

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE
ROBINSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD 09/10/08 AT 9:30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Bernice Berens
Bonnie Hayward
Tracy Stille-Mulligan
John Kuyers

ABSENT:

Jackie Frye

ALSO PRESENT:

Ron Bultje-Attorney
Paul VanVelzen-Robinson Township Fire Chief
Kate Kremmel-Zoning Administrator
Milton Reeths-Deputy Supervisor
Bonnie Carnell-Elections Administrator
Chris Saddler-Deputy Clerk
Tom Veltum-Maintenance
Jill VanderStel-NORP
Lisa Sutterfield-NORP
Mary Jane Belter-NORP
Joanne Query-NORP
Donald Ondersma
Howard Baumann-Port Sheldon Township

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Berens. Trustee Kuyers offered the invocation that was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A discussion was held on the marking of the soccer field for teams that do not pay a fee for usage.

Tom Veltum reported on the status of the broken water pump. He will have an estimate for repairs at the 9-15-08 meeting.

Tom Veltum reported on the water at the cemetery. A new air tank is needed. The budget will be reviewed before a decision is made.

Stille-Mulligan made a motion supported by Kuyers to move Agenda item four to one. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jill VanderStel from Northwest Ottawa Recreation Program made a presentation on their current program and the benefits of switching to an Authority. They are hoping to have

the Articles of Incorporation ready to present to the different municipalities after September 25th. The board had many questions that still need to be answered before they are ready to give their support to being a part of NORA.

Stille-Mulligan made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the purchase of a new computer backup system with the costs split between departments. The cost is not to exceed \$1,000 plus installation. Roll call vote: Kuyers: yes, Berens: yes, Hayward: yes, Stille-Mulligan: yes, Frye; absent

Discussion was held regarding the liquor license enforcement which was a duty of the constable. With the elimination of the constable position enforcement will need to be done through the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department.

The Class A Earth Change application for Eastbrook Homes/Jeremy Sleeper, parcel number 70-08-24-200-017 was presented. The sand for the pond will be used for a walkout basement. Kuyers made a motion supported by Hayward to approve the application. All ayes. Motion approved.

A discussion was held regarding the issues with the Class A Earth Change permit held by Donald Ondersma. There have been wide variations in the water table levels. Kate Kremmel was directed to inspect the pond as if the water level was three feet higher.

Stille-Mulligan suggested putting a notice on the Township website about the fundraiser being held at the Robinson Elementary School to raise money for a digital school zone sign. She also encouraged other information to be given to Joy and updated.

Kuyers made a motion supported by Stille-Mulligan to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Christine Saddler
Robinson Township Deputy Clerk