

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Vice-Chairman Love at 7:08PM prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Municipal Building located on Route 724 in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Chairman Feeg was absent. Also present were Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Engineer Gary Kraft, Police Chief Mark T. Phillips, Road Master David Wicklein & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Award Equipment Bids – The bids were read as follows:

EQUIPMENT	MINIMUM BID	BIDDER	AMOUNT BID	AWARDED
1981 244 International Mower	\$3,200.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
1986 GMC Dump Truck w/Plow	\$1,500.00	Jason Sweigart	\$1,700.00	NO
		David Klein	\$1,931.00	YES

Supervisor Brown moved to award the bids as shown above; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Award Seasonal Bids – The bids were read as follows:

MATERIAL	E.J. Breneman
UPM Cold Patch	No Bid
Asphalt Sealant	.75¢ pick up \$1.05 delivered
Tack coat	No Bid

Supervisor Deeds moved to accept the bid for the sealant; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the Road Crew to purchase 500 gallons of Tack Coat and 150 tons of UPM cold patch from whoever can supply it since no bids were received from both bid advertisements.

Review Bids Plow Set-Up for Sterling Truck – Supervisor Deeds moved to have Levan Machine & Tool Equipment outfit the Truck with a double acting dump cylinder, a snow plow, new stainless steel spreader and on-spot chains with all hook ups and paint for a sum not to exceed \$32,000.00 per costars bid. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Boulanger of Kraft Code Services to Report on Property Complaints – Mr. Boulanger reported on the following property complaints:

- **1657 Cocalico Road** – property has been foreclosed therefore the bank now is now the owner; the property has been cleaned up. Supervisor Smith moved to close the complaint; following a second by Vice-Chair Love, the motion passed unanimously.
- **174 Seyfert Drive** – Mr. Boulanger requested the BOS send a letter to the property owner(s) to advise them that a hearing will be schedule for the next Regular BOS Meeting on September 20th. Several residents in attendance complained about the property and stated there has been no progress made as was promised by the property owner(s) at the July BOS Meeting. Supervisor Smith moved to authorize the letter and schedule the hearing; following a second by Vice-Chair Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Additional discussion followed regarding the burned out structure needing to be secured. Supervisor Smith moved to send the property owner(s) a second letter to have the structure completely boarded up by September 15, 2011 or the BOS will have the structure boarded up at the taxpayers’ expense and will lien the property. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

- **90 & 99 St. John’s Road** – Mr. Boulanger stated that during site visits he did not determine any violations and believes the complaints are “neighbor” issues. There is some junk, etc. but nothing in excess. Supervisor Smith authorized Mr. Boulanger to send a letter to each property owner to clean-up the junk; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

- **15 Golf Course Road** – Due to the complaint being received from an individual outside of Robeson Township as well as Berks County, the BOS unanimously determined complaints will only be addressed by RT resident's upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

POLICE

Chief Phillips reported the Schuylkill River Greenways Association donated \$500.00 for clothing for the Police Officer patrolling the Trail.

Letters were sent to Dyers Quarry and H&K about the brake retarder Ordinance not being adhered to by trucks coming from both quarries. They were also informed of the reduced speed limit in Gibraltar along SR 724 (Main Street).

Chief Phillips reported the estimates for broad banding the radios are forthcoming; the annual bike race went well and noted there were 270 bicyclists with only 1 minor injury and he has written a letter to the bike club regarding overtime for the Police Department and Fire Company Personnel. Also, there was an incident where one of the Police Officers was assaulted by an individual under the influence of "PCP"; the Officer tased the individual several times. The individual was transported to a hospital and was considered critical; he was released 2 days later and charged at that time. He is currently in Berks County Prison. Domestic disputes are way up believed to be because of the current economical times.

Supervisor Brown moved to authorize Solicitor Hartman to send a letter to Supportive Concepts regarding an individual with an aggressive demeanor residing in a "group home" on Old River Road. Following a second by Vice-Chair Love, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

None

APPROVAL PAYMENT OF BILLS

Vice-Chair Love moved to pay bills for the period of July 17, 2011 thru August 12. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Supervisors Workshop Minutes of July 14, 2011 & amended Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2011 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Vice-Chair Love that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS FOR JULY 2011

The Treasurer's Summary/Report, Sewer Report, Road & Building Reports & Police Report as well as the Fire Reports for Geigertown FC for June 2011 and Fire Reports for Gibraltar FC from November 2010 thru July 2011 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Brown.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Cedar Hill Estates – Planning Modules (Resolution #11-14) – Supervisor Deeds moved to conditionally approve the Planning Modules pending receipt of payment of outstanding sewer fees and fees to forward the modules to the appropriate parties; following a second by Vice-Chair Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Quaker Ridge phase 4 road dedication – Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt Resolution #11-15 with the caveat that Mr. Eshelman repair the area of 138 Overlook Road and that he sign the Deeds of Dedication. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Kraft reported the permit for repairs to the Old River Road Bridge has not yet been received; the permit for repairs to the Seton Road Bridge has been received.

FINANCE

Dyer Quarry Annual Donation Received \$50,000.00 & will be deposited into the General Fund.

OTHER

Authorize Vice-Chair Love to Execute Schuylkill Highlands Mini-Grant Contract – Nickle Property – Supervisor Smith moved to authorize VC Love to execute the contract; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Smith moved to authorize Solicitor Hartman to draft an Agreement between Robeson Township & the Conservancy for the work on the Hay Creek at the Nickle property. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution #11-10 Creating Line Item #410-389 2011 Dodge Charger – Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt Resolution #11-10; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Accept Resignation of Michael Carlini from RTMA & GAJA – Supervisor Smith moved to regretfully accept Mr. Carlini's resignation, authorize Manager Keim to send him a letter thanking him for his service to the Township & to advertise the vacancy on the Township Sign. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Love moved to waive any conflict of interest issue due to Solicitor Hartman serving on the Conservancy Board. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Update on move to Boonetown Road Building – Manager Keim gave a brief update regarding the progress of the move.

Patching / Painting – The BOS authorized Manager Keim to obtain bids and award in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Landscaping & Tree Removal – Vice-Chair Love moved to authorize Tommy Favinger, Landscaper, to do the landscape clean up at the Boonetown Road Property in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS recessed to **Executive Session** @ 9:18PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith; reconvened @ 9:50PM.

Supervisor Smith moved to raise the part-time rate for Police Officers from \$15.36 per hour to \$16.58 per hour. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the BOS unanimously adjourned @ 9:52PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary