

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 16, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:05 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, Manager Thomas C. Keim and Chief Phillips.

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

**ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Authorize Road Department to attend BCPWA meeting 1/4/15 at Oley Fairgrounds (Free). Supervisor Smith made a motion seconded by Supervisor Deeds. The motion passed unanimously.

**POLICE**

Chief Phillips advised financing for the 2014 Dodge Police Vehicle has been acquired through Fulton Bank, requesting the BOS make a motion to accept the leasing agreement. Solicitor Hartman recommended the BOS approve a motion. Supervisor Deeds made a motion seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Phillips advised three juveniles were identified in the criminal mischief incidents, where baseballs were being thrown at the windows of residences and vehicles. These same three youths were also identified for the spray painting of vehicles in the Township of Exeter.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Supervisor Smith moved to pay bills for November 14, 2014 thru December 12, 2014 adding a payment of \$5,373.00 for Gibraltar FC Workers Compensation Insurance, followed a second by Supervisor Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Joint Meeting of November 17, 2014, Workshop of November 13, 2014, Regular Meeting of November 18, 2014, Budget Meetings of November 19<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds seconded by Supervisor Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS NOVEMBER 2014**

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, SEO Permit Report, Road Report/Building Reports, & Police Report. Supervisor Deeds made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith. The motion passed unanimously. It was duly noted no Fire Reports were received.

**PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

**Gordon Subdivision** – Preliminary / Final Suggested Motion: Move to conditionally approve the Gordon Subdivision subject to compliance with the outstanding items in Kraft Engineering review letter of November 26, 2014 and approve the modified emergency water usage agreement. Supervisor Deeds made the motion; seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Plan time extensions thru 3/31/15 (all received & expire 12/31/14)**

Park View Estates Sub (P) Parkside Subdivision (P) Beaver Run Sub (P) Gibraltar Estates (P) Cedar Hill Estates Ph 1 (F)  
Suggested Motion: Move to approve the listed time extensions. Supervisor Deeds made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Feinsot Land Development** – escrow release: Suggested Motion: Move to release the remaining escrowed funds related to the Feinsot Land Development. Supervisor Deeds made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Woods at White Bear** – escrow release: Suggested Motion: Move to approve request for release of funds #10 for the Woods at White Bear Subdivision in the amount of \$19,789.59 thereby leaving a remaining balance of \$52,735.22 for the 18 month maintenance period security. Supervisor Deeds made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Evergreen Road Bridge** – project update: The contract has been issued for Contract #1 for the fabrication and erection of the arch structure. Shop drawings and calculations have been submitted and are currently being reviewed. Once approved, the fabrication time is estimated to be 6 weeks.

All of the contract documents have been prepared and approved for Contract #2 and we are ready to issue the Notice to Proceed. That is being held pending removal of the telephone and cable lines from the site which is scheduled for the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Only one family responded and attended the public meeting held to discuss the project, but we have gotten considerable negative feedback from Mrs. Martin regarding the anticipated road closures. She wants a period from January 26<sup>th</sup> thru April 10<sup>th</sup> with no closures. That is impossible without postponing the project. We are dialoguing with Flyway Excavating to see if the temporary bridge closures can be accomplished before and after that period thereby leaving only one closure during the period of concern.

### **SOLICITOR**

**Quaker Ridge Development** - Approve Deed of Dedication, Declaration of Restrictions & Covenants & Stormwater Best Management Practices Operations & Management Agreement & **Quaker Ridge**

**Development V-1** - Approve Subdivision & Land Development Improvement & Maintenance Agreement - Solicitor Hartman recommended the BOS approve the Deed of Dedication and Subdivision & Land Development Improvement & Maintenance Agreement. Supervisor Smith made a motion seconded by Supervisor Deeds. The motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCE/OTHER**

**Adopt Resolutions #14-21 & #14-22 Fixing the Various Tax Rates for 2015** (Same as 2014) - Supervisor Deeds made a motion to adopt resolutions #14-21 & # 14-22 to fix the Various Tax Rates for 2015, (same as 2014 rates), seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt Resolution #14-23** Creating Line Item #410-746, 2014 Dodge Lease Payment - Supervisor Deeds made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

### **BERKS ENVIROTECH**

**Discuss OLDS Ordinances** (i.e., Township-wide Act 537 Plan): Review of the ordinances and removal of some sections was discussed. A lengthy discussion took place between the board of Supervisors, SEO Madeira, Solicitor Hartman and Township Engineer Kraft. Supervisor Smith moved to incorporate appropriate wording relative to existing lots with marginal conditions, seconded by Chairman Feeg, Supervisors Brown and Deeds voted yes, Supervisor Love abstained.

Supervisor Deeds made a motion to have licensed pumpers register with the township, noting if a registered pumper is not used, the system must be inspected by the SEO, with his/her fee's being paid by the resident. These registered companies will also do inspections, collect all fees associated with the cleanings, forwarding to the township its required monies due, seconded by Supervisor Love. The motion passed unanimously

Solicitor Hartman advised that the pumping of sewage systems is mandated by DEP. Supervisor Deeds moved to allow the homeowner who chooses to skip a cleaning cycle; that resident will be responsible for any cost to the SEO to check the sludge and scum levels before a waiver would be granted, the motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Deeds moved to charge a late fee penalty seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Deeds made a motion to charge a late/overdue fee for non-compliance of pumping schedules, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously. Solicitor Hartman recommended a motion be made to require an updated maintenance holding tank agreement at change of ownership, adding that the township could waive the update provided the existing agreement meets current standards. Supervisor Deeds made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith; motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Hartman recommended a motion to amend the draft ordinance to provide a schedule and map of sewage management districts to be established in the Township and adopted by resolution of the township. Chairman Feeg made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Continuation of Meeting on December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ (time) & Authorize Advertisement: Supervisor Smith made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Deeds to advertise a BOS special meeting to work on the OLDS Ordinance and adopt the 2015 budget, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was taken out of order to continue discussing OLDS items. (See Berks Envirotech)

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 9:28PM & reconvened at 10:01PM. There being no further business before the BOS, Supervisor Deeds moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Colleen A. Easterday  
Acting Recording Secretary