

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 15, 2011**

Solicitor Hartman announced that Agenda Item 1 has been postponed due to technical difficulties and would proceed later this evening.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:13pm 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, Deeds & Smith. Also in attendance were Engineer Gary Kraft, Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Road Master David Wicklein and Manager Thomas C. Keim.

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

**ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Road Master Wicklein reported on use of salt and anti-skid; currently the bins are at capacity. He stated he has checked with Eastern Industries and does not anticipate an issue with obtaining cold patch. Maintenance repairs are in process with the Road Department vehicles.

Mr. Wicklein requested approval to hire R&S Sweeping @ \$95.00 p/h (no increase from last year) to assist in sweeping the roads for clean up of anti-skid as the winter season ends. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the approval as requested; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Following a discussion regarding placement of salt storage facility at Township Building on White Bear Road, Chairman Feeg made a motion to have the surveying done. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**POLICE**

Chief Phillips discussed damage to the Ford Expedition due to a falling tree limb on Golf Course Road. The vehicle is still operable however estimates are being obtained.

Solicitor Hartman stated the proposed Indemnification Agreement with Cacoosing Gun Club has been sent to their attorney for review and comment. This should be before the BOS in March for action.

Chief Phillips stated this past weekend was very busy and that 2 search warrants were executed earlier this morning.

**NATURAL LANDS TRUST – GREEN HILLS PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

Mr. Thorne was not in attendance; Solicitor Hartman recommended the BOS table this item until the new updated plan is received. Manager Keim will contact Mr. Thorne to determine his intentions.

The meeting was taken back into Agenda order to address item 1.

**CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – METRO PCS**

At 7: 27 PM, Chairman Feeg turned the meeting over to Solicitor Hartman to conduct a Conditional Use Hearing to consider an Application submitted by Metro PCS to collocate a wireless telecommunications facility on a tower on the Kramer property along Cedar Hill Road. Testimony was presented by Nicholas A. Cuce, Jr., Esquire, Site Acquisition Consultant, Thomas Dymant, Radio Frequency Engineer, Wilhelm Blessing, and Telecommunications Site Designer, John Wolstenholme. The proposal includes addition of antennas at the top of the existing 225 feet tower. The stenographic record of the hearing includes specifics of their testimony. The Board considered the information presented and upon a motion by Supervisor Love that was seconded by Supervisor Smith, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Conditional use application conditioned upon receipt of an insurance certificate being supplied by the owner of the tower as well as proof of the annual inspections that are necessary.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Supervisor Love inquired about the invoice to BCERT. Chief Phillips advised this is an annual fee which has not increased and has been paid since the start of the BCERT Unit. The fee includes \$2,500.00 applied to ammunition supplies and training and \$1,000.00 to yearly membership which pays for vehicle and liability insurance. The BCERT Unit has applied and received Federal Funding to help with the purchase of equipment and vehicles. In addition, the County Commissioners and Berks County District Attorney's Office has given monies to BCERT in order to defray expenses to the member municipalities. Recently, there are two

municipalities which became interested and will most likely allow their officer to participate in the BCERT Unit. Hopefully by adding officers employed by other municipalities will help defray costs in the future.

Chief Phillips stated he was proud to have Sgt. Cassel as a member of the BCERT Unit. He feels this gives his Department an advantage when activating the BCERT Unit if need to respond to an emergency occurring in Robeson Township. During the last year and a half, the BCERT Unit has responded to two incidents in Robeson Township involving armed persons. Both incidents ended peacefully. Chief Phillips again thanked the BOS for their commitment by allowing Sgt. Cassel to participate in the BCERT Unit.

Supervisor Smith moved to pay bills for the period of January 15, 2010 thru February 11, 2011. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Feeg	- Yes	Love	- Yes
Brown	- Yes	Deeds	- Yes, abstained on bills for Green Hills Equipment & Robert Deeds, Jr.
Smith	- Yes		

### MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of January 13, 2011 and Regular Meeting of January 18, 2011 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

### APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer Report, Road & Building Reports, Police Report for the month of January were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds. Again, no Fire Reports were available.

### PLANNING & ENGINEERING

**Oak Grove Subdivision** – Preliminary – conditional approval - Engineer Kraft reported that the PC conditionally approved the plan subject to the items in his review letter dated February 4<sup>th</sup> approximately a third of the letter outlines the specifics related to Oak Grove Road that are a product of discussions. Mr. Kraft requested the BOS consider conditional preliminary plan approval. Following a lengthy discussion regarding Oak Grove Road with the residents and Developer Gary McEwen, Supervisor Deeds moved to grant conditional approval based on Engineer Kraft's recommendation. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion did not pass on the following roll call vote:

Feeg	- Yes	Love	- No
Brown	- No	Deeds	- Yes
Smith	- No		

**Bertsch Subdivision** – Preliminary / Final – sewage planning waiver / conditional approval / access agreement - Engineer Kraft reported that the Non-Building Planning Waiver (NBPW) has been prepared related to on-site sewage planning. The PC recommended approval by the BOS. Supervisor Love moved to approve the NBPW; following a second by Supervisor Brown.

Supervisor Love moved to conditionally approve the plan subject to the items in Engineer Kraft's review letter of December 2010. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Following a brief discussion, the BOS unanimously agreed to authorize Engineer Kraft and Solicitor Hartman to review and modify the access agreements upon a motion by Supervisor Love that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

**Nase / Sobolewski Subdivision** waiver request – Supervisor Love moved to waive plan review since the majority of the property is in Cumru Township. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**SALDO Revisions** - Engineer Kraft reported that the PC agreed to the revisions and to forward them to the BOS for adoption. Supervisor Smith moved to authorize the SALDO be revised to include .pdf submissions for preliminary plans, submission to the Berks County Planning Commission and, to advertise for public hearing at the March 2011 BOS regular meeting for enactment. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Feeg	- Yes	Love	- Yes
Brown	- Yes	Deeds	- No
Smith	- Yes		

**SOLICITOR**

**Review & Approve Advertisement for Gas Pump Card System** – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize obtaining bids for the fuel pump project. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCE**

**Review Audit Finding** – Supervisor Brown moved to authorize the transfer from the General Fund \$7,847.00 to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, pending their notification, for Project No. 08-06233-01. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER**

**Approve Proposal from Windstream / Softmart Modem Purchase** – Supervisor Brown moved to authorize Manager Keim to expend up to \$4,000.00 per segment of expenditure to complete the electronic purchase and to purchase furniture for the property at 8 Boonetown Road. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Planning Commission Vacancy** – The BOS unanimously appointed David Talarico to fill the vacant position on the PC upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Brown. Kathy Farrell will send letters to those interviewed.

The BOS directed Kathy Farrell to add the Draft Snow Ordinance to the March Workshop Agenda.

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 10:15PM upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

The BOS reconvened at 10:54 PM.

Supervisor Smith moved to approve the Teamster's Contract for 2011 thru 2013. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Love moved to authorize an increase of .45¢ per hour for Kathleen C. Farrell retroactive to January 1, 2011. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS unanimously adjourned at 10:56PM upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen C. Farrell,  
Recording Secretary