

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Vice-Chairman Love at 7:28PM prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, (SR724) in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Supervisors Brown, Smith & Deeds were present and Chairman Feeg was present via telephone. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Road Master David Wicklein & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

Supervisor Love stated an Executive Session was held prior to the start of this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

ROADS, CODES PUBLIC PROPERTY

Public Hearing – Stankiewicz – 7:30PM: A public hearing was held regarding a junk/rubbish complaint received for the property owned by Mr. Stankiewicz located at 1413 Cocalico Road, Birdsboro, PA 19508. Roxanne Weaver, Stenographer of Computerized Reporting Services, attended to record the proceedings. Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Boulanger testified the property has been cleaned up and a few minor items still need to be addressed. Complainant Mrs. Judy Davidheiser of 1393 Cocalico Road requested Mr. Stankiewicz remove existing wire fencing exposed behind the new fencing; he agreed to remove it. Vice-Chairman Love moved that there is no longer a violation at 1413 Cocalico Road; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously. The Hearing adjourned at 7:50PM.

Equipment Needs / Sharing Meeting with Union Township – a meeting was requested to discuss sharing on Thursday at noon. Supervisor Deeds will attend.

Discussion was held regarding emergency pipe replacement on Golfcourse Road near Route 10; no estimate for work yet. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize purchase of material and to apply for an emergency permit to replace the badly deteriorated pipe. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Milling & Patching will begin on Old River Road next week.

Discussion was held regarding milling on Old River Road, near Naomi Hotel, for the water to sheet across the street. Supervisor Deeds moved to make the repairs; Supervisor Brown seconded the motion which did not pass on the following roll call vote (and will be before the BOS again in September):

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

POLICE

Chief Phillips stated the Gibraltar FC Lights & Siren Parade went well. He continued that burglaries are occurring in the southern & eastern ends of the Township during the day; the Robeson Township PD is investigating the burglaries together with the Caernarvon Township PD. Also, there was a motorcycle accident on Route 568 which resulted in a fatality of a woman not from this area.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Garfield Foster of Oak Terrace Drive complained about stormwater, the sinkhole it has created at the end of his driveway & a pipe in need of replacement in the Township's ROW. He stated the water backs up to his well pipe; the road was cut about 10 years ago. The BOS directed the RM Wicklein to investigate & report back to the BOS with a plan of action and to consult with Engineer Kraft as needed.

Ron Nye complained about the Keller property on Seyfert Drive. The BOS directed Code Officer Joe Boulanger to investigate.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request for Appointment to Vacancy Board – Following review of a letter submitted by David Wolfe, the BOS unanimously appointed him to the Vacancy Board upon a motion by Supervisor Brown that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Additionally, Mr. Wolfe resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board pending his appointment to the Vacancy Board. Supervisor Smith moved to accept the resignation; following a second by Vice-Chairman Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Angela Peterson Request re Liquor License – Ms. Peterson discussed her plan to purchase a property on Main Street and turn it into a restaurant that would serve liquor. Solicitor Hartman explained the procedures to her (ie, identifying a liquor license for transfer to the property, obtaining a liquor license permit, and a public hearing would need to be held, etc.). Kathy Farrell will provide her a liquor license application form.

Fire Police Association of Berks County – Manager Keim reviewed the training course being offered & stated RSVP must be before 9/9/13. Manager Keim will follow up with everyone in a week.

Supervisor Brown stated there are some upcoming courses for Incident Command & IS400 through the County and expressed his interest in attending. Manager Keim stated there are new NIMS courses that need to be taken. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize attendance for Supervisor Brown if there is a cost; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Annual County Convention – October 17th – reviewed. Supervisor Brown stated he would like to attend.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Love moved to pay bills for the period of July 13, 2013 thru July 16, 2013. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of July 11, 2013 & Regular Meeting of July 16, 2013 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith; Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The July 2013 Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, Road, Building, Police, & Geigertown FC reports were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously. It was duly noted Geigertown FC reports for May & June were submitted and approved with the above reports. The following Fire Company reports were outstanding:

Gibraltar FC - outstanding reports for November & December 2011 and May, June & July 2013.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Old River Road, LLC Subdivision – Preliminary / Final – Engineer's review 7/30/13 – Engineer Kraft stated both he and the PC recommend the plan be conditionally approved subject to items in his review letter (ie, seals & certifications, the table to the north needs to be addressed and a \$500 refundable escrow be established for proof of recording of the deed joining the properties). Supervisor Deeds moved to conditionally approve the plan; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Quaker Ridge Phase V Subdivision – Preliminary Plan Revision – Engineer's review 7/30/13 – Engineer Kraft explained that due to economic conditions, Mr. Eshelman wants to change this plan to Phase V-I & V-II and suggested amending the Preliminary Plan to show phasing then re-file the current Final Plan as V-I followed by a new Final Plan for Phase V-II when appropriate. A waiver request for single access street (§507.D.6.) was approved by the PC. Also, the PC approved amending the Preliminary Plan Approval of Phase V to include (Phase V-I & V-II) indicating phasing.

Supervisor Smith moved to grant the waiver request for the single access street; following a second by Vice-Chairman Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to amend the previously approved plans; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Plan Time Extension for Breakaway Stables Subdivision (expires 9/1/13) thru December 31, 2013 - Supervisor Deeds moved to grant the time extension; following a second by Supervisor Smith the motion passed unanimously.

Evergreen Road Project – Supervisor Deeds moved to hire a consultant to provide costs for a replacement bridge. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Intermunicipal Agreement w/ City of Reading – not ready because Cumru Township has not reached an agreement with the City of Reading.

Sanitary Sewer Agreement w/ City of Reading (Cumru Township) – Vice-Chairman Love moved to send a letter to Cumru Township for them to report the volume of sewage flowing through their lines to the City in a more timely fashion so that Robeson Township can pay the City on time.

Adoption of Ordinance #13-01 re Abandoned Vehicles – Supervisor Smith moved to adopt the Ordinance; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Review & Consider Advertisement of Ordinance re Act 90 (Neighborhood Blight Reclamation) – Solicitor Hartman was directed by the BOS to draft an Ordinance for review.

OTHER

Authorize Approval of PennDOT Permit for Cedar Hill Estates Dev't – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the approval; following a second by Vice-Chairman Love, the motion passed unanimously.

H&K Annual Inspection Fee Received \$5,000.00 - FYI

Approve Agreement to Authorize Electronic Access to PennDOT Systems - Vice-Chairman Love moved to authorize the approval; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 9:47PM upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds. The BOS reconvened at 10:10PM. Vice-Chairman Love announced there was an executive session held prior to the start of the regular meeting to discuss legal matters.

The BOS adjourned unanimously at 10:15PM upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary