

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Supervisor Love at 7:15 PM prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Brown and Deeds. Also in attendance were Solicitor Hartman, Engineer Gary Kraft, Road Master Bill Lanza, Manager Thomas C. Keim, Chief Phillips with Chairman Feeg via phone.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

Supervisor Love advised there was an executive meeting; content of potential litigation would be discussed later in the meeting.

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Roadmaster Lanza: asked the BOS to approve attendance of the BCPWA Seminar in Oley. Supervisor Deeds made a motion seconded by Supervisor Love. The motion passed unanimously.

Roadmaster Lanza: advised 14 pipes were needed at Buckhollow Road, asking to purchase this year for next year's projects to save money. Supervisor Deeds made a motion seconded by Supervisor Love. The motion passed unanimously.

Milling and patching is suspended at this time for Zion Road due to radiator repairs needed on the equipment. The Sterling needs a clutch pump at a cost of \$4,500.00. Supervisor Brown stated we should have a letter of credit. Supervisor Love made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Deeds. The motion passed unanimously.

Roadmaster Lanza: advised of pricing a Ford truck at approximately \$80,000.00 with a Dodge costing more. Mr. Lanza was asked to do price comparisons for multiple combinations of attachable and standard equipment for both brands of the vehicle.

POLICE

Chief Phillips advised the fire police were requested by Muhlenberg Twp. for their Halloween Parade, the Chief approved the request.

Chief Phillips announced the passing of Raymond DeLong (Ray Ray) a long time volunteer to the Gibraltar Fire Company.

Chief Phillips gave an update to the burglaries and the subsequent arrest of a suspect. The aggravated assault of a Mother by her son has been changed to a homicide charge.

Resident Harold Steve remarked on accidents occurring at SR 10 & Chestnut Hill Road, inferring speed is a factor. Chief Phillips advised the PD has conducted speed details at the area of roadway; 1 resulting in a drug arrest. He also advised the accidents were not a result of speed but the inattentiveness of the vehicle operators pulling out into oncoming traffic.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Tom Bebb of the Birdsboro Climbing Coalition presented a information for their Climb & Clean event to be held September 27th & 28th and asked if the BOS had any concerns. Supervisor Brown stated he would like to see some sort of temporary directional signs through the quarry so participants know where to go. Manager Keim asked if they could follow-up after the event with a count of participant/public attendance and volunteers. Supervisor Deeds made a motion for the event, seconded by Supervisor Love. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDANCE

Celebrate Opening of John K. Roessner III '61, new facility at Albright College, the BOS is welcome to attend.

Municipal Law Forum 10/29/14 - if any BOS member would like to attend a reservation will be made.

Berks County Municipal Breakfast 10/17/14: RSVP by 10/08/14; a decision can be made at the budget meeting. Supervisor Brown said he would like to attend, along with Chairman Feeg.

Pipeline Planning Presentations 09/30/14 @ Albright College: Manager Keim stated if any BOS member would like to attend a reservation will be made. Manager Keim also stated the Road Master should attend. Supervisor Brown will try to attend.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the August 15, 2014 thru September 12, 2014, following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes of the Workshop of August 14, 2014 & Regular Meeting of August 19, 2014 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds seconded by Supervisor Brown.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS AUGUST 2014

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, SEO Permit Report, Building Reports, Police Report, Fire Reports – Gibraltar reports for July, Village Library Report for July. Supervisor Deeds made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Love. The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Quaker Ridge V-1 Subdivision: Engineer Kraft recommended approval upon completion of items listed in his letter of August 28, 2014. Supervisor Deeds made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Love. The motion passed unanimously.

2014 Roadwork Invoice: Engineer Kraft reviewed the invoice from Reading Materials & recommended approval as presented totaling \$231,681.68 & that \$3,470.51 will be reimbursed by Brecknock Township.

Avondale Drive and Kellen Court Dedication: Engineer Kraft recommended approval for both roads to be dedicated and placed on the Liquid Fuels road system. Motion by Supervisor Deeds, seconded by Supervisor Love. The motion passed unanimously.

Plan Time extensions (thru 12/31/2014) - approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

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

SOLICITOR

Mr. Hartman noted Supervisor's signature is needed for Resolutions #14-12 and #14-13.

FINANCE/OTHER

Wm. Penn Schuylkill Highlands Grant Opportunity – Mr. Trailies, registered landscape architect / planner from Natural Lands Trust was in attendance. The Wm. Penn Foundation will review municipal ordinances using grant funding to identify ways to improve the existing ordinances & to improve ground water quality. There are two steps that he is able to offer; first, with permission & no cost to the Township he can review Zoning & Subdivision Ordinances in order to identify areas that may improve ground water quality; second, subsidized by Wm. Penn to some extent potentially up to 75% of the costs to write the improvements and get them through adoption. Motion by Supervisor Deeds, seconded by Supervisor Love. The motion passed unanimously.

Berks County MS4 Cooperative Education Committee Training – Sponsoring a course “The ABC’s of TMDL’s: Stormwater 101 & 102. The course is September 26th and 3 people from the Township can go free of cost. Supervisor Brown has committed. Vice Chairman Love would be able to attend after 10:30. Supervisor Deeds will let the manager know on Tuesday. Road Master Lanza was committed to attend.

Budget Meeting Dates – Advertised in Reading Eagle on September 10, 2014. FYI only.

SEWER

Hank Koch, Esquire, was in attendance as appointee for Stewart & Conti. Solicitor Hartman asked Mr. Koch about the meeting with DEP & S&C and if there was another developer involved in the proposed package treatment plant. Solicitor Hartman advised him of the Townships concerns which is MB Investments being a new developer, was not anticipated in the Allegheny Corridor Act 537 Plan and if

DEP is aware of the proposed package treatment plant being in excess of the 58% (83,000 gallons per day) capacity. Mr. Koch replied there was an e-mail but could not state who was spoken with at DEP. Green Hills Lake owners had to make improvements at their own expense; they may be required to hook up again causing more impact on the sewer system and added cost to the residents of Green Hills Lake. Mr. Koch requested the BOS to make a motion to accept the agreement for the package treatment plant. No action was taken by the BOS however they will meet with DEP to determine if further planning is necessary.

Solicitor Hartman stated the fundamental issue is the expectation of dedication to the Township, which means the Township must maintain & repair the facility but the Township is not allowed to review the construction and this doesn't make sense for the Township because they would incur any cost relative to changes to a construction plan. The Township needs the right to review and change the plans.

Mr. Koch stated they (S&C) have no agreement with MB Investments and the plant approval did not include MB Investments and it was an agreement that if MB Investments were not involved the issues / concerns raised by Mr. Hartman would be significantly less. Mr. Cuppels will want to know what the Township is going to discuss with DEP and when.

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @8:30PM & reconvened at 9:55PM.
Solicitor Hartman counseled the BOS to say no to the request from Mr. Koch.

Supervisor Deeds moved to send a copy of the water lease agreement to RAWA. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the BOS, Supervisor Deeds moved to adjourn the meeting @ 9:56PM; seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen A. Easterday,
Acting Recording Secretary