

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 16, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:10PM prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, (SR724) in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Smith & Deeds; Supervisor Love joined the meeting at 7:13PM & Supervisor Brown joined the meeting at 7:42PM. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Road Master David Wicklein, Crew Leader Billy Lanza & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

**Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence**

**ROADS, CODES PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**Review Bid for Spraying from Marino Landscaping \$2,100.00** – Supervisor Deeds moved to award the bid to Marino Landscaping; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Review Prices for Dirt Mattresses** – Chairman Feeg moved to authorize the purchase; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Federal Surplus Bucket Truck** – Manager Keim stated the purchase of the truck would not be conducive without other Municipalities joining in the purchase. He will check for next month.

**Codes – Discuss Complaints**

- Green Hills Road – Code Officer Joe Boulanger reported the abandoned dwelling owned by MB Investments is not secure. The front door is not latched and the dwelling has been damaged by fire. He will contact the owner to determine what will be done with the structure.
- 31 Albert Street - Code Officer Joe Boulanger reported the abandoned dwelling owned by Mr. & Mrs. Eckert is secured. This property is in foreclosure at this time and a company has taken over maintenance of the property. The dwelling is safe however the sinkholes are an issue. The property is listed with a realtor. Mr. Boulanger will contact the realtor to have fencing installed around the property.
- 1291 Cocalico Road (Cocalico Pet Companions) – Code Officer Andrew Kraft witnessed 4 dogs leaving the residence for a walk; they are owned by CPC. There is still no proof they have dogs that are not theirs. Mr. Boulanger presented the CPC Website information. Discussion followed regarding the history of CPC.
- 60 Oakbrook Court – Mr. Boulanger reported on complaints of motorcycle activity going on all hours every day and recommended a schedule he received from Mrs. Ayers. Several residents in attendance complained. Mr. Terry, owner of 60 Oakbrook Court, said he is willing to work with his neighbors and they will come to some kind of agreement.

Judy Davidheiser asked when Mr. Stankiewicz (Cocalico Road) will begin work on the barn and fence. Mr. Boulanger stated he will talk with him and that he has been making progress on his property.

**POLICE**

**Charlie Horse Run** – Chief Phillips reviewed a letter from Charles Crowell requesting approval to ride through Robeson Township; COI has been provided. He also requested Fire Police. Chief Phillips spoke with Geigertown Fire Police Captain Jim Bannon telling him that he must first request permission from the BOS; also, Fire Police must have liability insurance. Supervisor Brown moved to approve the request for the “Pagoda Pacers A.C.”; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously. Chief Phillips stated he would send a letter tomorrow.

Later, during the meeting, the BOS came back to this item and discussed at length issues regarding blanket approval for Fire Police participation & Flaggers. Solicitor Hartman will check the “Union Contract” and follow up next month with a draft resolution approving the race.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**PA DCNR Grant Application – NLT, Green Hills Preserve Request for Letter of Support** – Supervisor Smith moved to send a letter of support; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

**NLT Acquisition of 240 Acres (Gibraltar Hill Estates) Request for Letter of Support** - Supervisor Smith moved to send a letter of support; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

**Plan Withdrawal Letter from Joseph Barker** – Supervisor Deeds moved to allow the withdrawal of the plans; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**PSATS Reception** - Reviewed

### **APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of March 16, 2013 thru April 12, 2013. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed on a roll call.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of March 14, 2013 & Regular Meeting of March 19, 2013 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith; Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

The March 2013 Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, Road & Building, and Police Reports were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds. It was duly noted the following reports were outstanding and Chairman Feeg suggested that both Fire Companies submit their reports before receiving any Township funding.

#### **Reports outstanding for**

##### **Gibraltar FC**

- 1) November & December 2011
- 2) June thru December 2012
- 3) January, February & March 2013

#### **Reports outstanding for**

##### **Friendship (Geigertown) FC**

- 1) September 2012
- 2) January, February & March 2013

### **PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

**Hoover Variance Application** – Chairman Feeg moved to agree with the recommendations made by the Planning Commission; following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

**Rock Hollow & Beavers Culverts** - Engineer Kraft stated information has been executed for the Army Corps of Engineers and sent back; waiting on permit at this time.

### **SOLICITOR**

**Consider Adopting Resolution #13-07 Support in 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment & PA Constitution** – Supervisor Brown moved to adopt the resolution; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously. Manager Keim was directed to send a the Resolution to Robeson Township Government Officials.

**Discuss Feinsot Tract Boundaries (Taxes)** – Solicitor Hartman will look into this with Brecknock Township & report back to the BOS in April.

Solicitor Hartman discussed the proposed ordinance for abandoned vehicles he gave the BOS at their March meeting. Supervisor Smith moved to authorize Solicitor Hartman to advertise the Ordinance with changes. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCE**

**Authorize Chairman to Execute QNB Draw Down Request for Advance** – Chairman Feeg moved to authorize the execution of the draw down request. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Service Electric Annual Franchise Fee Received - \$75,179.24 - FYI**

**Stericycle Host Fees Received - \$4,609.41 - FYI**

### **OTHER**

**Award Cleaning Contract (May 1, 2013 – April 30, 2014)** – Manager Keim noted only one bid was received. Supervisor Deeds moved to award the cleaning contract to Moore Cleaning; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**May Supervisors Regular Meeting** – will be held on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Election Day on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

The BOS unanimously adjourned at 9:19PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen C. Farrell,  
Recording Secretary