

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:00PM prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Municipal Building located on Route 724 in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Love, Brown, Rhaua & Deeds. Also present were Engineer Gary Kraft, Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Police Chief Mark T. Phillips, Interim Road Master David Wicklein and Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Approval for Road Department to attend PA Safety Days – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the Road Department to attend the Safety Days on May 13, 2010. Following a second by Supervisor Rhaua, the motion passed unanimously.

Interim Road Master David Wicklein stated the brush on Westley Road has been cut back to 14' 6" as required. Also, weather permitting, paving will begin on Ridgeway Road tomorrow.

POLICE

PennDOT Approval – Temporary Closing of PA Route 724 for Gibraltar FC Lights & Siren Parade (to be held July 10th) – Chief Phillips noted he received the approval on March 26, 2010. He and Chief Kachel have made plans to meet a week prior to the Parade to discuss coordination of Fire Police and Robeson Township Police.

New Morgan Boundary Lines – The Chief reported on the Police response area with Caernarvon Township and Police protection relating to boundaries of New Morgan Borough.

Chief Phillips noted that mailbox vandalism is occurring again; on Thursday, April 15th between the hours of 9:30PM and 4:30AM, a number of mailboxes were vandalized in the Whispering Pines area. He noted that if anyone sees or hears vandalism taking place to please call the Police immediately, do not wait until the next day.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Mr. David Stanton and Ms. Kerri Hardy, both residents of Oak Grove Road, expressed concerns regarding their opposition to the proposed Oak Grove Subdivision. The BOS informed them, and other residents in attendance regarding this proposed subdivision, that the BOS will not consider the project at this time. The plan will be presented to the PC again at their meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, May 3rd @ 7:00PM. Ms. Hardy noted her concerns about her driveway pending the widening of Oak Grove Road as well as the historic school house. Mr. Stanton presented a list of concerns that will be forwarded to the PC for their review.

The BOS recognized the attendance of Boy Scouts, Ben Ewing & Jake Ewing, of Troop 529; they were in attendance because they are working on their Star Scout rank.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Rhaua moved to approve payment of bills for the period March 15, 2010 through April 16, 2010. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Feeg	- Yes	Love	- Yes
Brown	- Yes	Rhaua	- Yes
Deeds	- Yes, but abstained on payment		

to Willow Spring Builders & Green Hills Equipment LLC

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of March 11, 2010, Regular Meeting of March 16, 2010, Special Meetings of March 31, 2010 & April 15, 2010 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Rhaua that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer Report, Road & Building Reports and Police Report for March 2010, as well as the Fire Company Reports for February & March 2010 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Rhaua that was seconded by Supervisor Brown.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Bertsch Subdivision – Preliminary / Final – waiver / lot size review – Engineer Kraft reviewed 2 waiver requests from the applicant which he and the PC recommend the BOS approve:

1. A waiver request has been submitted related to the requirement to provide full topographical information on their entire tract. The Applicant has shown detailed survey information on the area of the improvements but are

requesting relief related to the wooded area to the rear. Engineer Kraft & the PC recommend approval of the request. The waiver was unanimously granted upon a motion by Supervisor Love that was seconded by Supervisor Rhada.

2. The second request relates to the minimum lot area for a single family dwelling within the Ag Preservation Zone. Under certain circumstances, related to location of features, steep slopes, locations of prime soils, etc., the BOS may allow lots to be larger than the 2 acre maximum. The Applicant has provided their justification for the Township's review. Supervisor Love moved to grant the request conditioned upon no further subdivision being allowed on the 10 acre parcel at the request of Supervisor Deeds; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS also requested the PC discuss having a note added to the plan to permit access to the pond in the event of an emergency by the Fire Companies as requested by Supervisor Brown.

Killian Woods-Lot 2 Subdivision – Revised Final – one-step review process - The developers of the Gibraltar Estates Subdivision have submitted a revised Final Plan adjusting the lot lines of the Killian Woods Lot 2 Subdivision. The adjustment is to better accommodate the second access to Gibraltar Estates from Killian Drive. The plan is before the BOS to permit the plan to be reviewed in one step as a Preliminary / Final Plan which was endorsed by the PC. The request was unanimously granted upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Rhada.

SOLICITOR

Adopt Ordinance #10-03 Police Mutual Aid & Agreement with Birdsboro – Advertised for Approval – Supervisor Rhada moved to enact the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Police Mutual Aid. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement – Follow Up to Glenn Kraft's Workshop Meeting Presentation – Supervisor Love moved to authorize Solicitor Hartman to draft a letter of notice, under the signature of the BOS, to the property owners on Old River Road and Golf Course Road that are in violation of various Robeson Township Ordinances; hearings regarding the violations could be held on June 15, 2010 during the BOS Regular Meeting. Following a second by Supervisor Rhada, the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Amendment to Geigertown ACT 537 - Resolution No. 10-10 – Supervisor Love moved to adopt the Resolution but to not release it to DEP prior the expiration of the 30 day public comment period. Following a second by Supervisor Rhada, the motion passed unanimously.

Surplus State and Federal Government Property for Township Use – Chairman Feeg moved to authorize Township Manager Keim to register Robeson Township as participant in Asset Auctions. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

CZIP – Supervisor Rhada made a motion to authorize Solicitor Hartman to advertise a public hearing regarding the SALDO & Zoning changes. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

Financing of 8 Boonetown Road – Jamie Schlesinger presented financing options for the Proposed General Obligation Note. The financing will also cover repairs to the Township Municipal Building & the old Township Building on White Bear Road.

Host Fees Received from Stericycle (January through March) - \$8,285.04 – received.

OTHER

Approve Cleaning Contract – Supervisor Rhada moved to approve the Moore Cleaning For Less contract. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution 10-09 - Support for Hopewell Big Woods Partnership – Tabled until information is received.

Painting of Township Buildings – Manager Keim stated that he is coordinating efforts to power wash the building at Gibraltar Park & Old Township Building and have them painted.

The BOS recessed to **Executive Session** at 9:20PM; reconvened and unanimously adjourned at 10:23PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Rhada.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary