

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE
ROBINSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD 07/09/2008 AT 9:30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

BERNICE BERENS
JACKIE FRYE
CHERYL CLARK
TRACY STILLE-MULLIGAN
JOHN KUYERS

ALSO PRESENT:

RON BULTJE – ATTORNEY (JOINED THE MEETING AT 10.00 A.M.)
PAUL VANVELZEN – ROBINSON TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF
KATE KREMMEL – ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
MILTON REETHS – DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
BONNIE HAYWARD – DEPUTY TREASURER
3 APPLICANTS FOR THE ASSESSOR’S POSITION.
1 APPLICANT FOR A CLASS A EARTH CHANGE PERMIT
MARIAN KARELL – AUG. 5TH PRIMARY CANDIDATE FOR TRUSTEE

THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY SUPERVISOR BERENS. TRUSTEE KUYERS OFFERED THE INVOCATION THAT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CLARK MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA MOVING THE FIRE DEPT. EXPENSES ISSUE TO THE FIRST ITEM.

STILLE-MULLIGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE MINUTES WITH ONE REVISION. CLARK SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

BERENS READ A PORTION OF THE MINUTES FROM 02/21/1983 REFLECTING THE PASSING OF A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE ROBINSON TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION AS A MUNICIPAL BUILDING.
RON BULTJE WAS ASKED TO DRAW UP A NEW RESOLUTION DESIGNATING WHAT EXPENSES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR. THIS IS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE AUGUST MEETING.

STILLE-MULLIGAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT DIANE MURRAY’S RESIGNATION FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD EFFECTIVE JUNE 30,2008. FRYE SUPPORTED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

KUYERS MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TO 58 1/2 CENTS PER MILE EFFECTIVE JULY 1,2008. THIS IS THE SAME AS IRS

REIMBURSEMENT RATES. CLARK SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DON ONDERSMA REQUESTED THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 ESCROW REQUIRED FOR HIS CLASS A EARTH CHANGE PERMIT IN ADDITION TO THE \$550.00 ALREADY PAID BE REDUCED. HIS REQUEST WAS DENIED UPON THE ADVICE OF THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY. STILLE-MULLIGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE HIS APPLICATION WITH THE STIPULATION THAT HE PAY THE ADDITIONAL \$500.00 ESCROW AND ADHERE TO THE THREE STIPULATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR. KUYERS SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

STILLE-MULLIGAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF STEVE YOUNG'S EARTH CHANGE PERMIT. FRYE SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CLARK REMOVED HERSELF FROM THE TABLE FOR THE INTERVIEWS OF THE APPLICANTS FOR THE ASSESSOR'S POSITION. BERENS EXPLAINED APPLICANTS' TO BE INTERVIEWED AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD. EACH APPLICANT WAS ASKED QUESTIONS AND THEIR APPLICATION AND RESUME' WAS REVIEWED. KUYERS MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JOE CLARK FOR THE ASSESSOR POSITION AT A SALARY OF \$25,000.00 PER YEAR, TO BE INCREASED TO \$27,000.00 WHEN HE OBTAINS HIS LEVEL TWO CERTIFICATION. STILLE-MULLIGAN QUESTIONED WHETHER WE WANTED TO HIRE SOMEONE WHO IS RELATED TO A BOARD MEMBER AS IT HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED IN THE PAST AND WAS IT A GOOD IDEA TO EMPLOY A RESIDENT OF THE TOWNSHIP AS IN THE PAST MEMBER'S HAD VOICED DISSENT ABOUT SUCH. SHE REITERATED HER RESPECT FOR CLARK BUT THOUGHT WE SHOULD GO WITH SOMEONE WITH THAT HAD ATTAINED A HIGHER CERTIFICATION LEVEL.

FRYE SECONDED THE MOTION BY KUYERS. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. AYES: KUYERS, BERENS AND FRYE. NAYS: STILLE-MULLIGAN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CLARK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO FIRE PROOF FILING CABINETS FOR THE CLERK'S AND ASSESSOR'S OFFICE NOT TO EXCEED \$2400.00. FRYE SUPPORTED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CLARK MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE THREE COMPUTERS' AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$800.00 EACH TO REPLACE THE THREE OLDEST COMPUTERS IN THE TOWNSHIP. STILLE-MULLIGAN SUPPORTED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING AYE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

STILLE-MULLIGAN MADE A MOTION TO PAY ANN MAY AND SARAH MAY \$50.00 EACH FOR THE HELP THEY PROVIDED IN CLEANING UP THE CEMETERY AFTER THE STORM. CLARK SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

MINDY RAYMOND WAS DIRECTED TO OBTAIN QUOTES FOR NEW FLOORING FOR THE TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM.

PAUL VANVELZEN GAVE A REPORT ON A MISSING BUOY AND SOME OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR FUNDING BUOY MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT.

STILLE-MULLIGAN MADE A MOTION TO ELIMINATE THE JULY ROAD BRINING AND MOVE THE DATE TO SEPT. CONTINUING WITH THE SCHEDULED AUGUST BRINING. KUYERS SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

KUYERS MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS. FRYE SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

THE REPORTS ARE ON FILE.

KUYERS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. FRYE SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:50 A.M.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
JACKIE S. FRYE
ROBINSON TOWNSHIP CLERK**