

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:05PM 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 Love, Smith & Deeds were present; Supervisor Brown & Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman joined the meeting at 7:08PM. Also in attendance were Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Crew Leader William Lanza, Code Enforcement Officer, Joseph Boulanger, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES PUBLIC PROPERTY

Billy Lanza discussed the water issue at Mr. McCord's property. The plan is to mill the area (in the spring) and lean it to the other side so the water will run across the road.

Discussion regarding salt availability and ordering, etc.

Codes Update: Keller - Code Enforcement Officer, Joe Boulanger stated he issued a citation to Irene Keller, property owner of 174 Seyfert Drive; will wait a few days for District Justice to send out hearing schedule. Hopefully, this will motivate Mr. Keller to remove the car that does not belong to the Keller family.

Gibraltar Self Storage (Harold Steve) - Solicitor Hartman stated he met with Mr. Boulanger subsequent to the last BOS meeting and reviewed the codes investigation (ie, aerial photos, paving, new boundaries, excavation, etc.) and compared that to the land development plans that have been approved by the Township. Solicitor Hartman reviewed the letter he issued to Mr. Steve. Enforcement actions were discussed as well as existing conditions. Mr. Steve contacted Solicitor Hartman to review the letter.

Mr. Steve reported that dirt that was to be removed years ago was removed and stoned. Also, the letter did not request stormwater runoff; he did not plan on that. Mr. Steve stated he has been before the BOS several times complaining about the water permeating through the railroad bank and nothing has been done about it by the trail. He then invited the BOS to his property to see what he is talking about then stated he is helping the water coming off of the bank and should not be in a position to do that.

Further discussion took place and the consensus regarding this issue is to defer any enforcement action until the January Regular Meeting so that Mr. Steve's Engineer can get required information together for that time.

Dewitt Harrell expressed his concern that the wetlands are being filled in. Joy Graham remarked that Mr. Steve and the BOS should work together.

POLICE

Chief Phillips reported that Slim Doaty passed away.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Robert MacMinn Subdivision Financial Security Extension – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize Solicitor Hartman to extend the “Agreement” until July 1, 2016. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Joy Graham discussed the Township's website and offered her services as a contractor to build & maintain it. Supervisor Brown moved to direct Manager Keim to work with Joy and to work out a compensation system to get the website up and running. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

MINUTES

The following Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith and passed unanimously:

Amended Workshop - November 14, 2013 Amended Budget - November 20, 2013 Amended Regular - November 19, 2013
Budget - November 27, 2013 Amended Budget - December 4, 2013

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The November 2013 Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, Road, Building, Police & Fire Reports were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Burkhart Subdivision – Preliminary / Final Plan – Engineer's review 11/26/13 – Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the plan scale waiver request (§301.B.); following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously. The plan was then conditionally approved pending completion of the outstanding items in Engineer Kraft's review letter of November 16th upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith. Updated plans will be submitted for approval.

Breakaway Stables Subdivision – Sewage Planning Modules - Supervisor Smith moved to approve the modules; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Plan time extensions thru March 31, 2014 (all expire 12/31/2013) (all received) – Supervisor Smith moved to approve the time extensions; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Park View Estates Sub (P)	Parkside Subdivision (P)	Beaver Run Sub (P)	Quaker Ridge V Sub (F)
Burkhart Subdivision (P/F)	Cedar Hill Estates Ph 1 (F)	Gordon Subdivision (P/F)	
Gibraltar Estates (P)	Feinsot LD (P)	Durnall Subdivision (P)	

Engineer Kraft reminded the BOS that the Bridge Consultant interviews are scheduled for January 14, 2014 @ 7:00PM.

SOLICITOR

Review DRAFT Ordinance re Act 90 (Neighborhood Blight Reclamation) – Solicitor Hartman and the BOS discussed the proposed Ordinance that was presented in September, October & November. In November, the BOS approved a motion to have the Municipal Authority (MA) review the Ordinance for their input; it will be forwarded to the MA and will be before the BOS again in January 2014.

Authorize Advertisement of Weed Ordinance – Following review & discussion, Supervisor Deeds moved to make a change to §409 and advertise; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously. This Ordinance will be before the BOS for adoption at their January 2014 Regular Meeting.

Solicitor Hartman reported on the City of Reading Intermunicipal Agreement Revisions. The Township will wait until Cumru Township is satisfied and approves the Agreement.

Pension Investment Change – Following his review, Solicitor Hartman stated the change is okay.

Supervisor Smith moved to have Gregg Eshelman sign and submit to the Township the Stormwater Deed of Dedication, Declaration of Rights and Covenants and Stormwater BMP Operations and Management Agreement. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER/FINANCE

Adopt Resolutions #13-16 & #13-17 Fixing the Various Tax Rates for 2014 – Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the Resolutions; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution #13-18 Authorizing the Reduction of Police Officers' Contributions to the Pension...2014 - Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

RAWA Agreement – Solicitor Hartman reviewed the Agreement; Chairman Feeg moved to authorize execution of the Agreement by the BOS. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Fiscal Assistant to Attend PSATS Webinar – Natural Disasters & QuickBooks (\$30.00) - Supervisor Smith moved to authorize the Fiscal Assistant and any other employee to attend the Webinar; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 10:10PM upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Smith. The BOS reconvened and adjourned at 10:46PM upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary