

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 16, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:43PM 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, Brown, Rhaua & Deeds. Also present were Engineer Gary Kraft, Solicitor Bethany Emkey, Police Chief Mark T. Phillips, Interim Road Master David Wicklein and Manager Thomas C. Keim.

**Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence**

*"Solicitor Bethany Emkey noted for the public that an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, real estate and labor negotiations was held prior to the start of the Regular Meeting @ 7:00PM."*

**ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**Hopewell Road Water Issue** – Mr. Wicklein reported he and Engineer Kraft checked the property issue in question; grading the area may help but not much. As of this time, the weather is not conducive to perform any activity to correct the issue; it will be addressed in the Spring.

**Radio for 2004 Freightliner** – Interim Road Master Wicklein was directed to check for prices. Supervisor Rhaua moved to authorize the purchase of a 2-way Radio; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Authorization for Road Maintenance Workers to attend Expo Training Seminar, 3/9/10** – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the RMW's to attend the Training Seminar (\$20 p/p). Following a second by Supervisor Rhaua, the motion passed unanimously.

**Letter to Residents Regarding Snow Being Placed on Public Roadways** – Supervisor Deeds asked about action regarding cleanup (ie, snow being thrown into the public streets). Manager Keim noted there are a letter and Ordinances that have been sent to the Township Solicitor for revision; this will be before the BOS at their March 11, 2010 Workshop Meeting for review.

**POLICE**

**Lights & Siren Parade Request – Gibraltar Fire Company (Adopt Resolution #10-05)** – Supervisor Brown moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing the temporary closing of PA Route 724 from Gibraltar Road west to the intersection of Maple Street. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously. Chief Phillips has made a request for an indemnification letter for the Township and a Certificate of Liability is forthcoming. He also noted he has prepared a letter to PennDOT and a Certificate of Insurance will be sent to the "carrier".

**Hay Creek Festival Request – Joanna Furnace (Adopt Resolution #10-06)** – Supervisor Rhaua moved to adopt the Resolution pending receipt of Certificate of Insurance. Following a second by Supervisor Love the motion passed unanimously.

**Traffic Safety Law Enforcement:** DUI Training/Case Law: Officers Brenner & Smith: \$60.00 – Chairman Feeg moved to authorize the training and associated costs; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Glock Armorers Certification:** Sgt. Cassel/Officer Elliott: \$300.00 – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the certification training and associated costs; following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

**Taser Recertification:** Officer Elliott: \$195.00 - Supervisor Rhaua moved to authorize the recertification training and associated costs; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Phillips commended the Road Crew for all their efforts in plowing with the 2 recent storms. Jimmy Bare of the Road Crew thanked the Police for their cooperation and help.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Letter from Toshiba America Medical Systems, Inc.** commending Officer Heck was reviewed.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS**

Maryellen Mahan thanked the Road Crew & Police Departments for their immediate action during the recent

snow storms. She also requested the BOS for their approval to appoint Jane Ann Braddock to the Village Library Board. Supervisor Love moved to make the appointment; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCE**

**Host Fee Received from Stericycle** (\$8,773.34) – Manager Keim noted this is “on budget”.

**Host Fee Received from Allied Waste** (\$2,810.78) – Manager Keim noted this is less than half from last year and is “below budget”.

**Approve Service Contract Proposals from Ehrlich** for Sewer Plant (\$265) & Pump Station (\$297), Gibraltar Park Fence (\$404.25), Ball Field & Playground Areas (\$395), & Municipal Park Infield (\$228) – **Prices same as 2009** – Supervisor Brown moved to approve the proposals as stated above; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed. Supervisor Deeds abstained.

A brief discussion followed directing Interim Road Master, David Wicklein, to obtain pricing of spraying of the guide rails.

### **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Supervisor Deeds moved to approve payment of bills for the period January 16, 2010 through February 12, 2010. Following a second by Supervisor Rhaua, the motion passed unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of 1/14/10, Regular Meeting of 1/19/10, and the Special Meeting of 1/22/10 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Rhaua that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

### **APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer Reports, Road & Building Reports, Police Report, Gibraltar Fire Company & Friendship (Geigertown) Fire Company Reports for January 2010 as well as the December 2009 & 2009 Year End Reports for Friendship (Geigertown) Fire Company were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

### **PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

**73 Weaver Subdivision** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Submittal (information only) - This is the third sketch plan submitted; it is the residue of the Quaker Hill South II Subdivision. The first time it was submitted it included a single access street with residential lots. The second time it was submitted as a variance application for the ZHB for “portable cabins” in a campground; the application was filed then withdrawn. The 3<sup>rd</sup> submittal is for single family lots but shows a connection to the adjoining Quaker Ridge V Subdivision which is currently active as a preliminary plan. The Applicant's Consultant reviewed the plans with the PC and stated they are discussing a possible extension of Estate Drive (Quaker Hill South II Subdivision) to extend the road for this subdivision. No action was taken.

**Bertsch Subdivision** (information only) - This subdivision is located at the intersection of Westley & Huyett Roads (across from the Yocum Subdivision) on a 68 acre tract which has two existing dwellings. The purpose behind this subdivision is to divide the land by putting both dwellings onto separate lots; one proposed lot is for 10 acres and the other is for 58 acres. This proposed subdivision is located in the AP-Ag Preservation zoning district where the maximum lot size is 2 acres. Robeson Township's ordinance allows the BOS to increase the permitted lot area if the Applicant can prove that the proposed subdivision will not impact agriculture. The Applicant was instructed by the PC to provide justification for the Subdivision based upon the items in the Zoning Ordinance. No action required.

**Cedar Hill Estates Subdivision HOP's** - The Applicant's Consultants presented plans for the required road improvements within PennDOT right-of-way to the PC and they agreed that a presentation should be made to the BOS for their action. The Applicant requested BOS approval to sign the HOP Application to initiate the PennDOT review. While there has been fairly intense review already, the formal HOP process has not started. Chairman Feeg moved to approve the HOP application pending the developer presenting evidence that the concerns Mr. Smith from Spring Garden Nursery has related to the plans are followed up on. Engineer Kraft noted there are a number of plan modifications that are required based upon his review of the plans. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed; Supervisor Deeds abstained.

**CDBG Project stormwater discharge permit** – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize Engineer Kraft to apply to the Conservation District for permission to put in a cross pipe drain into the Allegheny Creek to eliminate a puddling situation on Old River Road near the Allegheny Aqueduct. Following a second by Supervisor Rhauda, the motion passed unanimously.

### **SOLICITOR**

**Authorize Chairman Feeg to Execute “Installation & Maintenance Agreement for Commercial Holding Tank Facility” for Quaker Hill Development Company** (Requires \$1,000.00 escrowed funds) – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the execution of the documents as required; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt Resolution #10-07 Appointing Zoning Hearing Board Members** – Supervisor Brown moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Labor & Employment Breakfast**, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM – 12:00PM @ Hartman Shurr (RSVP by 2/26/10 @ Noon)

### **PARK & RECREATION**

**Discuss expansion of stone parking lot at Gibraltar Park** – The BOS directed Manager Keim and Engineer Kraft to look at the situation.

### **EAC**

**Discussion Items** – The EAC is still looking to have a PC Member join their Board; Manager Keim stated that Chip Karasin may be interested.

**Website / Facebook** – Information should be available (up & running) by March 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **EAC Projects 2010**

- **Red Creek Wildlife Center** – is interested in doing a presentation. Chris Smith will contact the Twin Valley School District for availability to use their facility. All public are invited.
- **Programs @ Joanna Furnace** – No reply for this has been received.

### **OTHER**

**Review & Approve 2010 Mowing Advertisement & Specifications** – Supervisor Brown directed Kathy Farrell to modify the spec’s to include *Spin trim and/or spray along fence* at the Geigertown Fire Company. Supervisor Rhauda moved to approve the advertisement and specifications with the modification. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss Emergency Management Proposal from Ken Imes** – Following a brief discussion, the BOS determined Solicitor Hartman will review this proposal.

**Review Declarations of Disaster Emergency** – Supervisor Rhauda moved to approve the Declarations for February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & February 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Love moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:47PM. Supervisor Rhauda seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen C. Farrell,  
Recording Secretary