

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:02PM 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 Love, Brown, Smith and Deeds. Also attending were Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Engineer Gary Kraft, Road Master Bill Lanza & Manager Thomas Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

Chairman Feeg announced the BOS held an Executive Session at 6:30PM to discuss personnel issues.

BERKS ENVIROTECH – Allen Madeira prepared a draft report of the Green Hills Lake Area Re-Evaluation as requested by the BOS. Mr. Madeira stated having the report the BOS knows the biggest problem was getting the number of responses that were hoped for and believes the numbers are 22 or 30% of the properties that were not surveyed were owned by people who did not respond to the surveys; phrased this way because it does not mean there were 22 property owners that didn't respond. There are property owners that own multiple properties, 114 properties with 67 owners and 88 homes & businesses, properties that are multiple tracts (ie, 4 homes on 1 tract) & vice-versa.

In the beginning BET met with SDE because they are intimately involved in this project and Mr. Showalter & Mr. Pohronezny were told this draft report would be shared with them prior to submission to the BOS. They did offer assistance & conclusions; their suggestions have been incorporated. Mr. Pohronezny has concerns with those that did not respond and wants guidance from the BOS as to how to get the additional responses; he believes that if it becomes necessary to challenge DEP's commanding or searching we want to have as complete a report as possible.

Discussion followed re the sewer management program as well as the Ordinances that have been adopted. Correspondence is included in the draft report. Consensus by the BOS is to review the draft report for further discussion.

ROADS - **Execute Fulton Bank Lease Documents for 2015 Ford F550 Dump/Plow** – Supervisor Deeds moved to execute the lease documents; Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Road Master Lanza reported work was started on Beech Road today; should be completed tomorrow; Zion & Plow Roads will be started this week to get ready for chip seal projects. 150,000 of blacktop have already been used; Manager Keim stated that is the budget for the year.

Engineer Kraft stated the chip seal contract for Brecknock & Robeson Township's has not been issued for either yet. Notice of award has been sent out to request the bonds and insurance certificates; not returned yet. Mr. Lanza reviewed area's that are projected to be worked on as well as the amount of blacktop needed.

Manager Keim asked about authorization for work over budget for that particular line item. He reviewed budget amounts that were started with in 2015. Depending on what the BOS wants to have in reserve for the end of this calendar year will determine how much more road work to be done this year. Mr. Lanza said there are some issues on the roads that need to be addressed before the winter (Golf Course & Buck Hollow Roads). None of this is contracted work. Manager Keim stated the section of the budget for public works has really increased because of bringing the Evergreen Bridge Road project into it. He stated this was discussed before and that Solicitor Hartman said the budget could go over 25% the total which was \$1.2 million. Solicitor Hartman stated a Resolution would be necessary for a budget amendment to authorize appropriation of funds that are in reserve and would need to indicate an amount.

Supervisor Deeds said that no matter who is on the Board, the BOS is going to have to figure out what is going to be done for money for next year because either taxes are going to have to be raised or do something else because the funds are running out too quick and there are major roads that need to be done yet. Manager Keim recommended that what amount is over budget on the roads this year, that has to be accounted for as a tax increase next year or the road work is going to fall farther behind. Discussion followed re budgeted work for 2015 & 2016 and crack sealing.

Joy Graham stated there are a lot of areas where budget cuts can be made to give the Road Master the funding necessary to make the roads we need. She continued “we all don’t have to go to all these little cutesy meetings that are gone to for different things that everyone thinks is so important for dinners and this and that; she would rather see “you guys” cut out some of your little cutesy stuff and put the money into where we need it, on a road.... Chairman Feeg interjected he didn’t know what she was talking about. Ms. Graham stated she knew and it would be addressed at another point & continued about paying for meetings & incidentals. Again, Chairman Feeg stated there are meetings that do not get paid for by the Township other than PSATS and asked Ms. Graham to name an incidental; discussion followed re Golf Course & Buck Hollow Roads that are the 2 worst roads in the Township, cost of pipes & environmental studies, etc.

Laurie Elliott stated she was at a meeting some time ago & there was talk about that there would be emergency funds available because of the harsh winters that we’ve been experiencing in the NE; has the Township looked into that? Manager Keim explained there are no grants, etc. and Chairman Feeg discussed fracking funds. Supervisor Love talked about reimbursements that Townships have not received from the State.

Discussion followed regarding a Resolution authorizing expenditure from the unappropriated reserves that the Township has for road work. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize \$100,000.00 be appropriated for road work from the unappropriated reserves; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call:

Feeg – Yes Love – Yes Brown – Yes Deeds – Yes Smith - No

CODES - Fireworks – Supervisor Love moved to authorize the resident requesting fireworks for her wedding to allow them to go off subject to receipt of appropriate insurance certificate and providing there is a “NO BURN BAN” in effect. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Leslie Kearns – Ms. Kearns was not in attendance. Chairman Feeg stated he was blindsided and had no knowledge of what was happening with the forestry. After some investigation, Chairman Feeg stated he has found there has been communication between the RT Zoning Officer & Ms. Kearns for about a year re “§505.2 Forestry, Timber Harvesting, Tree Harvesting & Logging” and he wished the representatives were present this evening because he is taking issue with some of the things that were said.

Mr. Feeg continued he didn’t say anything then because he did not have the information but has it now; nothing arbitrary was being done here. The above noted section spells out exactly in the Zoning Ordinance the process, permits & monies that are required for those things and to reimburse the time that is spent preparing all the permits that are necessary in order to do what the applicant wants and to inspect during and at the end of that situation. When Ms. Kearns made a comment to one of “our” hired people (ie, contracted agent), Mr. Boulanger & stated she felt she was being raped by him, that is Ludacris. Mr. Feeg stated he wants this on record, it is highly inappropriate to discuss things that way and she (Ms. Kearns) owes him (Mr. Boulanger) an apology. He was doing his job.

Joy Graham asked if it is a fair statement to say that Kraft Code Services are not bad people; all they are doing is following the Ordinances that the Township has in place. The BOS agreed.

POLICE - Chief Phillips elaborated on what he stated at Thursday’s meeting; there are a significant amount of burglaries occurring in the Township since the end of April. There were 3 burglaries yesterday; Caernarvon Township had 1. There was suspect for the first 7 burglaries but he got arrested on Friday then we had the 3 additional burglaries.

Chief Phillips said what he tells the Residents is that the Police are looking for a smaller size black Mercedes SUV. There is an individual knocking on doors, which is how the first 6 burglaries occurred; when somebody answered the door, the perpetrator would ask for directions to SR 176 or the PA Turnpike. From one of the homes, he went the opposite way he was told; the PD did not get notification until a few hours or the next day later.

Again, Chief Phillips stressed that if someone is knocking on your door and you don’t know them, don’t let them in and if they ask for directions be suspicious right away because most of the homes “he” went to had long driveways so that is very suspicious. The PD is asking that 911 be called right away! Try to get a good description of the vehicle, if one is seen, so the Police know what they are looking for. He also

stated all of the Officers are working diligently on these burglaries and with neighboring PD's. If anyone notices anything suspiciously out of the ordinary, dial 911 immediately. Discussion followed regarding a "neighborhood watch," posting on *Face Book*, ethnicity of the suspect, alarm systems, etc.

Supervisor Brown moved to authorize Chief Phillips to send letters to prospective candidates for part-time, certified Act 120 Police Officers by the next BOS meeting; Supervisor Love seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A number of Officers to be hired has not been determined.

Laura Fritch thanked Chief Phillips for the additional patrolling.

CORRESPONDENCE - **Pioneer Crossing Citizens Advisory Board (PCCAB) Meeting Info** – Manager Keim stated he was approached by Matt Mascaro; there's an opening on the PCCAB & stated he believes RT should have a presence on that Board. Over the last 2 weeks, he made no less than 4 phone calls to Mascaro re the pickup of the recycling at the Township. Manager Keim reviewed the issues with the recycling bin & feels that getting a voice on the PCCAB will help the Township by giving presence that concerns re the recycling bin can be taken to a higher level because Matt Mascaro is organizing an environmental compliance group and RT has not received any funding from the available funds that are supposed to be trickled down to the community from the dump property. Manager Keim volunteered for the position for the PCCAB (it would be another night meeting non-gratis) that starts at 5:30PM on a week night. Chairman Feeg moved to appoint Manager Keim as the RT representative to the PCCAB; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

2015 Radiological Training from Berks County DES – Supervisor Brown stated the main thing is there was one of these done before; he brought this up because there is some expense that will be incurred. RT is in the Limerick Power Plant's Emergency Plan; RT is basically a center where people are to be brought in and directions to where they need to go will be given to them. When it was done the last time, the Police Department and Colleen Easterday (she spent a lot of time with the program) were involved as well as the Road Crew & Fire Department. Mr. Brown stated there is nothing in his budget to cover the personnel hours. Contact will need to be made for training which should take about an hour. Supervisor Brown will look into this further.

Harold Steve commented about funding that is supposed to come from PEMA.

CITIZENS CONCERNS - Dave Wolfe asked about the issue of fireworks for someone's wedding. Manager Keim stated it was researched and is not in the Zoning.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS - Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of May 16, 2015 thru June 12, 2015. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES - Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop Minutes of May 14, 2015 & Regular Meeting of May 20, 2015 were reviewed & unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS - The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, SEO Permit Report, Road and Building Reports as well as the Police Report including updated March 2015 Report were reviewed & unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith. It was duly noted the Gibraltar FC Reports for November & December 2014 and February, March, April & May 2015 were not available.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING - **Wanner Estate Subdivision** – waiver request - Engineer Kraft reviewed the plan; waivers requested last month were approved by the PC & BOS. Lot lines have been rearranged & a waiver is needed for §502.G. depth to width ratio for lot 5. Supervisor Deeds moved to grant the waiver of §502.G. to permit a lot depth to width ratio for Lot 5 exceeding 3:1; Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Durnall Subdivision – final - Engineer Kraft reviewed the plan stating the plan has been resubmitted with required revisions. Compliance Items in his review letter are required & the plans will need to be resubmitted. Plan approval conditions were reviewed (ie, \$500.00 deposit prior to release of plans until proof of deed recording is received by the Township & Open Space & Rec Fees in the amount of \$935.58 for 6 newly created residential lots must be paid before plans will be released for recording). Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the Final Plan of the Durnall Subdivision prepared by Bogia Engineering subject to completion of all of the items noted in Kraft Engineering review letter dated May 27, 2015 and

conditioned upon a \$500 security deposit being provided pending verification of recording of a deed joining the annexation Parcel to the Laraia tract being provided to the Township; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Malickson Est. Annex. Subdivision – preliminary / final – waiver requests – Engineer Kraft reviewed the plan & reviewed SALDO compliance. Mr. Kraft stated the items are not being completed & suggested the approving the following waivers:

§301.E.5.	related to listing adjoining property owners around the Residue tract
§301.E.7.	related to the Residue tract boundary survey
§301.E.8.	related to indicating cartway width along the Residue tract
§301.E.12.	related to setting the Residue tract corners
§301.E.21.g.	related to showing all topographic features on the Residue tract
§302.A.3.	related to showing watercourses on the Residue tract
§302.A.8.	related to showing existing structures on the Residue tract

Supervisor Deeds moved to grant the above listed waivers; Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Plan time extension – expire 6/30/15 (thru 9/30/15) – all received & unanimously granted upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Park View Estates Sub (P)	Parkside Subdivision (P)	Beaver Run Sub (P)
Cedar Hill Estates Ph 1 (F)	Durnall Subdivision (F)	Mary Harpel Sub (P/F)

SOLICITOR - Adopt Resolution #15-16 Appointing Colleen Easterday Open Records Officer for the Police Department - Supervisor Deeds moved to grant the appointment; Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Authorize Advertising Ordinance #15-04 to Change Speed Limit on Green Street (Zion to Golf Course Road) – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the advertisement; Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RAWA Water Service Agreement – Chairman Feeg moved to approve Resolution #15-18 and the Agreement with revisions; Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed on the following roll call:

Feeg – Yes Love – Yes Brown – Yes Deeds – Yes Smith - No

FINANCE/OTHER

Approve **Junk Yard License Renewals** for Lloyd Huyett, Jr. & Hillside Used Auto Parts – Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the renewals; Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Consignment Check for Sale of 2007 Police Vehicle Received \$1,940.00

Copier – Manager Keim discussed the possible purchase of a used copier that would be a “sister” model to the copier in the PD. Supervisor Deeds suggested pricing a new copier and review in July. The BOS agreed.

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 9:40PM; reconvened at 10:15PM and adjourned upon a motion by Supervisor Love that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

Respectfully Submitted
by Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary