

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Vice-Chairman Love at 7:00PM prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Public Meeting Room located in the Police Department at 2689 Main Street, Birdsboro, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Brown, Smith & Deeds. Chairman Feeg joined the meeting via telephone from Montana. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Township Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Road Master Billy Lanza & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

RM Lanza reported:

- ✦ Engineer Kraft received invoice and time slips from Reading Materials, Inc. (RMI) however they have not been reviewed so there is no recommendation at this time. Settlement offer was that RMI would reduce tonnage back to the bid quantity & provide a 3-year warranty on surfacing of Seton Road. Official action will be taken at the September Regular meeting
- ✦ Request for reduction of speed on Green Street. Engineer Kraft stated the area is Residential and can be posted 25MPH without a speed study. Solicitor Hartman stated authorization is required from the BOS to adopt an Ordinance amendment to the Robeson Code to add Green Street with a limit of 25MPH. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize Mr. Hartman to proceed with the amendment. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ 2 Road Maintenance Workers wish to attend the Annual Pipeline Safety program at the Crowne Plaza Reading on 8/28/14. The program is FREE, dinner is provided and they will attend on their own time. No action necessary.
- ✦ Driveway Maintenance Letter – Following discussion, Supervisor Smith moved to authorize use of the Letter as needed. Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- ✦ Pipe for Gunhart & Plow Roads – A discussion was held to use a contractor to excavate for the pipes @ a cost of \$100.00 p/hour. Supervisor Brown moved to authorize use of a contractor not-to-exceed \$100.00 p/hour for both pipes; following a second by Supervisor Smith the motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ Supervisor Brown moved to direct Engineer Kraft & Road Master Lanza to examine the Dyer Quarry crossing situation and to select the appropriate signage to legally post all of the truck crossings. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.
- ✦ Mr. Lanza met with Mario of Grande Construction and they plan to install a 2” layer of asphalt on the Robeson Township portion of W. 1st Street.

CODES: Supervisor Deeds noted for the record another vehicle has been removed from the Ehrgood property.

POLICE

Chief Phillips reported

- ✦ Burglaries in Timber Ridge area have been solved; perpetrator responsible is a resident of Timber Ridge and is in prison for committing 13 burglaries.
- ✦ Mrs. Shifflet, resident beaten by her son, died from complications of the beating. The District Attorney ruled her death as homicide; the son is in prison.
- ✦ The death of Mr. Burkhardt (Rock Hollow Road) has been ruled an accident; was possible cardiac arrest while burning trash.
- ✦ Lights & Siren Parade went well.
- ✦ Local Police Officers apprehended a “Wanted” individual; another individual was arrested for “harboring a fugitive.”
- ✦ Vice-Chairman Love read a letter of commendation from State Constable Joshua Z. Stouch regarding Robeson Township Police Officer Matthew Smith & Chief Mark Phillips & Officer Matthew Menna of Caernarvon Township “for their assistance in the successful capture of an extremely dangerous wanted individual.” The BOS unanimously agreed to have this letter placed on the Robeson Township website as well as the Police Facebook Page.

CORRESPONDENCE

Annual County Convention – October 16th – Chairman Feeg, Supervisor Brown and Manager Keim plan to attend.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

- ✦ Bill Mountz of the Green Hills Lake area stated he, as well as several residents, were in attendance tonight due to concerns of a proposed package treatment plant by Stewart & Conti. Discussion followed regarding what was discussed at the Municipal Authority the night before.
Bob Logan, VP of Recreation, Green Hills Lake Association discussed issues that are already going on with the dam and concerns re road repairs.
- ✦ Mr. Schmidt publicly thanked the Road Crew for the good work they have done fixing the roads.
- ✦ Bill Lanza discussed his concerns he has on the need to survey the location of a sewage drain field. A lengthy discussion followed; Solicitor Hartman suggested following the same process another resident of the Township recently experienced and to discuss the logistics with them.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Smith moved to pay bills for the period of July 12, 2014 thru August 15, 2014. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Workshop of July 10, 2014 & Regular Meeting of July 15, 2014 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith. Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, SEO Permit, Road (June Inc'g) & Building, Police, & Friendship (Geigertown) Fire Company Reports for May 2014 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Quaker Ridge V Subdivision - Planning Module (Adopt Resolution #14-11) – Supervisor Smith moved to Adopt Resolution #14-11; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Evergreen Road Bridge update – Engineer Kraft stated the drawings have finally arrived for the structure. The Green Hills Bridge GP-11 Permit came back; Engineer Kraft will submit more data from the bridge drawings and recommended moving forward with the project.

2014 Roadwork Update – Roadwork posting “ROAD CLOSED FOR PAVING” was discussed; RM Lanza will order signs to be posted in the future. Also, a schedule of road closings (which are subject to change) will be included on the website as well as a list of personnel to call.

Gordon Subdivision – applicant requests – Engineer Kraft reviewed the “resurrected” plan and discussed a number of items including ultimate right-of-way and a pond for fire protection, no dry hydrants. Following review & discussion, Solicitor Hartman stated Engineer Kraft should instruct the applicant to make required changes to their plans.

Avondale Farm & Woods at White Bear road dedications – Engineer Kraft recommended not approving until it is ascertained from PennDOT these roads will be added to “liquid fuels.” Supervisor Deeds authorized Solicitor Hartman to prepare the “Deeds of Dedication” for Robeson Township to take over the roads in both Subdivisions. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Feedback re the water line ownerships in Robeson Township for water distribution was discussed. Supervisor Deeds made a motion that Robeson Township owns the water lines for Cedar Hill Estates. Supervisor Smith seconded the motion. Discussion followed and Supervisor Deeds rescinded his motion until the BOS has an opportunity to review details. Follow up at September Regular Meeting.

Solicitor Hartman distributed a draft of the proposed DROP Ordinance for the BOS review.

OTHER

Adopt MMO Resolution #14-10 – Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Water Quality Review of Township Ordinance w/Recommendations @ No Cost by the NLT – Manager Keim discussed and no action was taken; the NLT will be invited to the September Workshop to give a presentation.

Choose Tentative Budget Meeting Dates – the following dates were chosen;

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:00PM	Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 7:00PM
Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 7:00PM	Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00PM (Supervisor's Workshop)
Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 7:00PM	Monday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00PM (Park & Rec Cancelled)

Authorize Advertisement of Budget Meeting Dates - Supervisor Deeds moved to advertise the dates chosen; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Hartman recommended that the Township file liens on properties as soon as notification is received from the Sheriff of Bankruptcies or Foreclosures for any monies owed to the Township. Supervisor Smith moved to place a lien whenever the Township gets notice of a Sheriff's sale or taxes due for any amount owed to the Township for any time the Township may file a lien. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS recessed to **Executive Session** @ 9:20PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith. The BOS reconvened @ 9:47PM and adjourned upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary