

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 15, 2019**

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 Bill Lanza, Chief of Police Mark Phillips & Manager Colleen Easterday.

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

**ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Road Master Lanza reported bids have been received from Municibid; Grader \$2,500.00, 1999 GMC Pickup \$3,551.00, Crack Sealer \$5,900.00. Supervisor Graham moved to accept the bids. Following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed unanimously.

A bid for the Sterling Truck was unanimously rejected upon a motion by Supervisor Graham that was seconded by Supervisor Steve.

RM Lanza reported that a manhole in Geigertown has broken another cutting edge on the new Mack truck plow. He also announced that Martin Paving will be coming out to look at the oil & chip that is unraveling on White Bear Road.

**POLICE**

Nothing to report.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS**

Robert Goheen of Estate Road complained about service from Elverson Ambulance and recommended making the whole Township covered by Southern Berks EMS.

Julie Brommer addressed the BOS on the feral cat Ordinance; she has concerns with numerous sections of the Ordinance.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of December 13, 2018, Regular Meeting of December 18, 2018, Budget Meeting of December 26, 2018 & Reorganization Minutes of January 7, 2019 were reviewed & unanimously approved as presented upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Supervisor Steve moved to pay the bills for the period of December 18, 2018 thru January 15, 2019; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

The December 2018 Revised Treasurer's Summary/Report, (Miller) Sewer Report, Revised Sewer Aging Report, SEO Permit Report, Road, Building, Police & Fire Company Reports were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

**PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

**Berks Nature Subdivision (Preliminary / Final)** – Engineer Kraft reviewed the proposal submitted by Berks Nature, a subdivision of part of the Ephraim Malickson Trust properties including a residential lot along Rock Hollow Road and the 155 acre tract along Cocalico Road. The intent is to separate two of the dwellings from the main tract so that the residences can be sold and Berks Nature can maintain the residue for passive recreation only. Related to this, the Applicant has requested waivers related to placement of corner markers along the Cocalico Road frontage of the Residue (§301.E.12.) and showing building setbacks on the Residue tract (§301.E.17.). Supervisor Steve moved to grant the waivers requested; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

**Shantz / DeLong Subdivision – Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration** - the Applicant has submitted the sewage planning document for the Township's consideration. Supervisor Steve moved to conditionally approve the plans; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

**Salanek Subdivision** – *Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration* - Related to the Salanek annexation subdivision which was approved by the PC in the middle of 2018, the Applicant has likewise submitted their sewage planning document for the township’s consideration. Supervisor Steve moved to grant the waiver requested; following a second by Vice-Chairman Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Plan time extension** (thru 3/31/19) - Oak Grove Subdivision (F) - Supervisor Steve moved to grant the time extension; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Beaver Run Subdivision** – acknowledge plan withdrawal request – pending receipt of an original letter Supervisor Steve moved to grant the withdrawal request. Following a second by Vice-Chairman Love, the motion passed unanimously.

### **SOLICITOR**

**Animal Control Ordinance #19-02** – The Animal Control Ordinance has been advertised for consideration for enactment. Supervisor Steve moved to enact the Ordinance; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

Supervisor Steve moved to suspend the penalty enforcement portion of Section 3 for feral cats until it can be further amended. Following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed. It was noted the Ordinance will be effective in 5-days but will not include Section 3. A copy of the Ordinance is to be provided to the Codes Department.

**Tax Collector’s Compensation Ordinance #19-01** – has been advertised and is ready for enactment. Supervisor Steve moved to enact the Ordinance. Following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCE/OTHER**

**Widening Gunhart Road** by Ephraim Stoltzfus (willing to do work agreement w/Township) – Mr. Stoltzfus contacted re widening of Gunhart Road. He was advised via telephone & follow-up letter that plans would need to be submitted to the Township and would need to include how stormwater runoff would be addressed; all of this would be at his cost (ie, no cost to the Township).

**REMINDER** – 2018 Statement of Financial Interest Forms are due by May 1, 2019

**PSATS CONVENTION** – Registration opened Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 8:01PM to discuss performance of the appointed pension administrator. The BOS reconvened @ 8:27PM.

Supervisor Steve moved to authorize Solicitor Hartman to prepare and advertise Ordinance (if needed) to allow the BOS authority to make a change as to pension trustees in the future.

The Meeting adjourned unanimously @ 8:28PM upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

Respectfully Submitted,  
By Kathleen C. Haight on behalf  
Of Galen L. Brown