

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:02PM prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Municipal Building located on Route 724 in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Also present were Supervisors Brown, Love, Smith, Deeds, 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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Boulanger from Kraft Codes Services was sworn in and presented evidence at the public hearing for the Keller Property at 174 Seyfert Drive. Mr. Boulanger reported there were two violations, Ordinance 11-04 Unsafe Structures and Ordinance 84-21 Junk Yard violation. Mr. Keller was sworn in and addressed the reported violations stating that the violations would be cleared up in one month. Chairman Feeg moved that no violation of Ordinance 84-21 providing that Mr. Keller remove the car parts within one month and the gable end of the building be boarded up within two weeks. Supervisor Smith motioned that there is a violation and Mr. Keller has thirty days to remove the car parts and board the gable end of the building and if this is not done, Mr. Boulanger is ordered to bring action against the Keller's at the District Justice. Chairman Feeg seconded the motion. On a roll call

Love – Yes Smith – Yes Feeg – Yes Brown – No Deeds – No

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. Boulanger reported the Mr. Conrad, owner of the Robeson Lawn property, was fined by the DJ Glass in the amount of \$300.00. Mr. Boulanger stated that the property still has violations. Supervisor Smith made a motion send another notice of violation to Mr. Conrad and that another hearing would be held next month. Chairman Feeg seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wicklein asked for a motion to authorize to advertise for Supplemental Snow Plow Bids. Supervisor Deeds made a motion for the authorization to advertise for supplemental snow plow bids. Supervisor Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wicklein asked for the Board's approval to have Morgan Rail repair 60 feet of guide rail on Furnace Road that was damaged during Tropical Storm Lee for the price of \$2,755. Supervisor Smith made a motion for Morgan Rail to repair 60 feet of guide rail on Furnace Road at the price of \$2,755. Supervisor Love seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wicklein asked for the Board's authorization to purchase two magnetic lights for the trucks which will allow the road crew to work at night. Supervisor Love made a motion for the purchase of two magnetic lights to be priced in the mid-grade price range. Chairman Feeg seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE

Police Chief Phillips discussed the need for a meeting between the police and the fire companies prior to October to discuss the new radio system and where the funding is coming from. The meeting was decided to be at the first budget meeting. Supervisor Brown stated that the County had recommended the purchase of a radio for the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Chief Phillips reported that he met with Birdsboro officials to discuss a joint effort for speed enforcement on Rte. 724 from Gibraltar to the Birdsboro line. Chief Phillips asked the Board for approval for the cooperation with Birdsboro for the speed enforcement. Solicitor Hartman stated that he recommends that the agreement with Birdsboro be reviewed to assure that arrests in the other jurisdiction can be made. Supervisor Smith made a motion to approve the cooperation between the police departments and for the Chief of Police to come up with scheduling for staffing. Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Smith made a motion for the Solicitor Hartman to review the agreement for verify that each police department can make arrests in the other jurisdiction. Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Phillips asked for approval from the workshop request for the modifications to the building for safety reasons by modifying the vestibule by cutting a window in the wall and putting an indoor lock to be opened by a push button. There may be a necessity to install an additional button for handicapped accessibility. Chief Phillips also requested the original rugs in the building to be replaced with linoleum. Chairman Feeg made a motion to investigate the costs of the comments. Supervisor Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Phillips thanked Supervisor Brown for accompanying him during the flooding.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Mr. Whyte requested the Board to consider repaving Overlook Road between Weaver and Timber Ridge Roads next year.

Mr. Nye thanked the Board for assistance at the Keller property.

APPROVAL PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of August 13, 2011 thru September 16, 2011.

Following a second by Supervisor Smith the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Supervisors Workshop Minutes of August 11, 2011 & Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2011 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2011

The Treasurer's Summary/Report, Sewer Report, Road & Building Reports & Police Report were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Love.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. Berks County Conservation District MOU - Mr. Kraft reported that the MOU was revised to include the clause MS4 Permit support. He asked that it be signed by the Chairman and forward to the Conservation District. Supervisor Smith made the motion for the Chairman to sign the MOU. The motion was seconded by Chairman Feeg and passed unanimously.

B. Plan Time Extensions thru 12/31/11 (expire 9/30/11) – Mr. Kraft reported that the required time extensions were received. The Planning Commission has approved and is asked the Board to approve. Supervisor Deeds made a motion to approve the time extension. Supervisor Smith made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kraft stated that the previous extension for the Preserve at Geiger's Mill – single (P) and Preserve at Geiger's Mill – Town (P) was for one year. The Board voted to conditionally approve the request for time extension if all documentation is received prior to the expiration of the current time extension and to reject the plan for non-compliance with applicable ordinances if the information is not received upon a motion Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Smith and passed unanimously. Solicitor Hartman was directed to contact the Attorney for this subdivision regarding the need to supply the time extension request with supporting documentation.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Hartman had been directed to prepare an agreement with the Conservancy and Robeson Township regarding the Nicole Property Grant. Chairman Feeg made the motion for the approval of the Grant Administration Agreement. Supervisor Smith seconded the motion. On a roll call

Love – Yes Smith – Yes Feeg – Yes Brown – Yes Deeds – No

Solicitor Hartman reported the Solicitor for Union Township contacted him regarding H&K Quarry not being in compliance with the "Agreement" they have with H&K. The BOS unanimously directed Solicitor Hartman to contact the Attorney for H&K Quarry regarding the "Agreement" and nonpayment of fees for 2010 and 2011, authorized Engineer Kraft to perform the inspections and communicate his findings to Solicitor Hartman, and authorized Solicitor Hartman to communicate the inspections to UT upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

OTHER

Supervisor Love moved to ratify the Disaster Declaration Decision made on 9/7/11; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution #11-16 MMO Authorizing Pension Plan Contributions, Resolution #11-17 Closing of Furnace Road for the Apple Festival, Resolution #11-18 Creation line item #406-901 HVAC Repair & Cleaning – Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the resolutions; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to appoint Aimee Round & Andrew Gray to the Village Library Board; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to appoint Candidate Harold Steve to the Municipal Authority; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Feeg moved to appoint Mr. Steve to the Geigertown Area Joint Authority; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Review Proposed Budget Meeting Dates (Select 8 Dates) – Reviewed & selected the following dates:

Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 7:00PM
 Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7:00PM
 Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 7:00PM
 Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 7:00PM
 Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:00PM
 Thursday, December 7, 2011 at 7:00PM

Authorization to Advertise Budget Meeting Dates – Supervisor Deeds moved to advertise the dates; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Management Coordinator Damage Assessments – Reviewed.

Update – move to Boonetown Road Building – Manager Keim gave a brief update regarding the progress of the move. Chairman Feeg authorized for the conference tables to be touched up or refinished and reattached with a limit not to exceed \$400.00 per table. On a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS recessed to **Executive Session** @ 10:30PM upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds; reconvened @ 11:05PM.

There being no further business, the BOS unanimously adjourned @ 11:06PM upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Geraldine Sensenig,
 Asst. Recording Secretary