

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:05PM prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Municipal Building located on Route 724 in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Love & Deeds; Supervisors Rhauda & Brown were absent. Also present were Engineer Gary Kraft, Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Police Chief Mark T. Phillips, Road Crew Leader Billy Lanza and Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Motion to reject request from Township Resident & send letter – Following discussion regarding the request, Solicitor Hartman stated that since there is no documentation, etc. regarding the incident, the BOS should send a letter rejecting the request due to lack of evidence. Chairman Feeg moved to reject the request and to have Manager Keim send a letter to the resident explaining why. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Billy Lanza reported the number of potholes in the Township are on the rise and they are working as best they can to repair them.

Supervisor Deeds thanked the Road Maintenance Workers for moving the street sign @ Golf Course Road & Old River Road as requested at the Workshop.

POLICE

Review Correspondence to Chief Phillips – Chief Phillips stated he is in receipt of a letter of resignation from part-time Officer Bruce Gundy. Mr. Gundy has accepted a new position that will require much traveling which would make it difficult to continue to work for the Robeson Township Police Department. The BOS regretfully accepted his letter of resignation upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Love. The BOS directed Chief Phillips to send a letter to Mr. Gundy expressing their feelings.

Chief Phillips commented that the hearing regarding the call out of the BCERT (SWAT Team) on December 4th for assistance in apprehending a severely intoxicated individual who was shooting in his back yard and threatening to shoot any police officer he saw was held today and waived to the Court of Common Pleas. Chief Phillips will keep the BOS apprised of information pertaining to this issue.

Chief Phillips commented on the crime rate in 2009; 55.2% fell under uniformed crime, mostly class 1 and 2.

At the Workshop, Supervisor Deeds directed Chief Phillips to check into 2 vehicles that appear to be abandoned in the lot at Cedar Hill Flowers on Main Street. Chief Phillips stated that 1 vehicle had been removed, as the registration ran out; the owner has since moved it. The other vehicle is being looked into.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – Andrea Liden of 2 Proudfoot Drive discussed the dangerous ice conditions that occur due to runoff from the rear area of her property and that the pipe at the end of her driveway is collapsed; she runs a business selling eggs. She stated the Road Maintenance Workers treat it constantly and she believes that if she does repairs to her driveway it will only make the ice problem worse. Billy Lanza reported this is a hazard and measures need to be taken to help prevent the problem; the RMWs know this is a hazardous area and treat it immediately when necessary. The BOS agreed they would take time to look at the issue to determine some type of resolution. Chairman Feeg requested a list of trouble spots like this be prepared in order to get some of them corrected.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Feeg moved to approve payment of bills for the period December 12, 2009 through January 15, 2010. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of 12/10/09, Regular Meeting of 12/15/09, Budget Meeting of 12/17/09, and the Supervisors Reorganization of 1/4/10 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Love that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer of December 2009, Sewer Reports for November & December 2009, Road & Building Reports for December 2009, Police Report for December 2009 & 2009 Year End Report and Gibraltar Fire Company Report for December 2009 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Reaffirm Maple Springs Development Plan – Phase I – Engineer Kraft stated all improvements have been made and the monuments have been set. Supervisor Love moved to reaffirm the plan; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Approve Stormwater Controls & Best Management Practices Operations & Maint. Agmt.**
- **Approve Land Development & Maint. Agmt.**

Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the two Agreements. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Approval of Doherty Private Road Agreement – Engineer Kraft stated this Agreement is ready for approval and must be recorded with the BCPC. A recorded copy must be returned to the Township Office. Chairman Feeg moved to approve the Agreement. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Ordinance and SALDO Amendments-Authorization to Prepare Ordinance - The PC, Berks County Planning Commission and Solicitor Hartman have reviewed the revised sections of the Zoning Ordinance and SALDO, and their comments have been incorporated into the current drafts. The PC recommended the Board of Supervisors authorize the preparation of the necessary ordinances, advertisement and subsequent distribution to the appropriate parties to initiate the final process for adoption. Engineer Kraft also recommends that action in order to stay on schedule for adoption before the end of May. Following discussion by the Board, the vote on the authorization was tabled until the Special meeting on January 22."

SOLICITOR

Adopt Ordinance #10-02 – Amending Ordinance #92-04 to Reduce the Speed Limit on a portion of Plow Road - Supervisor Deeds moved to enact the Ordinance; following a second by Supervisor Love the motion passed unanimously.

EAC

Reaffirm 3 Year Appointment of Christopher Smith (Term Expiration 1/1/2013) - Supervisor Love moved to reaffirm the appointment; following a second by Chairman Feeg the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt **Resolution #10-02** Implementing Sewage Permit Fees for Berks Envirotech & **Resolution #10-03** Implementing Sewage Permit Fees for Technicon Enterprises, Inc. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Feeg moved to adopt **Resolution #10-04** Implementing the Robeson Township Fee Schedule. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Reaffirm BOS decision to Advertise Meeting with PennDOT on 1/22/10 @ 9:30AM - Supervisor Deeds moved to reaffirm the advertisement; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Accept cleaning contract from *Moore Cleaning for Less* (Name change only-prices have not changed) - Supervisor Deeds; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Management for Elected Officials – 2/17/10 (Let Kathy Farrell know if you plan to attend)

Newly Elected Municipal Officials Seminar (Let Kathy Farrell know availability for attendance before 1/22/10)

Requested meeting with Birdsboro EMA (Let Kathy Farrell know availability for attendance ASAP)

Supervisor Deeds resigned as Assistant Treasurer. Chairman Feeg moved to rescind the nomination of Supervisor Deeds as Assistant Treasurer. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously. The Assistant Treasurer position will be filled pending discussion.

The Board recessed to **Executive Session** at 8:36PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

Supervisor Brown joined the meeting at 9:30PM during Executive Session.

The BOS reconvened at 9:50PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

Manager Keim and the BOS discussed obtaining appraisals on a property of interest by the Township. Supervisor Love authorized Manager Keim to obtain two appraisals upon the advice of Solicitor Hartman. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55PM. Supervisor Love seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary