

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 16, 2016**

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:01PM 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, Love & Steve; Supervisor Graham was absent. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Road Master Bill Lanza & Manager Colleen A. Easterday.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Solicitor Hartman explained the public hearing is being held to discuss Robeson Township's approval of Gibraltar Fire Company's execution & delivery to First Bankers Corp. a Volunteer Fire Dept. Lease & Option Agreement for acquisition of a Ford Rescue Truck & Jeep Brush Truck not-to-exceed \$300,000.00. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:04PM. Supervisor Steve moved to authorize the purchase as stated (Resolution #16-06); following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**ROADS**

Nothing to report.

**CODES / PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Michael McDermott discussed the possibility of having a composting facility on property owned by Leslie Kearns on Golf Course Road. The composting facility would consist of dead animals & manure. Mr. McDermott was told to apply for a zoning permit with the property owner's permission.

**POLICE**

Sergeant Cassel addressed the BOS to consider replacement of the 2003 Ford Expedition. The vehicle was taken for inspection and did not pass due to the frame, etc. being rusted, making it unsafe and much too expensive to attempt repairs. He noted Chief Phillips was able to procure information through Costars for a 2016 Durango to replace the 2003 Expedition at a cost of \$32,693.00. Manager Easterday has obtained financing information to lease the 2016 Durango over a 3-year period. The total purchase price has been budgeted for 2016. Supervisor Steve moved to authorize the lease-purchase of the 2016 Durango as stated. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**5th Annual Richard C. Trostle Intergovernmental Cooperation Award** (nominations due 2/24/16) – no action.

**Review Letter re River Run Meadows** - Manager Easterday explained Ian Rawhauser of HDC is requesting a letter of support from the BOS to help assist HDC acquire additional tax credits; they have an application for funding that is due in March. The BOS voted to not make a recommendation re the request upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Chairman Smith.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS**

Robert Deeds of 1217 White Bear Road apologized about comments he made at the Workshop Meeting and stated he would not come to any more meetings and left.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Supervisor Love moved to pay bills for the period of January 16, 2016 thru February 12, 2016. Following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of January 14, 2016 & Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016 were reviewed & unanimously approved as presented upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

### **APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

The January 2016 Treasurer's Summary & Report, Sewer, SEO Permit, Road, Building, Police & Fire Company Reports were reviewed. Also reviewed were the November & December 2015 reports for Gibraltar FC. All reports were unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Chairman Smith. It was duly noted there was no December 2015 Friendship FC (Geigertown) Fire Report available.

### **PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

**March Subdivision – Preliminary / Final Subdivision** – lot size discussion – planning modules – waiver request – Engineer Kraft reviewed the plan noting this plan is to subdivide 49 acres located on Buck Hollow Road in the Ag Preservation District zoning area (and is also in Clean & Green). 1 of the lots proposed is 10+ acres and the other lot is 39 acres. The maximum residential lot in the Ag Preservation District is 2 acres. Per the Robeson Township Zoning Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors can permit larger lots if certain limitations exist. This particular tract has steep slopes as well as a stream that runs through it.

The PC recommended approval of the request to permit the 10 acre lot by the BOS. Supervisor Steve moved to approve the request to permit the 10 acre lot; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Also recommended by the PC was approval of the waiver request (§301.B.1.) to present the plan at a scale of 1"=100' & Engineer Kraft recommended approval of the request subject to the Applicant's including a 1"=50' scale enlargement of the frontage area. Supervisor Steve moved to approve the waiver request; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve moved to approve the Planning Modules as recommended by the PC; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to Table NLT Ordinance Review** (per PC Recommendation) – following a brief discussion, the BOS agreed to table the Ordinance review upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

### **SOLICITOR**

**Adopt Ordinance #16-02 - Creation to Provide for a 7 Member Planning Commission** – Supervisor Steve moved to adopt Ordinance #16-02; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt Ordinance #16-03 – Payment & Performance of GAJA – Guaranteed Revenue Note** – Supervisor Steve moved to adopt Ordinance #16-03; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Smith	- No	Love	- Yes
Brown	- Yes	Steve	- Yes

Tim Bitler discussed his client that has a pending ZHB application regarding placement of a shed. He was directed to have his client file a corrected application with the Zoning Officer.

### **FINANCE/OTHER**

**Authorize Advertisement for 2016 Mowing Season** – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize the advertisement; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Appoint Delegate & Alternate to Chester County Tax Collection Committee (Resolution #16-** Supervisor Steve moved to appoint Manager Easterday as delegate & Chairman Smith as alternate; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Authorize Carrie Kingsbury to pursue Mural Grant** – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize pursuit of the grant; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt Resolution #16-07 Creating Line Item #410-106 Salary of PT Officers** – Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the resolution; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt Resolution #16-08 Creating Line Item #410-392 Dodge Durango** - Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the resolution; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 8:31PM upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Chairman Smith. The BOS reconvened @ 9:31PM.

Supervisor Brown moved to reaffirm the decision of “disaster” for Blizzard Jonas. Following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the BOS, Supervisor Steve moved to adjourn at 9:32PM. Following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen C. Haight, Recording Secretary

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Christopher M. Smith, BOS Chairman