

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2013

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 Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, (Route 724) in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Smith & Deeds; Supervisor Love joined the meeting at 7:04PM and Supervisor Brown joined the meeting at 7:08PM. Also in attendance were Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Road Master David Wicklein, Crew Leader Billy Lanza, Codes Officer Joe Boulanger, Engineer Gary Kraft and Manager Thomas C. Keim; Solicitor Hartman joined the meeting at 7:09PM.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES PUBLIC PROPERTY

Discuss Meeting for Road Projects w/ Engineer Kraft – the meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17th @ 8:00AM.

Crew Leader Lanza is working on the issues associated with the removal of Cedar Trees on SR568; he will let PennDOT know when the work will take place.

POLICE

Chief Phillips reported the 2012-year end report has not yet been completed; should have it for next month.

There have been several daytime burglaries on Buck Hollow Road and Mountz Road; random acts of vandalism have occurred on White Bear Road. The PD does have leads on the burglaries and are following up on them.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Mrs. Davidheiser of Cocalico Road requested a codes update on Mr. Stankiewicz' property; she is concerned about the junk vehicle that is for sale. Chairman Feeg stated a follow up with the Codes Department would be done before the next meeting.

Shane Trostle complained about the shooting that is going on at the Lampe property; some of Mr. Lampe's guests have been coming on to his property and shooting mostly during the weekend. He also stated there have been explosions that sound like dynamite close to his property and he is very concerned for the safety of his children. He has had his property line surveyed and posted signs; the signs have been removed and he has found posters that have been put up by someone however, they are not signed and has spoken to Mr. Lampe. Mr. Trostle asked what his recourse could be. Chief Phillips stated that if the property is not posted, any complaint would be considered a civil matter; if the property is posted, a criminal complaint could be filed with the Police Department. Chief Phillips recommended reposting the property line, send a certified letter to Mr. Lampe and copy the Robeson Township Police Department. Discussion followed regarding erecting a wire fence and concerns other neighbors have.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from Crime Alert Berks County for Donation – reviewed.

Request from PSATS for Township News Article on Ethics – due by January 16th.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of December 14, 2012 thru January 11, 2013. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed on a roll call.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of December 13, 2012, Budget Meeting of December 27, 2012 and Reorganization Meeting of January 7, 2013 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith; Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously. It was noted the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18th were not available.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, Road & Building, and Police reports for the month of December 2012 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith. No reports were available for the Gibraltar FC or Friendship (Geigertown) FC.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Rock Hollow Woods Subdivision – Preliminary / Final – Non-Building Declaration and Planning Waiver – Chairman Feeg moved to approve the Non-Building Declaration and Planning Waiver; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Quaker Ridge Subdivision – phase V – waiver request – Engineer Kraft reviewed the waiver request for a Homeowner’s Association to take charge of the stormwater basins. A lengthy discussion followed. Chairman Feeg moved to table this request pending Solicitor Hartman discussing concerns of the BOS with the Developer’s attorney. Supervisor Love seconded the motion that passed unanimously

Iffrig Variance Application – Engineer Kraft reviewed the Application and stated the PC recommended denial of the Variance and Special Exception due to the site not having access to a public or recognized private street, the tract is a landlocked parcel and Robeson Township’s ordinances limit the number of residential dwellings on one tract. Following a brief discussion, the BOS agreed with the PCs recommendation to deny the Iffrig’s Application upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

Martin Special Exception Application – Code Officer’s review 1/7/13 – Engineer Kraft reviewed the Application and stated the PC recommended approval. Following a brief discussion, the BOS agreed with the PCs recommendation to grant approval of the Martin’s Application upon a motion by Supervisor Love that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Plan time extensions expiring 2/3/13 (thru 3/31/13) – Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the time extension requests; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Quaker Ridge V Sub (F)

Beaudin / Dobreff (P/F)

Sovereign Grace Estates – escrow release – Engineer Kraft recommended releasing the final escrow in the amount of \$26,279.44. Supervisor Deeds moved to release the final escrow; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Final RAWA Agreement - Solicitor Hartman reviewed the draft final Agreement and noted all revisions requested from the December meeting were reviewed. Supervisor Deeds moved to deliver the Agreements to RAWA for their review. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Board of Auditors – Solicitor Hartman discussed the rules and regulations of the Robeson Township Board of Auditors; they have only two legal responsibilities. One is to set the rate of pay for any working Supervisor and the other is to set the Treasurer’s Bond amount. Also, they did not have their meeting as required by the Second Class Township Code the day after the BOS Reorganization. Kathy Farrell will prepare the legal advertisement when a mutually convenient date for the members to meet has been reached.

Lampe / Redstone Valley – Chairman Feeg authorized Solicitor Hartman to take whatever action is necessary to collect the outstanding fees from Mr. Lampe. Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed on the following roll call vote:

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

FINANCE

Allied Waste Services Host Fees Received - \$3,964.48

Adopt Resolutions

- #13-02 Implementing the 2013 Robeson Township Fee Schedule
- #13-03 Implementing Sewage Permit Fees for Berks Envirotech
- #13-04 Implementing Sewage Permit Fees for Technicon Enterprises, Inc.

Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the above Resolutions; following a second by Supervisor Smith the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Adopt Resolution #13-05 Appointing Devendra Shendge & Douglas L. Reigh to ZHB – Chairman Feeg moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Manager to Solicit 2 Yearly Electric Bids & Accept Lowest Bid – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the Manager to solicit bids; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS unanimously adjourned at 9:49PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary