

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2018

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order 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. All Board members were present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Road Master Lanza, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips and Township Manager Colleen A. Easterday.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

GIRL SCOUTS

Doug Metcalf addressed the **BOS** about the GS refinishing the wooden picnic tables – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize the Girl Scouts to move forward with their service project. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ROADS / CODES / PUBLIC PROPERTY

Birdsboro Power / Dirt Donation – Chairman Smith moved to accept 4-5 loads of clean fill from Birdsboro Power; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

Pole Barn Floor Bids – Supervisor Graham moved to accept the bid from Yellow Hill Concrete. Supervisor Love seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RM Lanza announced that new batteries for the grader will only cost \$113.00 per battery.

POLICE

Chief Phillips introduced new Robeson Township Officer Tyler Famous.

Chief Phillips & Engineer Kraft showed the design for the bicycle crossing signs for Robeson Crossing; plans will be submitted to PennDOT for review.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Clyde Rodgers of 1377 Old River Road addressed concerns about rats coming from the White property, unmowed grass, trash on property, etc. Solicitor Hartman reported the property is currently being sold to another party.

Supervisor Graham moved to authorize Solicitor Hartman to allow to May 30th to see if the sale goes through; if not continue with legal action. Following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve moved to have a letter sent to the current property owner to mow, etc., within 10 days from the date of the letter, if the current property owner does not comply with mowing the Township will lien the property for non-compliance and the Township will mow the grass and bill the owner for all costs including police presence if necessary. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve moved to authorize reimbursement to Tax Collector Carrie Mountz \$165.00 for an external hard drive to back up the Township Tax Records. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Clyde Rodgers complained about some local kids driving too fast on Old River Road. The BOS requested Engineer Kraft to research what sign would be appropriate and pricing.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Steve moved to accept David Wolfe's resignation from the Vacancy Board; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

MINUTES

Revised minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of April 12, 2018 and Regular Meeting of April 17, 2018 were reviewed & approved following the correction of the spelling of *lanternfly* upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Steve moved to pay the bills for the period of April 17, 2018 thru May 16, 2018; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The April 2018 Sewer Aging Report, SEO Permit Report, Road, Building, Revised Police, Friendship Fire Company & Gibraltar Fire Company Reports were unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Chairman Smith.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Southern Berks Comprehensive Plan review areas – review proposed change items.

Leslie Kearns request for Planning Waiver – Supervisor Love moved to grant the request; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Salamone Variance (Special Exception) Application – Supervisor Graham moved to support the Variance request; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Castetter Variance Application - Supervisor Graham moved to support the Variance request; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

White Bear Road Cell Tower – Verizon has asked to look at the property as a cell tower site; Manager & Road Master will meet with Verizon.

Codification Updates – Supervisor Love moved to have the Solicitor provide an electronic copy to Supervisor Steve to do his research between the electronic and written copies.

FINANCE/OTHER

Allied Waste Host Fees Received \$8,857.48

Credit Card – discuss in Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 8:06PM; reconvened @ 9:56PM.

Supervisor Graham moved to purchase the Datto Alto 3 Data Protection Equipment for the server backup system; Supervisor Steve seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve moved to direct the Manager to open an account with \$5,000.00 from the Township Savings Account for use with a Township Debit Card. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve moved to reject the proposal from J.D. Eckman to use Gibraltar Park parking lot due to the effect it would have on parking for those using the Park. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve moved to authorize Chairman Smith to approve courses for Manager training. Chairman Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The BOS adjourned unanimously @ 9:59PM upon a motion by Supervisor Graham that was seconded by Chairman Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,
By Kathleen C. Haight on behalf
of Galen L. Brown, Township Secretary