

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 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 and Deeds, Jr.; Vice-Chairman Love & Supervisor Rhaua were absent. Also in attendance 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

POLICE

Bike Patrol School for Officer Smith – Chief Phillips announced the donation of a bicycle from the Schuylkill River Greenway Association in an effort to have Police presence on Thun Trail (the SRGA will also donate bike clothing) and discussed several events and vandalism that have transpired on the trail. Officer Smith has expressed interest and will be assigned to bike patrol. If time allows, when Officer Smith is scheduled to work with Sergeant Cassel, he will spend time, possibly 1 to 2 hours during his shift on bike patrol. Research has been done on Bike Patrol Schooling and the closest class is being held in Harrisburg, November 1 thru 5 at a cost of \$340.00. In addition, because of the nature of the class, Officer Smith will remain in Harrisburg throughout the duration of the class. We are presently looking into motels in the area for costs. Hopefully, we will be able to find a motel under \$100.00 per night. Also, the Township will be responsible for Officer Smith's meals per the Police Contract. Costs for school and meals will reflect the Training and Traveling Expenses under the Police Budget. Additional courses may be offered but are not mandatory. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize Officer Smith to attend the Bike Patrol School. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was taken out of order to address Agenda Item 3C in conjunction with the above; **Schuylkill River Greenway Association – Request to Join Task Force for Thun Trail** – this would be with other municipalities to compare issues that are taking place on the trail. Supervisor Deeds made a motion to join the Task Force; following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously. Manager Keim will send a letter to the SRGA of the BOS intention.

ROADS, CODES, PUBLIC PROPERTY

Approval to Purchase Large Chainsaw – Manager Keim called Supervisor Love to discuss this item because Supervisor Deeds recused himself from discussion due to a conflict. Interim Road Master Wicklein & the BOS discussed pricing and size of the proposed chainsaw purchase. Chairman Feeg moved to authorize the purchase of an Echo CS680 chainsaw with a 20" bar for \$562.00 as well as a 24" bar & chain not to exceed \$100.00. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion; roll call vote follows:

Love	- Yes	Feeg	- Yes
Brown	- Yes	Deeds	- Abstained because his son is the Echo dealer

The meeting was taken out of order to address Agenda Item 5.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS - Chairman Feeg moved to pay bills for the period of August 14, 2010 through September 17, 2010. Supervisor Love (via telephone) seconded the motion; roll call vote follows:

Love	- Yes	Feeg	- Yes
Brown	- Yes	Deeds	- Yes, but abstained on payment to Green Hills Equipment LLC

Supervisor Love was released from the telephone conference.

Additional Road Work – Briarwood Drive – The proposed additional costs of materials for this project will be approximately \$2,100.00. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the work to be completed; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Firehouse Lane Grading / Maintenance – Engineer Kraft & Interim Road Master Wicklein reviewed subdivision plans for Scoupe deVille. Mr. Wicklein explained issues that have occurred with the upkeep of the alley and noted that past practice has been that Robeson Township is not responsible for it. The recorded plan

specifically has a notation stating the following. Interim Road Master Wicklein was instructed to bring this to the attention of the owner upon further requests for repairs. Manager Keim was directed to communicate this matter with the owner of Scoupe deVille.

“Alley Notes:

- A. The 20 foot wide alley shown hereon is not a public road. Developer is responsible for securing access over the 20-foot wide alley to the parking area for the project. Robeson Township has no obligation to provide or guarantee access over the 20-foot wide alley to the parking are for the project, and by approving this plan, assumes no such obligation. Furthermore, Robeson Township is not, is not and will not be responsible for repair, maintenance or snow removal of the 20-foot wide alley as may be required to maintain access to the parking are for this project.
- B. In the event that traffic increases on the alley as a result of increased utilization of the Scoupe deVille property, Robeson Township has the right to require Scoupe deVille to make improvements to the alley as needed, in the Townships sole discretion, to accommodate the increased traffic volume.”

Mr. Wicklein stated the soffit, rain gutters and snow guards have been installed on the Township Building on White Bear Road.

Authorization to Advertise for Snow Plow Bids – Mr. Wicklein explained this is the time to begin the bidding procedure for work “as needed.” Chairman Feeg moved to authorize the advertisement; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously. Kathy Farrell will prepare and submit the ad to the *Reading Eagle* for advertisement.

Review Zoning & Property Maintenance Report from KCS – The report was reviewed and the BOS requested additional information on the Manwiller issue and directed Manager Keim to contact the complainant, property owner, and Zoning Officer to further address the BOS at the Budget Meeting scheduled for September 28, 2010 @ 7:00PM.

Supervisor Deeds reported that he and Crew Leader, Billy Lanza, looked at a used 1999 Chevy dump truck in Myerstown; it has approximately 33,000 miles on it with a power angle snow plow & salt spreader. The BOS agreed to have Manager Keim prepare specifications for advertisement of bids for the truck or one that is comparable.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of Interest to fill Vacancy on Municipal Authority from Margaret (Peg) McLean – Chairman Feeg stated that the Municipal Authority unanimously endorsed the appointment and recommended the BOS do the same. Chairman Feeg moved to appoint Ms. McLean to fill the vacant term through the first Monday of 2013 on the Municipal Authority; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Breakfast with County Commissioners 10/8/10 (let Kathy Farrell know if you plan to attend) – Chairman Feeg will attend as will Supervisor Brown & Manager Keim.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Dave Wolfe – Petition Requesting Speed Limit Change – Mr. Wolfe submitted a petition to reduce the 40MPH speed limit in Gibraltar along Route 724 to 35MPH. He also complained about trash truck traffic from ChesMont Disposal. Solicitor Hartman was directed by the BOS to draft a letter addressing this situation for approval by the Township Manager and BOS to be submitted to PennDOT, DEP and Senator Rafferty and State Representative Rohrer.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of August 12, 2010 and Regular Meeting of August 17, 2010 were reviewed and unanimously 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, & Geigertown FC Report for August were reviewed. Gibraltar Fire Company Reports for the months of May, June, July & August 2010 were also reviewed. Supervisor Deeds moved to approve all the Reports as stated; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously. It was duly noted that Geigertown FC Report for May 2010 is still outstanding.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

MS4 NPDES General Permit Extension – FYI – Engineer Kraft reported that PA DEP has issued a 9 month

extension to all current MS4 General Permits. This means that Robeson Township now has 9 more months to file their new permit application however DEP hasn't published the Application form yet.

Oak Grove Subdivision – Preliminary – Oak Grove Road access – waiver requests – Engineer Kraft stated that the Applicant reviewed a proposed scheme for upgrade of Oak Grove Road and for use of the New Morgan portion of the road as an emergency access for the development. The PC conditionally approve waivers §507.D.1. (more than 20 units on a single access) & §507.D.6. (single access street length) pending agreement from the residents on OGR and §507.F.5. (maximum grade through intersections) & §507.F.4. (grade for intersection approach). Engineer Kraft & the PC recommend the BOS approve these waivers as well. Supervisor Deeds moved to grant the waivers as stated; following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

Quaker Ridge V Subdivision – Preliminary – Approval of Waiver Requests – Engineer Kraft explained that the Applicant has requested a waiver from §507.L.1. seeking relief related to the requirement to provide street trees along the roads. Since the site is wooded, the PC conditionally approved the waiver subject to the Applicant providing a landscaping plan for the teardrop island and the areas where the greatest tree removal is anticipated using approximately the same number of trees as would otherwise be required. Chairman Feeg moved to approve waiver §507.L.1. subject to a landscaping plan being submitted for review as suggested by the PC. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Another waiver request is from §507.F.3 related to the 200 feet minimum sight distance requirement for local roads; the approach to a controlled intersection where the proposed design only provides 179 feet of the required 200 feet of headlight stopping sight distance. The approval was recommended because of the stop condition. Supervisor Deeds moved to approve waiver §507.F.3. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Gruber-Glass Subdivision – Sewage Planning Waiver Approval - (The S/D plan was conditionally approved in August.) Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize execution of the non-building planning waiver and to distribute the executed modules to the appropriate parties as necessary. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously. Kathy Farrell was directed to send the modules to DEP via certified mail, return receipt requested as soon as possible.

Geigertown Sewage Pump Station planning review - Engineer Kraft stated that he reviewed the information from Systems Design Engineering regarding 2 possible properties/sites for a pump station that is required for the Geigertown Area Joint Authority. He commented that both properties are located in the 100 year flood plain and recommended "site #1" because it would have fewer negative impacts (see SDE drawing D-08-0034-0126-G101). Mr. Watts was in attendance as one of the proposed site owners and stated he did not want the pump station on his property; he was informed that the recommended site was not on his property. Supervisor Deeds recommended site #1 for the proposed pump station; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Union Township Zoning Ordinance review - Engineer Kraft stated he reviewed the UTZO and determined the proposed districts are compatible with Robeson Township districts adjacent to the municipal boundary and recommends that both Townships consider the expansion of their VC districts. Supervisor Brown moved to adopt Engineer Kraft's comments pursuant to the UTZO. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Plan time extensions (thru 12/31/2010) Expire 9/30/10 – Supervisor Deeds moved to grant the following time extensions; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

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)	Mustang Lane Subdivision (P)
Beaver Run Sub (P)	Pheasant Run Subdivision (P)
Cedar Hill Estates (P)	Bertsch Sub (P/F)
Quaker Ridge V Sub (P)	Oak Grove Sub. (P)

Award Gibraltar Park Parking Lot Project Bid – Supervisor Deeds moved to lower the bid bond to 10% for the parking lot expansion and construction bid. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously. Awarding of the hauling bid was tabled until the Budget Meeting scheduled for September 28, 2010 @ 7:00PM.

SOLICITOR

Approve Temporary Holding Tank Maintenance Agreement for M/M Pavlesich – Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the Agreement (through March 1, 2011). Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Enact Ordinance #10-06 - Stormwater Coalition Cost-Sharing & Cooperation Agreement - Supervisor Deeds moved to enact the Ordinance. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss CTCC update regarding EIT and LST – Following a brief discussion, Chairman Feeg moved to keep the LST collection “in-house” (by Robeson Township Tax Collector John Chernesky) for year 2011. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution #10-24 – Authorizing the Collection of EIT for the Township to be Performed by Keystone Collections Group, Effective as of January 1, 2011. Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the Resolution. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution #10-25 – Opposition to Forced Mergers & Consolidations of Local Governments in PA. Chairman Feeg moved to adopt the Resolution. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

Resolution #10-23 – Creation of Line Item #440-107 Sewer User Fees for 8 Boonetown Road – Chairman Feeg moved to adopt Resolution #10-23. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS recessed to **Executive Session** @ 9:20PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

The BOS reconvened and unanimously adjourned @ 10:17PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
BOS Recording Secretary