

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:00PM 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 Brown & Deeds; Supervisor Love was absent; Supervisor Rhauda joined the meeting at 7:57PM. Also present were 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

The meeting was taken out of order to address Agenda Item 8.D.

Poplar Crossing Development / Herman – Attorney Socrates Georgeadis represented Mr. Herman, developer of Poplar Crossing Development. Solicitor Hartman recommended that BOS adopt a 1 month extension which was recommended by the Municipal Authority (MA) and further schedule a joint meeting with the BOS, MA & Mr. Herman on June 15, 2010 (during the Regular Supervisors Meeting). Chairman Feeg moved to schedule the joint meeting; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Roof replacement for White Bear Township Building (Type and Color) – Supervisor Deeds moved to purchase the roofing material from Martin and the installation be completed by C.A.M. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

Bid opening for Township Road work – on Furnace Road and Old River Road is postponed until the June Regular Meeting due the time necessary for PennDOT approval.

Request to approve hiring R & S sweeping to clear township roads of winter aggregate – David Wicklein requested the BOS authorize hiring R&S @ \$95.00 p/hour, not to exceed \$4,000.00, for approximately 3 days. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the hiring at the rate quoted; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS reviewed purchasing a “cut off saw” for \$800.00. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the purchase; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wicklein reported on erosion near the Gunhart Road bridge; Engineer Kraft & David Wicklein will meet with the property owner to make a determination.

Other items discussed were vandalism / graffiti at the Municipal Field; Road Maintenance Workers secured a manhole cover next to the concession stand and issues with the “job johnnies” at the parks.

POLICE

Berks County Emergency Response Team Tryouts – Chief Phillips reviewed a letter of interest received from Officer Matthew J. Smith expressing his desire to become a part of the BCERT and forego any overtime associated with his trying out (a contract modification would be required). The Chief recalled 2 incidents that took place in Robeson Township where the BCERT were called in; both incidents ended without anyone getting hurt. He also stated that the cost for Officer Smith to attend the classes necessary would be in the range of \$1,000.00 - \$1,500.00. This matter will be discussed by the BOS negotiation team at the next contract meeting scheduled for Friday, May 21st @ 2:00PM.

Chief Phillips stated that on June 2nd @ 2:00PM, an introduction of the Birdsboro / Robeson Crime Scene Unit will take place at the Birdsboro Police Department.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Feeg moved to approve payment of bills for the period April 17, 2010 through May 17, 2010. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Feeg	- Yes	Brown	- Yes
Rhauda	- Yes	Deeds	- Yes, but abstained on payment to Willow Spring Builders & Green Hills Equipment LLC

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of April 15, 2010, Regular Meeting of April 21, 2010 and Special Meetings of April 23, 2010 and April 26, 2010 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Brown.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer Report, Road & Building Reports, Police Report & the Fire Company Reports for April were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

Code Enforcement Report & Property Review – Chairman Feeg moved to authorize a letter be sent to Sandra H. Lentz informing her of trash being dumped on her property on Clinton Drive.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Killian Woods-Lot 2 Subdivision – Revised Final – Engineer Kraft reported at the Workshop Meeting that the Applicant resubmitted plans for review. The PC conditionally approved the plans subject to the outstanding items in his review letter being addressed prior to the Board Workshop and recommended the BOS conditionally approve the plans subject to placement of all of the required seals and signatures on the plans at their Regular Meeting. Supervisor Deeds moved to conditionally approve the plan per Engineer Kraft’s review. Following a second by Supervisor Rhaua, the motion passed unanimously.

Stericycle request for waiver of Land Development requirements – Engineer Kraft reported at the Workshop Meeting that Stericycle is proposing renovations of a building formerly used for incineration of animal remains along with a minor building expansion and removal of a trailer currently used for office space. Along with these minor changes, the Applicant has requested that the requirement for Land Development be waived. In that this waiver has been previously granted in similar circumstances, the PC voted to recommend waiver of planning related to Land Development conditioned upon; 1) The office trailer being removed from the site & 2) The Applicant must provide an updated plan indicating the proposed building layout of the site. Engineer Kraft recommended the BOS give their approval as well. Supervisor Deeds moved to grant the waiver based on the conditions of Engineer Kraft’s review letter. Following a second by Supervisor Rhaua, the motion passed unanimously.

Natural Lands Trust property easements:

Corbett Property (Union / Robeson Townships)
Gunhart Road area – 105.6 acres

Discussion by BOS regarding Engineer Kraft’s report at the Workshop Meeting that the Township has received two letters from The Natural Lands Trust regarding their intention to acquire easements on two parcels. One is along Mullen Hollow Road in Union & Robeson Townships and the other tract which was part of the Village of Green Hills PRD lands. The PC tried to review the request but decided that insufficient information was provided to formulate an opinion and recommended seeking more detail about the areas before taking any action.

SALDO revisions related to Fire Protection Section 517 – discussed.

Plan time extension – Bertsch Subdivision thru 6/30/2010 (expires 5/29/2010) – Supervisor Brown moved to grant the time extension; following a second by Supervisor Rhaua, the motion passed unanimously.

West Nantmeal Township Zoning Ordinance – A copy of the proposed West Nantmeal Township Zoning Ordinance has been received for review because West Nantmeal is part of the Twin Valley School District. Since West Nantmeal Township does not border Robeson Township, the PC recommended that no review be provided and that a letter thanking them for the opportunity be sent instead. The BOS directed Mr. Kraft to send the letter upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

Woods at White Bear Subdivision escrow release request – A request for release of escrowed funds #7 for the Woods at White Bear Subdivision has been received. The request is for parts of the street tree plantings and construction observation totaling \$12,810.00. At the Workshop Meeting, Mr. Kraft recommended the BOS approve the release at their Regular Meeting. Supervisor Rhaua moved to authorize the release; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Maple Springs Land Development reaffirmation - The Developer of the Maple Springs Land Development has failed to record the approved plans due to delays in obtaining financing and is now seeking to have the plans reaffirmed. No changes have been made & Mr. Kraft recommended (at the Workshop Meeting) reaffirmation of the plans. Supervisor Deeds moved to reaffirm the plans; following a second by Supervisor Rhaua, the motion passed unanimously.

Oak Grove Subdivision – bridge access presentation – Supervisor Rhaua recused himself from discussion and assumed a seat with the audience. Gary McEwen presented his views. Following much discussion, Supervisor Deeds moved to accept the concept of primary access to the tract via a proposed bridge across Hay Creek using Oak Grove Road as an emergency access with a cul de sac to be placed at or near the New Morgan boundary line and a second turn around to be located east of the cul de sac on property of a mutually acceptable property holder to the west of the last existing driveway on Oak Grove Road. This motion does **not** include any approval of any waivers or plan approvals. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Approve Resolution # 10-12 purchase of Ragland building in lieu of condemnation – Supervisor Rhaua moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resolution #10-13 appointing members to the Geigertown Area Joint Authority – Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the Resolution appointing Mike Carlini for a 4 year term, Roger Feeg for a 2 year term and Margaret Maclean for a 1 year term to the Joint Authority with Union Township. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve holding tank agreement for 67 Golf Course Road – Solicitor Hartman advised the BOS that the holding tank was permissible providing there is no other place to put another type of system. Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the agreement; following a second by Supervisor Rhaua, the motion passed unanimously.

EDU Request – A discussion was held regarding a request from Mr. Grande for EDU's for property he wishes to develop in Cumru Township.

Back Hoe Agreement – Supervisor Rhaua moved to approve the back hoe agreement with James J. Anderson Construction Company, Inc. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Approve Resolution #10-09 to Support Hopewell Big Woods Partnership – The Board requested someone from the Big Woods Partnership attend a BOS meeting to explain some of the maps.

Report on the purchase of the Ragland Building by the Township - Robeson Township made settlement today on the purchase of the Ragland Building located at 8 Boonetown Road, Birdsboro.

Approve the addition to the mowing contract of the Ragland property – Supervisor Rhaua moved to authorize Township Manager Keim to obtain 3 bids; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS recessed to **Executive Session** at 10:01PM and reconvened at 10:25PM.

Supervisor Rhaua moved to approve the execution of the Municipal Agreements for the Livingstone Subdivision per Kraft Engineering's recommendation. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Rhaua moved to authorize the escrow release for a holding tank agreement for Robert Keiser. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:02PM. Chairman Feeg seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary