

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 19, 2013**

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 Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, (SR724) in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Love, Brown, Smith & Deeds. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Road Master David Wicklein, Crew Leader Billy Lanza, SEO Allen Madeira & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

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

**ALLEN MADEIRA OF BERKS ENVIROTECH, INC.**

Mr. Madeira addressed the BOS regarding the holding tank issue re Ehrgood. There was a miscommunication between the Township and Berks Envirotech regarding payment; the issue has been resolved. All that remains is a pumpers statement from Bailey's Septic Service.

Questions were raised re the status of sewage conditions in the Geigertown area; Mr. Madeira reported on the dye test that was performed.

**ROADS, CODES PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**Authorization for Road Master & Crew Leader to (PSATS) Attend Symposium @ \$65.00 p/p** – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize attendance; following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss Guiderail Issues** – the request for guiderails on Golf Course Road will be re-evaluated by Engineer Kraft.

Road Master Wicklein stated the Crew has been called out 9 times since the beginning of the year due to weather and the cost is about \$1,700.00 per event.

**POLICE**

**Training – Basic Criminal Investigation for Officer Smith** – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize Officer Smith to attend the course in Manheim Township. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS**

Mrs. Davidheiser of Cocalico Road requested a codes update on Mr. Stankiewicz' property; she is concerned about the junk vehicle that is for sale. Chairman Feeg stated a follow up with the Codes Department would be done before the next meeting.

David Belz thanked the Road Crew for cutting brush on Westley Road and remarked about 2 trees leaning over the road that he has marked with an orange colored "X". The Road Crew will check them.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of January 15, 2013 thru February 15, 2013. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed on a roll call.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Supervisors Regular Meeting of December 20, 2012, Workshop of January 10, 2013, & Regular Meeting of January 15, 2013 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith; Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, Road & Building, and Police for the month of January 2013 & 2012 year end, Friendship FC Reports for November & December 2012 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

**Reports outstanding for the Gibraltar FC**

- 1) November & December 2011
- 2) June thru December 2012
- 3) January 2013

**Reports outstanding for Friendship (Geigertown) FC**

- 1) September 2012
- 2) January 2013

**PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

**Rock Hollow Woods Subdivision – Preliminary – conditional plan approval** – Supervisor Deeds moved to grant the approval as stated; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**SOLICITOR**

**Request for Reimbursement from Greth Homes** – Solicitor Hartman reviewed the request. He stated that Park & Rec Fees are a part of the Recorded Subdivisions and can not be reimbursed. Building Permits are being looked in to by Kraft Code Services because Mr. Greth had requested some of the permits be transferred to other lots; this includes the request for refund of a Driveway Fee. As for the Sewer Connections that correspond with these lots, it is unknown at this time if the SC's were included with the lots that were sold and if they were sold at the auction held last year. Supervisor Deeds moved to deny the request; Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Solicitor Hartman will assist with composition of a letter denying the request from Greth Homes.

**RTMA – City of Reading Act 537 Plan** – Solicitor Hartman recommended the BOS authorize him to prepare a Resolution reflecting the changes regarding the former Kimmel tract. This will be on the Regular Agenda in March.

**Indemnification Township & Grande Railroad Crossing** – Solicitor Hartman presented information on the progress of the Cedar Hill Crossing upgrade. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize Mr. Hartman to execute the stipulation, complete the agreement according to the stipulations as put forth and to authorize Chairman Feeg to execute the indemnification agreement when Solicitor Hartman tells him it is ready. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Mowing Contract** – Supervisor Love moved to authorize the manager to compare and modify the 2013 mowing specs. Then, following approval from Solicitor Hartman, advertise for bids. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Quaker Ridge Phase V** – Solicitor Hartman discussed the HOA associated with this subdivision. A lengthy discussion followed and stormwater requirements were reviewed. Solicitor Hartman will further discuss with Paul Ober, attorney for the applicant.

Manager Keim was authorized to contact the “Science Explorer’s” group to let them know that due to lack of suitable facilities, their request to use the Township Public Meeting Room has been denied.

Also, Paolo’s has still not paid their bill and Solicitor Hartman will file suit per the BOS decision to do so re Lampe (ie, Redstone Valley).

**SEWER**

**GAJA Meeting w/DEP re Act 537** – Supervisor Love moved to authorize GAJA to meet with DEP. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER**

**Authorize Chairman to Execute Agreement w/ Animal Rescue League of Berks County** – Supervisor Smith moved to authorize execution of the agreement; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

**Safety Committee** – Manager Keim reviewed the benefit of having a Safety Committee instituted and how it would lower the cost of the Worker’s Compensation premiums.

**Authorize BOS to Execute Renewal of Eligibility for Federal Surplus Program** – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize execution of the document for the FSP; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**REMINDER – PSATS Convention is April 21 – 24, 2013 (let Kathy know to make reservations)**

**UGI Seminar Change to Gas Seminar Webinar – Free** – for those interested in attending.

The BOS unanimously adjourned at 10:03PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen C. Farrell,  
Recording Secretary