was not present at this meeting and again this was an informational setting, no one person was running the meeting. John Campbell asked if Chief Matt Tharp was running most of the meeting and again why are we continuing to attend when it was decided 10 months ago Robinson Township was not interested? Supervisor Amodeo confirmed that Chief Matt Tharp did not run the meeting and Supervisor Zilich and himself are continuing to attend because they still want to see what information and options are out there. Supervisor Amodeo then confirmed they will be attending another Regional Police meeting in March. Cathy Lodged asked if all three Township Supervisors are allowed to attend these Regional Police Meetings? Township Solicitor Sarah Scott replied that she is going to look further into this (Sunshine Act). At this time Solicitor Scott reminded both The Township Board of Supervisors and Residents of Robinson Township that this is not the time to discuss these issues, and the Board of Supervisors Meeting is to conduct Regular Township Business.

MINUTES

Donaldson made a **motion** to approve the minutes of The Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting of January 6, 2025. Seconded by Amodeo. (Supervisor Donaldson let the residents know that she was unable to attend January 6, 2025, Reorganizational Meeting and Board of Supervisors Meeting. Due to a Make a Wish Trip for her daughter that was planned a year in advance).

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Absent, Amodeo- Yes

Donaldson made a **motion** to approve the minutes of The Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting of January 6, 2025. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Absent, Amodeo- Yes

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Donaldson made a **motion** to authorize payment of the February bills and payroll. Seconded by Amodeo. (Supervisor Donaldson made note of an upcharge for SSA due to Right to Know Request).

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Absent, Amodeo- Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

Donaldson made a **motion** to accept correspondence for February, four items. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Absent, Amodeo- Yes

REPORTS

Fire Department- Midway 18 calls, itemized by Chief Doug Baird

McDonald 9 calls, itemized by Chief Philp Boggs

Police- 142 calls, itemized by Chief Matt Tharp (Confirmed Police Update was sent via email Thursday February 6, 2025)

Animal Control- Dane Culley patrols township, 0 calls this month

Zoning- report on file, itemized by Stephanie Humensky

Public Works- report on file, Mary Donaldson recognized Road Forman John Ramacker for being prepared and stocked with salt.

Solicitor- report on file, itemized by Sarah Scott

Engineer- report on file, itemized by Keith Straight

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

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Absent, Amodeo- Yes

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Donaldson made a **motion** to approve Resolution 7-2025 to receive Tax Anticipation Note. Seconded by Amodeo. (Details and explanation given by Township Secretary Renee Szymanski).

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Absent, Amodeo- Yes

Amodeo made a **motion** to table Chief Matt Tharps Office and Supplies Request. Seconded by Donaldson.

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Zilich- Absent, Amodeo- Yes

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Donaldson- Verified with Township Secretary Renee Szymanski that follow up with Terri Carroll (Gladus). Regarding Robinson Township: North Street Bridge Replacement Project for the LSA Statewide Program, information was requested with a dateline of February 14, 2025. Email verification was sent on February 7, 2025, Robinson Township is still currently waiting to hear back with any further information. Donaldson also took a moment to thank Township Emergency Management Coordinator Doug Baird on working with PA American Water to get a fire hydrant located on Campbell Road. Supervisor Amodeo- Reminded residents to keep an open mind when hearing about Regional Police. The Supervisors are continuing to attend these meetings for the interest of all residents in Robinson Township.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS

Resident Cathy Lodge asked what the cost to the Township would be for the fire hydrant on Campbell Road. EMC Doug Baird answered that there would be no cost to the Township. Lodge directed a question to Township Engineer Keith Straight regarding Shear Tank Pad (Land Development and Condition Use). Straight replied it is straight forward and is being presented tonight to the Robinson Township Planning Commission. Angie Greenslate wanted to thank Chief Matt Tharp. She has noticed more police coverage near her home on the other end of Robinson Township. John Campbell asked about a recent Right to Know Request and why there were different copies of an Attendance List (Regional Police Meeting). Supervisor Donaldson stated that we do have a Right to Know Policy in place. Township Secretary Renee Szymanski stated that Right to Knows do take some time and gathering information from so many parties' sorting what is permissible can be difficult. Cathy Lodge added that the Township is only required to submit what they have available not to create documents. Solicitor Scott agreed and had detailed Right to Know in Supervisors Monthly Report. David Foley asked if they could start keeping a sign in log at Steering Committee Meetings. Chief Matt Tharp took a moment to remind residents that he was available to meet with any residents regarding police coverage. He is still currently looking for the Weight Study as he is helping with some coverage in McDonald. John Campbell asked Supervisor Amodeo where all the newly elected board members are. Why are they not present at any of the Township Meetings? Quint Jones said he also is not aware why these residents are on the boards but not present at the Township Meetings. Supervisor Donaldson stated she was not at the Reorganization Meeting, and she also does not know these new board members. Supervisor Amodeo let everyone know that these board members were selected from the Letter of Interest forms that were returned to the Township Office.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to come before the Board, the Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. which was seconded by Donaldson.

Respectfully submitted: *Renee Szymanski*, Township Secretary