

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2011

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, Deeds & Smith. Supervisor Brown joined the meeting at 7:12PM. Also in attendance were Engineer Gary Kraft, Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Road Master David Wicklein, Manager Thomas C. Keim, Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Boulanger and Roxanne Weaver of CRS.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Erling T. Jenson & Ms. Christine N. Mueller (1657 Cocalico Road) – Solicitor Hartman explained the proceedings that would take place and called the Hearing to order at 7:09PM regarding the property on Cocalico Road. Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Boulanger was sworn in by Stenographer, Roxanne Weaver of Computerized Reporting Services, Inc. Exhibits were identified and marked. Mr. Jenson explained his dismay with the Hearing and came forward to examine the exhibits.

Mr. Boulanger explained that a complaint was received from a resident regarding junk on the property located at 1657 Cocalico Road. Following his investigation, it was concluded this was a clear violation of Robeson Township Ordinance #84-21; he proceeded to give a chronology of the correspondence and events leading up to this Hearing.

Mr. Jenson was sworn in and gave a detailed account of the items in question as well as their value to him and his son. Daniel George Jenson (son) was sworn in and attested to the information supplied by Mr. Jenson.

Solicitor Hartman suggested recessing the Hearing until May 19th (BOS Regular Meeting). Several options were offered by the BOS to Mr. Jenson and recommended a plan proposal be created to address the violation by working with Mr. Boulanger and present the plan(s) to the BOS at their May meeting. The BOS unanimously agreed to recess this Hearing at 8:37PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Timothy M. & Kathleen P. O’Byrne - 130 Timber Ridge Road – Solicitor Hartman called the Hearing to order at 8:45PM and noted that neither Mr. or Mrs. O’Byrne were present. Exhibits were identified and marked. Mr. Boulanger explained that a complaint was received from a resident regarding junk on the property located at 130 Timber Ridge Road. Following his investigation, it was concluded this was a clear violation of Robeson Township Ordinance #84-21; he proceeded to give a chronology of the correspondence and events leading up to this Hearing.

Solicitor Hartman proposed recessing this Hearing and reconvening on May 19th (BOS Regular Meeting). The BOS unanimously agreed to recess this Hearing at 9:13PM and directed Mr. Boulanger to contact Mr. & Mrs. O’Byrne of the BOS decision upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Love. Solicitor Hartman will prepare the letter to be delivered to the O’Byrne’s.

POLICE

Authorize Purchase of Police Vehicle – Chief Phillips requested the BOS authorize the purchase of a new Police Department Vehicle. He stated there is a waiting period of 6 to 8 weeks at New Holland Ford and they are a Co-Stars vendor. A Dodge Charger would cost \$26,571.34 which does not include lighting. Bids for lighting have been obtained from 3 vendors at prices of \$10,137.69, \$7,009.00 & \$6,101.90. The total for a new car with lights would come to approximately \$32,673.24.

Chief Phillips stated maintenance charges during 2010 had increased on the 2 current 2007 Dodge Chargers and the warranty (3 years/75,000 miles) for each has expired. Currently, one Dodge Charger has over 100,000 miles and the other is approaching 80,000 miles. Chief Phillips discussed the possibility of making 1 of the Police vehicles into an unmarked surveillance vehicle. Supervisor Smith requested the issue of funds coming in to the Township for the EIT be reviewed.

Manager Keim discussed the Act 32 issue and stated EIT revenue is at 47% of what it should be. He will know more after a meeting with Keystone Collections next week. Mr. Keim also stated that income from recycling is down as well. The BOS determined it is not feasible at this time to purchase a new PD

vehicle and to wait 30 days before a decision is made. Chairman Feeg moved to authorize the purchase of the vehicle pending information from the meeting with Keystone Collections on April 26th. There being no second, the motion died. Supervisor Deeds moved to revisit this at the BOS Workshop scheduled for May 12th and possibly make a decision to purchase at that time. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Attend Safety Days, May 12th in Oaks, PA – Chairman Feeg moved to authorize Road Maintenance personnel to attend. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Participation in Asset Auction or Advertisement for Used Truck - Chairman Feeg moved to authorize participation in the Asset Auction. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Deeds moved to advertise for a used truck. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Chairman to Execute Equipment Rental Agreement w/Anderson Construction Co., Inc. – Supervisor Love moved to authorize Chairman Feeg to execute the agreement. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Quote for Guide Rail Spraying - \$2,030.00 (same price as 2010) – Supervisor Love moved to accept the quote for the spraying. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Several residents of Seyfert Drive asked what is being done with the property located at 174 Seyfert Drive. The home burned in October 2010 and since then there has been no clean up done at the property; there is junk scattered and blowing around as well as junk cars. Also, there are junk cars still there and the owners come there to dump trash; there are rats living there. The residents were directed to fill out complaint forms and they would be given to the Code Enforcement Officer for action.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Deeds moved to release the escrowed funds for the roofing project and to issue an “out-of-cycle” payment to the vendor. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of March 12, 2011 thru April 15, 2011. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of March 10, 2011, Regular Meeting of March 15, 2011 and Special Meeting of March 31, 2011 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Road & Building Reports & Police Report for the month of March, Sewer Reports & Geigertown FC Reports for February & March were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Love. It was duly noted the Fire Reports from Geigertown FC for December 2010 & January 2011 and the Fire Reports for Gibraltar FC from November 2010 thru March 2011 still have not been submitted.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Route 724 Speed Study follow up – Supervisor Smith moved to authorize Manager Keim to execute letter to PennDOT. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

2011 Roadwork Project Estimates – Engineer Kraft presented estimates and suggested the BOS authorize bidding Cedar Hill Road from Main Street to Gordon at a cost of \$95,071.00 & Weaver Road from Overlook to Furnace at a cost of \$131,358.00. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize those bids; Chairman Feeg seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Award Trench Project for 8 Boonetown Road – Following review of the bids, Supervisor Smith moved to award the bid to Accell, Inc. in the amount of \$17,541.00. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Signage on Westley Road - Supervisor Smith moved to authorize Manager Keim to execute letter to PennDOT. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Proposed Parking & Snow Emergency Ordinance #2011-02 – The BOS discussed this at their Workshop and suggested there be no parking allowed on a teardrop cul-de-sac (this was not included in the draft). Also, Schedule A of the proposed Ordinance will be changed as discussed regarding parking on certain streets. Chairman Feeg moved to authorize Solicitor Hartman to modify the proposed Ordinance and advertise it for enactment at the May Regular Meeting. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Review & Approve MacMinn Non-Development Agreement – Solicitor Hartman reviewed the Agreement with the BOS and suggested no action be taken until Mr. MacMinn has had an opportunity to review and execute it. This document will be recorded with the Record of Deeds when finalized.

OTHER

Award 2011 Mowing Contract – Supervisor Deeds moved to award the contract to Tommy Favinger; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Award Cleaning Services Contract – Supervisor Deeds moved to award the contract to Stubbs, Inc. pending completion of a background check; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously. This cleaning contract will not include the Municipal Concession Stand.

Adopt Resolution #11-06 Creation of Line Item #437-272 1974 Huber Grader & Resolution #11-07 Creation of Line Item #429-205 NPDES Permit Fee – Supervisor Smith moved to adopt the Resolutions; Chairman Feeg seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Letter of Support for RATS Vacancy – Supervisor Deeds moved to support the appointment of Galen L. Brown to the RATS Committee. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed; Supervisor Brown abstained from the vote.

Parks & Recreation Workshop at Albright College @ \$45.00 p/p – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize any P&R Member & any Supervisor who wants to attend the seminar. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Kathy Farrell to attend PMHIC Regional Meeting in Lititz on June 9th – Supervisor Smith moved to authorize Kathy Farrell to attend the meeting. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 11:13PM and reconvened at 12:20AM.

Supervisor Love moved to authorize Manager Keim to request a copy of the Court's consent decree for Sensient. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize Chairman Feeg to execute a grant application from the Berks County Conservancy for the Nickle's property. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS adjourned at 12:32AM upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary