

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:03pm prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, (Route 724) in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Brown, Deeds & Smith; Supervisor Love joined the meeting at 7:09PM. Also in attendance were Engineer Gary Kraft, Solicitor Beth Auman, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Road Master David Wicklein, Crew Leader Billy Lanza, Manager Thomas C. Keim and Roxanne Weaver of CRS.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

PUBLIC HEARING – **Application for Liquor License – Paolo’s** – Solicitor Hartman called the Hearing to order at 7:04PM & explained the hearing procedures. Salvatore Folino, Esquire entered his appearance for the applicant, Paolo Ligaro. Exhibits were marked. The liquor license is being transferred to Paolo’s Pizza & Grill located at 3177 Morgantown Road, Mohnton, PA 19540 from the bankrupt Chucker Chubb’s that was located in Muhlenberg Township, Reading, PA.

Mr. Ligaro was sworn in and gave testimony. The BOS unanimously recommended the transfer be granted upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

Supervisor Love moved to adopt Resolution #12-06 - Approving the Intermunicipal Transfer of an Existing Liquor License into Robeson Township (Paolo’s). Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to close the proceedings at 7:21PM. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

SEWER

Sewage violation on Cold Run Road - Allen Madeira of Berks Envirotech was present at the request of the BOS. He discussed the sewer violations that are occurring on Cold Run Road and requested the BOS permission to cite the property owners for non-compliance. DEP has been involved and want the issue taken care of as soon as possible. The BOS unanimously agreed that Mr. Madeira should go ahead with the citations.

Adopt Resolution #12-05 – Overall Township-Wide Act 537 Plan – Chairman Feeg moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Authorize Engineer Kraft - Preparation of Permits for Rockhollow, Beaver Roads, Gunhart & Sell Rds. – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize Engineer Kraft to prepare the permits; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Painting of Sterling Truck – Supervisor Love moved to obtain estimates for the painting; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize CDL Regulatory Update Webinar - \$30.00 – Road Master Wicklein stated the Road Crew has been invited to participate at Union Township. Therefore, the check that is in with the “Bills for Approval” can be voided.

Authorize Purchase of Materials for Salt Shed Repairs – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the purchase; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Replacement of Beam on Old River Road – RC Leader Lanza stated he received quotes however they do not include installation. RM Wicklein stated he received a quote of \$6,400.00 to replace the beam. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize purchase of a beam not to exceed \$1,000.00 and to get 2 more bids to replace it. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE

Chief Phillips reported on a meeting with Bill Meister, Architect regarding improvements to the Police Department & Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street.

He also reported that 2 speed details have been done along the SR724 corridor; 1 in Birdsboro Borough & 1 in Robeson Township. There will be additional speed details scheduled.

New computers are needed for the Police Department; Chairman Feeg moved to authorize the purchase of 2 new computers not to exceed \$800.00 per computer. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

NPDES Permit Application Renewal – No action was taken by the BOS; this is an administrative task that Kathy Farrell will complete.

CITIZENS CONCERNS (Limit each to 3 Minutes)

Tom Schmidt discussed potholes on Carnis Drive. He also stated the American Flag is on the wrong side.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Smith moved to pay bills for the period of January 14, 2012 thru February 17, 2012 with the exception of the PSATS webinar in the amount of \$120.00. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously. David Wicklein explained the RC will participate in the webinar at the Union Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of January 12, 2012 and Regular Meeting of January 17, 2012 were reviewed. Supervisor Smith moved to approve the minutes; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, Road & Building, Police & Friendship (Geigertown) FC Reports for the month of January 2012 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds. It was duly noted that no reports were available for Gibraltar FC.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Cedar Hill Estates Subdivision – Preliminary - Supervisor Deeds moved to conditionally approve the preliminary plan subject to compliance of all outstanding items. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

Cylcewski Subdivision – Preliminary / Final – Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the Non-Building Waiver Declaration; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to conditionally approve the plan subject to all outstanding items being completed. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

McCarney Variance Application – Engineer Kraft explained this plan was previously presented as “Jean’s Place” for an environmental education center in the R-1 zoning district. The McCarney’s have also submitted a Zoning Hearing Board application to permit the commercial use in the R-1 zoning district. They plan to resubdivide the three contiguous parcels to make them compliant with the current zoning. The PC endorsed Mr. Kraft’s comments and recommended this be forwarded to the BOS for their input. Supervisor Deeds moved to reaffirm the comments of the PC; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

William Hayes Variance Application – Engineer Kraft explained this variance request is to open a motor vehicle repair business at his residence. The PC endorsed Mr. Kraft’s comments and recommended this be forwarded to the BOS for their input. Chairman Feeg moved to adopt Engineer Kraft’s comments and send them to the ZHB; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Plan time extension – Gordon Subdivision-P/F (thru 6/30/12) – The BOS unanimously agreed to grant the time extension upon a vote by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

SOLICITOR

FYI ONLY - Review Street Opening Ordinance for Discussion at March Workshop.

FINANCE

Adopt Resolution #12-04 Creation of Line Item #409-601 Water Testing - Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt Resolution #12-04; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Authorize Advertisement of Mowing Bids (Review Updated Specs) – Following discussion and amending the current mowing specifications to include mulching, edging, trimming and pruning of specific areas, Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the advertisement of the mowing bids. Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Authorize Manager to seek bids for Electricity Suppliers (report back in March) – Supervisor Smith moved to authorize Manager Keim to seek bids; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Thun Trail Signs – Manager Keim reported the signs are in and will be installed prior to April 1st.

PSATS Convention – Get your information to Kathy Farrell ASAP!

The BOS unanimously recessed to Executive Session at 9:01PM upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds. Solicitor Christopher Hartman joined the meeting at this time.

The BOS unanimously reconvened at 9:25PM upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Supervisor Deeds moved to reaffirm the decision made by the BOS on December 28, 2011 authorizing Colleen Easterday, Notary to attend Township meetings to administer the Oath of Office and be paid for time & travel. Also, this motion is retroactive to December 28, 2011. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the BOS, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:43PM upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
BOS Recording Secretary