

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Vice-Chairman Love at 7:00M 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 Deeds, Smith & Brown; Chairman Feeg was absent. Also in attendance were Engineer Gary Kraft, Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Crew Leader Billy Lanza, and Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Award Gunhart Bridge Painting Project – RC Leader Lanza reviewed quotes received from DALL - \$9,400.00 & HY Pressure Washing & Painting - \$13,945.00. The BOS awarded the contract to DALL upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Public Works Trade Show (10/4/12) – FREE – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the Road Maintenance Department to attend; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Oil & Chip – Scheduled to Begin 10/23/12 – Discussed

Quotes for Sterling Truck - RC Leader Lanza reviewed quotes for repairs received from E.M. Kutz - \$7,369.00, Hampton Brothers - \$11,353.93 & Levan - \$9,309.46. The BOS awarded the contract to E.M. Kutz, as quoted, upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Update - Stankiewicz Property on Cocalico Road - The property owner is showing progress; therefore the BOS has agreed to postpone the hearing.

POLICE

Authorize Officers (2) to attend DUI Law Enforcement Training – Chief Phillips requested authorization from the BOS for 2 Officers to attend the training at a cost of \$30.00 p/p. Supervisor Smith moved to authorize the attendance; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Phillips stated the Police Department has had good reports on their Facebook Account. Also, there were several burglaries and attempted burglaries in the southern portion of Robeson Township that were solved with the assistance of the New Hanover Police Department and Pennsylvania State Police.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Dave Wolfe asked if any progress has been made regarding property maintenance codes. Mrs. Davidheiser requested the BOS institute a property maintenance code. Vice-Chair Love stated the BOS is considering a property maintenance code to be established.

Mark Marshall of Buckhollow Road expressed problems with rock washout in front of his property. RC Leader Lanza will check on it.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of July 14, 2102 thru August 17, 2012 with the correction of the amount to Dyer Quarry. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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| Love | - Yes | Brown | - Yes |
| Smith | - Yes | Deeds | - Yes, abstained on payment to Green Hills Equipment |

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of July 12, 2012 and Regular Meeting of July 17, 2012 were reviewed. The minutes were approved, pending an update to the Regular Meeting Minutes, upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, Road & Building, & Police reports for July 2012 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith. No reports were available from Gibraltar or Friendship (Geigertown) Fire Companies.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Stone Ridge Subdivision - Request for Plan Withdrawal – Engineer Kraft discussed Mr. Greth's request for this plan to be withdrawn. Solicitor Hartman confirmed that the withdrawal letter does forfeit any and all rights to the EDU's. Supervisor Deeds moved to accept the plan withdrawal request provided the EDU refund be issued minus any unpaid user fees and any other unpaid fees. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

Beadencup Proposal (ie, 724 Auto Sales) – Engineer Kraft explained the PC recommended waiving a land development plan subject to the following items. Supervisor Deeds moved to reaffirm the decision of the PC; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

- setting of the property corners
- submittal of a sketch plan
- lighting issues
- access to / from the property

Escrow for RAWA – Following discussion, Vice-Chairman Love moved to discuss setting up an escrow account with RAWA for inspection fees, etc. to Old River Road. Supervisor Smith amended the motion to have Solicitor Hartman prepare the Fire / Municipal Use of Water Agreement. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Adopt MS4 Steering Committee Ordinance #12-03 – Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the Ordinance and to send a copy to Shannon Rossman at the County. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Geigertown Radio Project Cost & Debt – Supervisor Smith moved to authorize Solicitor Hartman to draft & advertise a loan Ordinance and submit it to DCED to finance the new radios for enactment at the September Regular BOS Meeting. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

700 Cold Run Road Update (McDonald) – The sewer violation court case has been continued to September 25th. Additional citations have been issued; the case on-going.

EAC

Letter Not Supporting Act 13 – EAC Chairman Smith stated the EAC opposes Act 13 in any form. Some portions of Act 13 are being appealed to the State Supreme Court. Supervisor Smith moved to accept the EAC letter and send it to local representatives and Senator. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

PARK & RECREATION

Appoint Kirsten Keim-Shendge to P&R Board – Supervisor Deeds moved to appoint Ms. Shendge to the P&R Board. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Adopt Resolution #12-12 - MMO – Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Assistance Program for Disaster to be Received - \$20,542.99

Review Donation Request from Southern Berks EMS – Reviewed & determined that since Robeson Township is purchasing the radios as mandated by the County, the request is denied.

Review Information – Collecting Public Debt - A lengthy discussion was held regarding collecting debt owed to Robeson Township. Solicitor Hartman will generate a list of all liens / judgments owed to Robeson Township.

Determine Dates for 2013 Budget Meetings – A memo was given to each BOS member, Chief Phillips, & Road Crew Leader with possible dates to hold the meetings. Please check the dates you are available for the next meeting.

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 9:08PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Vice-Chairman Love. The BOS reconvened at 10:30PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
BOS Recording Secretary