

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:02PM 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; Supervisor Brown joined the meeting at 7:15PM. Also present were Engineer Gary Kraft, Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Police Chief Mark T. Phillips, Interim Road Master David Wicklein and Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Containment Area for Anti-Skid / Cold Patch – Tabled until next month.

Approve Guide Rail Spraying Proposal (\$2,030.00) – Supervisor Deeds moved to award this proposal to Steven S. Marino Landscaping & Spraying Inc. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Schedule Road Inspection – Supervisor Deeds moved to advertise Road Inspections on April 15, 2010 at 8:00AM. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE

Street Crimes School April 5 – 7, 2010 – Chief Phillips requested approval for Officers Brenner & Smith to attend the 3 day class in Pottstown, PA (\$395 p/p). Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the approval; following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Feeg requested that one of the Officers give a brief presentation to the BOS regarding the class at the April Workshop Meeting.

Correspondence Regarding Motor Vehicle / Firearms Violation – Chief Phillips reviewed a letter he received from Robert L. Celestino of J.J. White, Inc., Philadelphia, PA regarding a “road-rage” incident. Mr. Celestino requested his employees name be removed from the Police Report so it can be used as training material for the employees; also, he would like Chief Phillips to let him know if there are any upcoming fund raising opportunities for the PD that J.J. White, Inc. may consider.

Chief Phillips explained the PD has been very busy and gave the following information:

- 3/8/10 – The SWAT Unit was activated for an armed suicidal male. No one was hurt. The person was committed to a psychiatric facility and has since been released. He is very remorseful. There were approximately 35 SWAT members from several municipalities as well as Police Officers and Fire Police. All residents in the vicinity of the incident were cooperative and some offered the use of their homes and refreshments for Law Enforcement Personnel; Chief Phillips will be sending them a thank you letter. The Red Cross did bring food and refreshments for the Personnel.
- 3/11/10 – A resident noticed a flashlight in the residence of someone that was not home and away on vacation and called the Police immediately. A male and female were apprehended while attempting to burglarize the residence for money / drugs. They were arraigned at Berks County Central Processing Center on burglary related charges
- 3/14/10 – There was a domestic involving a male and female. The male involved was soon after arrested.

Chief Phillips noted the Police Vehicle donated by Muhlenberg Township is being worked on by Birdsboro Personnel. He also commended the Road Crew for their efforts regarding the heavy winds and rain this past weekend. Jimmy Bare of the Road Crew thanked the Police for their cooperation and help.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request from Girl Scouts re Gold Award for a Township Resident – The BOS directed Kathy Farrell to prepare a letter of commendation to the Girl Scout Association commending Heather P. McKeon on attaining her Gold Award and provide her with a Certificate of Achievement upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

Berks Municipal Partnership Breakfast April 30th – The BOS will let Kathy Farrell know if they plan to attend.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

David Belz complained about brush and limbs on Westley Road in the area of the Ziegler Property to Route 10. Interim Road Master will check trees to be trimmed to a height of 14’-6”.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Feeg moved to approve payment of bills for the period February 13, 2010 through March 12, 2010. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Feeg	- Yes	Love	- Yes
Brown	- Yes	Deeds	- Yes, but abstained on payment to him for plowing services

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Regular Meeting of February 16, 2010 and the Special Meeting of March 1, 2010 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer Report, Road & Building Reports and Police Reports for February 2010 were reviewed and approved pending correction of the Treasurer's Summary to reflect the amounts are for February, not January, upon a motion by Supervisor Love that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Bertsch Subdivision – consider one step review request - The BOS voted unanimously to authorize one step plan review upon a motion by Supervisor Love that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

Review draft of proposed Birdsboro Zoning Ordinance – Engineer Kraft has reviewed the “draft” to determine impacts to Robeson Township and noted the proposal is consistent with what Robeson Township has. The BOS unanimously voted to authorize Engineer Kraft to send a letter to Birdsboro Borough that there is no opposition to their proposed Ordinance upon a motion by Supervisor Brown that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

Plan review time extensions due to expire 3/31/10 (thru 6/30/10) were approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

Preserve at Geiger's Mill-single (P)	Preserve at Geiger's Mill-Town. (P)
Park View Estates Sub (P)	Parkside Subdivision (P)
Gibraltar Estates (P)	Stone Ridge Subdivision (P)
Birdsboro Pharmacy (F)	Quaker Ridge V Sub (P)
Mustang Lane Subdivision (P)	Beaver Run Sub (P)
Pheasant Run Subdivision (P)	Zuber Subdivision (P/F)
Oak Grove Sub. (P)	Cedar Hill Estates (P)

Reaffirm the Bell Subdivision Plans – Engineer Kraft noted the plans have exceeded the time allowed for recording and therefore need reaffirmation. Chairman Feeg moved to reaffirm the plans; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Reaffirm Tentative Approval for Chairman Feeg to Execute Temporary Holding Tank Agreement for 553 Quaker Hill Road – Supervisor Brown moved to reaffirm the Agreement; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Reaffirm Tentative Approval for Chairman Feeg to Execute Daniel & Shannon Gushue Agreement – Following a lengthy discussion, Supervisor Brown moved to reaffirm the Agreement. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Feeg	- Yes	Love	- Yes
Brown	- Yes	Deeds	- No

Review Draft Ordinance Concerning General Obligation Note – Solicitor Hartman reviewed the draft Ordinance. Supervisor Deeds move to authorize Solicitor Hartman to advertise the necessary Ordinance allowing Robeson Township to borrow funds to acquire real estate, do improvements to the current Municipal Building and payment of the costs and expenses of issuance of the Note at the appropriate time after all the necessary conditions have been met. Supervisor Love seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Solicitor Hartman stated the Noted must be advertised three (3) days prior to any meeting at which the Ordinance will be enacted.

A discussion followed regarding property belonging to Mr. Ott. The BOS discussed obtaining an estimate to demolish the existing, dangerous structure and to get an assessment of the lot with and without the structure by a realtor / assessor. Supervisor Deeds will obtain the demolition bid and Manager Keim will obtain the assessment. Supervisor Deeds made a motion to take action on these items. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Hartman briefly addressed items regarding a Snow Ordinance, an Emergency Management Request, and the Birdsboro Policing issue of which he will check with their Solicitor.

OTHER

Review & Approve 2010 Mowing Advertisement & Specifications – Following a lengthy discussion regarding the Bids (below) and the requirements listed in the newspaper advertisement, Supervisor Deeds moved to award the bid to Majestic Lawn & Landscaping. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

2010 Mowing Bids

CONTRACT BIDDER	Gibraltar Playground	Treatment Plant Pumping Station	Township Building	Municipal Field	Geigertown Fire Company	TOTALS
TruGreen	\$ 137.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 337.00
Majestic Lawn & Landscaping	\$ 90.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 340.00
Greenview Landscape Maintenance	\$ 140.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 350.00
Thomas Favinger	\$ 150.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 360.00
TA Enterprises	\$ 140.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 360.00
Sebastian Sotasanti Lawn Care	\$ 90.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 360.00
Green Hills Equipment	\$ 150.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 365.00
Corey's Country Landscaping LLC	\$ 145.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 375.00
Village Lawn Care	\$ 104.00	\$ 79.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 377.00
JC's Landscaping & Lawn Service	\$ 120.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 420.00
Diebolt Landscaping	\$ 144.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 434.00
American Outdoor Maintenance	\$ 120.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 440.00
BLS Landscaping Inc.	\$ 325.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,235.00
Precision Landscape	\$ 565.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 1,565.00

Adopt Resolution #10-08 - Support for the PA Highlands – At the BOS Workshop held on March 11th, Ingrid Cantarella-Fox requested support from the BOS regarding the PA Highlands. Chairman Feeg moved to adopt the Resolution. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Feeg	- Yes	Love	- Yes
Brown	- Yes	Deeds	- Yes, so long as it does not affect future development within Robeson Township

The BOS recessed to **Executive Session** at 9:54PM upon a motion by Supervisor Love that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds and reconvened at 11:15PM.

The BOS authorized Manager Keim to send the Regional Police Services Study to the County upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

Chairman Feeg moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:16PM. Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary