

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**ROBINSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**HELD 10/15/2008 AT 9:30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

BERNICE BERENS  
JACKIE FRYE  
BONNIE HAYWARD  
JOHN KUYERS  
TRACY STILLE-MULLIGAN

**ABSENT:**

NONE

**ALSO PRESENT:**

KATE KREMMEL  
RON BULTJE  
MILT REETHS  
TOM VELTUM  
PAUL VANVELZEN  
BILL OSNER  
DON ONDERSMA  
MEGHANN RAUSCHER

THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY SUPERVISOR BERENS. KUYERS GAVE AN INVOCATION THAT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

STILLE-MULLIGAN MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE AGENDA AND MOVE TOM VELTUM AND DON ONDERSMA TO THE TOP. KUYERS SUPPORTED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

TOM VELTUM REQUESTED APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FERTILIZER FOR THE PARK FOR \$1230.00 AND WAS INSTRUCTED BY THE BOARD TO OBTAIN QUOTES FROM VARIOUS COMPANIES.

FLAWS IN THE BASKETBALL COURT WERE DISCUSSED. KUYERS WAS REQUESTED TO CONTACT HARRY WIERENGA TO SEE WHAT OPTIONS WE HAD WITH THE GRANT TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM.

WHETHER TO CONSIDER MAKING THE SOFTBALL FIELD INTO A FIELD FOR ADULT SOFTBALL WAS DISCUSSED.

DON ONDERSMA GAVE AN EXPLANATION OF THE ADDITIONAL BERMS ON HIS PROPERTY AND ASKED THAT HIS EARTH CHANGE BE FINALIZED AND CLOSED.

RON BULTJE EXPLAINED THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR CANNOT APPROVE IT AS IS. HE STATED THAT MR. ONDERSMA MUST COMPLY WITH HIS ORIGINAL APPLICATION OR SUBMIT A REVISED PLAN AND OBTAIN A NEW PERMIT.

MR. ONDERSMA ASKED FOR PROOF THAT A BERM IS SUBJECT TO THE EARTH CHANGE ZONING ORDINANCE. RON BULTJE ASSURED HIM IT WAS AND TOLD HIM TO CHECK THE ZONING ORDINANCE ONLINE OR THE OFFICE COPY.

FRYE MADE A MOTION THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR INSPECT MR. ONDERSMA'S PROPERTY TODAY AND TAKE PICTURES AND THAT THERE BE NO ACTIVITY ON THE PROJECT OTHER THAN BRINGING THE APPROVED BERM INTO COMPLIANCE , UNTIL A NEW APPLICATION IS APPROVED. STILLE-MULLIGAN SUPPORTED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. AYES: HAYWARD, STILLE-MULLIGAN, KUYERS, FRYE AND BERENS. NAYS: NONE. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

BIDS FOR THE SEALING OF THE PARKING LOT ASPHALT WERE OPENED. THE BID WAS AWARDED TO PITTMAN ASPHALT MAINTENANCE WITH THE CONDITION THE QUOTE OF \$3225.00 WAS FOR TWO COATS OF SEALER. MOTION BY KUYERS AND SECONDED BY FRYE. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED. KUYERS WILL CHECK WITH PITTMAN BEFORE 10/20/2008 TO BE SURE THE BID INCLUDED TWO COATS OF SEALER.

RESOLUTION 2008-10-20 WAS READ BY BERENS. THIS MOTION WAS IN REGARD TO CHARTER PEG CHANNELS BEING PROVIDED. FRYE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THAT WAS SUPPORTED BY STILLE-MULLIGAN. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: AYES: BERENS, FRYE, HAYWARD, KUYERS, AND STILLE-MULLIGAN. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON RIVER BUOYS: SHARING THE COST WITH CROCKERY TOWNSHIP OF MAINTAINING AND REPLACING THEM . RON BULTJE WAS ASKED TO WRITE A RESOLUTION TO THAT EFFECT.

SUPERVISOR BERENS STATED THAT BOOKLETS ON ORV LAWS AND GUIDELINES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL.

STILLE-MULLIGAN MADE A MOTION TO AWARD AN INCREASE OF \$2000.00 TO JOE CLARK'S ANNUAL SALARY AS AGREED WHEN HE REACHED HIS LEVEL TWO CERTIFICATION. HAYWARD SECONDED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. AYES: KUYERS, HAYWARD, BERENS, FRYE, AND STILLE-MULLIGAN. NAYS: NONE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

FRYE STATED SHE HAD A REQUEST FROM MINDY RAYMOND AND TOM VELTUM TO BE PAID FOR THEIR UNUSED VACATION TIME. STILLE-MULLIGAN READ AN EXCERPT FROM THE PERSONNEL POLICY ADDRESSING THIS. HAYWARD MADE A MOTION WE APPROVE PAYMENT. FRYE SUPPORTED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN: AYES: KUYERS, HAYWARD, BERENS, FRYE. NAYS: STILLE-MULLIGAN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

KUYERS MADE A MOTION THAT VACATION TIME BE USED OR BE LOST FROM THIS POINT FORWARD. STILLE-MULLIGAN SUPPORTED THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. AYES: STILLE-MULLIGAN, KUYERS, HAYWARD, AND FRYE. NAYS: BERENS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

VARIOUS WAYS TO CUT EXPENSES WERE DISCUSSED. BONNIE HAYWARD EXPLAINED THAT INTEREST ON CD'S WAS DOWN BY 2% AND THAT THERE WERE 700 PEOPLE THAT HAD YET TO PAY THEIR TAXES.

TOM VELTUM WAS DIRECTED TO TAKE OVER THE CEMETERY WORK AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2008 AS THAT WOULD BE THE LAST DAY JOHN MAYS WOULD BE HELPING THERE.

MEGHANN RAUSCHER GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE FINALIZING OF THE MITIGATION GRANT.

SUPERVISOR BERENS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO MEGHANN RAUSCHER AND BONNIE HAYWARD FOR ALL THE WORK ON THE FLOOD GRANT. SHE PRESENTED THEM WITH A GIFT BASKET.

FRYE MADE A MOTION THAT CHRIS SADDLER BE RECOGNIZED FOR ALL THE EXTRA HOURS SHE PUT IN DURING THE FLOOD AND INITIAL WORK ON THE GRANT. ALSO ONGOING WORK FOR THE FINAL GRANT AUDIT. STILLE-MULLIGAN SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON THE SOUTH CEDAR MINING SITE AND THE REQUEST FOR A CELL CLOSING AND AN INTERIM CELL OPENING.

THE BOARD RECOGNIZED MINDY RAYMOND FOR HER 20 YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT WITH ROBINSON TOWNSHIP.

KUYERS MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE. HAYWARD SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:50 A.M.

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