

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:00pm prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, (Route 724) in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Brown, Love, Smith, and Steve. Joy Graham participated by phone. Also present were Manager Easterday, Engineer Kraft, Solicitor Hartman, Chief Phillips, and Road Master Lanza.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

Citizens Concerns

Richard Steele addressed the board with concerns about the number of police officers on a shift and questioned part time officers versus full time officers. He also stated that the road crew does a good job.

David Wolfe complimented the Robeson Police Department, saying they respond immediately.

Ron Nye: Seyfert Drive; stated that River Run entrance is a bad spot. Engineer Kraft stated the project meets the sight distance requirements.

Correspondence

BOS acknowledged the thank you letters received from Birdsboro Police Department to one of our officers, Officer Brad Brenner, and from Gibraltar Fire Company to our Road Crew.

After discussing the Pa. Dept. of Labor & Industry's Invitation to a Job Fair at Wilson High School, on March 23, 2017, Supervisor Steve volunteered to attend.

Bills for Review

Supervisor Steve made a motion to approve the bills from 12.16.16 thru 1.12.17. Supervisor Love seconded the motion and passed on a yes roll call.

Minutes for Review

Supervisor Steve moved to approve the 12.15.16- BOS Workshop and 12.20.16- BOS Regular Meeting minutes. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion and passed on a yes roll call.

December 2016 Reports for Review

Supervisor Steve made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Summary & Report, Sewer Report for Oct. & Nov., Sewer Aging Report, SEO Permit Report, Road Report, Building Permit Report, and Fire Reports for Friendship Fire Company & Gibraltar Fire Company. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion and passed on a yes roll call.

Planning / Engineering

Birdsboro Power Land Development, Brian Boyer & Mark Koch, for this project the electric company is Met-Ed and is a public utility which doesn't need to meet requirements; giving approximately 14 acres to township. Union canal DCNR has rights/ownership, does township want the strip from WWTP to Boonetown Road. Chairman Smith recommends township take, if no cost to township. Gary asked, can township do parks and recreation at the river front (benches & exercise equipment) and Mark Koch said he would follow up.

Brian Boyer presented the proposal for Ember Clear that Solicitor Hartman recommended. Supervisor Steve motioned that we have the solicitor draw up a comfort letter addressing Ember Clear's concerns for their lender. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion. Roll Call, Supervisor Brown abstained, rest of the board responded with a yes. Represented by Henry Koch, who stated land development plan will be submitted.

Chairman Smith and Mark Koch / Letter

1. Letter from Med-Ed: Take substation over from Ember Clear after construction.
2. Comfort letter from Koch: Township is ok if they meet all requirements and deliver project to Met-ED. Authorize Solicitor Chris Hartman to write letter, Supervisor Steve made motion and Supervisor Graham seconded the motion.
3. Bank wants easements to release funds on Boonetown Road as the HOP isn't insurable for the bank, easement will not be all inclusive. Koch to find out if there is any taxing income for the township. \$5000.00 escrow

McCarney/Rock Hollow Woods, Environmental Learning Center, discussion; Gary explained that the funds for municipal improvements need to be deposited then the plan can be recorded and split off as an environmental plot. Complete plan improvements, post, security funds, and record plan.

Solicitor

Supervisor Steve made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-02, amending the fee schedule and for Engineering Professional Services, Subdivision, Land Development & Zoning Fees, Building, Plumbing & Zoning, Driveway & Road Occupancy Permits & Related Fees, Administrative Rates & Formula for Calculating Personnel Rates for 2017, Requests for Public Records, On Lot Sewage Enforcement Fees (OLDS), and SEO Fees. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion and passed on a yes roll call.

Finance / Other

Manager Easterday reported that the Republic Services, Inc. Host Fee: \$6,029.97

Nancy Beaton was appointed to the GAJA Board after Supervisor Graham made a motion to accept and Chairman Smith seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Love was a yes and Supervisor Steve was no.

The previously approved Teamsters Contract was received and signed by the supervisors.

The board will not be joining or donating to B.C.A.G.P.

The board reviewed the Towne answering service: resident information system and decided not at this time.

The board said no to 811 Pa. One Call System: Proclamation to make April Pa. 811 Safe Digging Month, the answer is due by 4.2.17.

Berks Co. Conservation District: MOU revisions: sign memorandum, Supervisor Steve made a motion to approve the revisions and Supervisor Graham seconded the motion.

Pitney Bowes: Lease/Purchase Agreements: Fold & Sort Machines, look into other alternative sources.

Executive Session

Board recessed for Executive session at 8:04pm. Board reconvened at 8:46pm.

Supervisor Steve moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion and passed on a yes roll call.

Respectfully Submitted,
By Sheila McCune