

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2015

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 at 2689 Main Street, in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Brown, Smith and Deeds; Chairman Feeg was available via Telephone. Attending were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Road Master Bill Lanza & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

The BOS recessed @ 7:04PM to Executive Session to discuss a potential legal issue; reconvened @ 7:55PM. Vice-Chairman Love moved to authorize Solicitor Hartman to prepare a letter of response to Leslie Kearns. Following a second by Galen Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

ROADS

Road Master Lanza reported work on Plow Road should be completed in a few days. Also, he reported on issues with the chip sealer, oil & chip work, and a pipe that needs replacing.

Resident Kim Pfeiffer asked about Seyfert Drive; a pipe was replaced and the Road Crew have it on their schedule to mill & patch in preparation for oil & chip next year.

Resident Tom Whyte commended the Road Crew for all of the work they have been doing to make the Township roads better.

POLICE

Chief Phillips explained he met with representatives of Norfolk-Southern regarding the railroad crossing / tracks on Old River Road (to Rock Hollow Road). Anticipated time for work to begin to fix the tracks is during the first week in August. The plan was to repair the entire crossing; now it is only half. Chief Phillips urged the BOS to raise concerns to have the job done properly by doing the entire area. Discussion followed re alternate routes that could be used for traffic as well as flaggers.

Resident Joy Graham interjected that “they” can’t be allowed to do half of a job & everyone else should just “suck it up” and let the RR take the time to do the job right.

Vice-Chairman Love suggested a motion be made to repair the entire crossing, not just half. Supervisor Smith moved to have Norfolk-Southern repair the entire crossing; Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Part-Time Officers – Chief Phillips stated he last Friday was the deadline for interested parties to get their letter(s) of interest to him; out of more than 20 letters sent, only 5 letters of interest were received.

FIRE

Request for 50% Annual Donation from Friendship (Geigertown) FC – Supervisor Deeds moved to grant the request; Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Joy Graham discussed the website; “Go Daddy” will not allow more than 1 person access to post on the Township website.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of June 13, 2015 thru July 17, 2015. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop Minutes of June 11, 2015 & Regular Meeting of June 16, 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, Building Report as well as the Police Report & Friendship (Geigertown) FC Report were reviewed & approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds on the reports in hand. Chairman Feeg voted NO.

It was duly noted the Gibraltar FC Reports for November & December 2014 and February, March, April, May & June 2015 were not available.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Supervisor Smith moved to forward the **Wanner Estate Subdivision Planning Module Exemption** request to DEP for their approval and to conditionally approve the Wanner Estate Subdivision Preliminary Plan subject to completion of all of the outstanding items listed in Kraft Engineering review letter dated June 30, 2015; Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Plan time extension (thru 9/30/15) for MacMinn Sub (rev F) expire 8/2/15 was approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

Evergreen Road Bridge Final Invoice – already approved with “Bills for Approval.”

SOLICITOR

Adopt Ordinance #15-04 to Change Speed Limit on Green Street (Zion to Golf Course Road) – Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the Ordinance; Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Road Crew will erect the signs.

RAWA Water Service Agreement – The revised “Agreement” was presented; some corrections were made. The final “Agreement” will be before the BOS at their August Regular Meeting for action.

OTHER / FINANCE

Appoint Laurie E. Elliott & Ed Scott to the EAC Board – Both were unanimously appointed upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith. Kathy will send out letters.

Review Updated September 2015 Meeting Dates & Proposed 2016 Budget Meeting Dates – to be reviewed for August Meeting(s).

Discuss Copier Rental v. Purchase – Manager Keim reviewed information he received from a COSTARS Member. Resident Joy Graham stated the Township should get 3 bids. Following discussion, Manager Keim was directed to get additional bids.

Discuss Township Server problem – Manager Keim apprised the BOS of the issues.

June ending review of general fund between 2014 and 2015 (P&L) – for the BOS to review.

The BOS adjourned @ 9:43PM upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

Respectfully Submitted
by Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary