

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 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, in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Brown, Smith & Deeds. Supervisor Love joined the meeting at 7:19. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Township Engineer Gary Kraft, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Road Master David Wicklein, Crew Leader Billy Lanza, & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES PUBLIC PROPERTY

Hire R & S Sweeping at \$100.00 per/hr: Supervisor Deeds moved to hire R & S Sweeping at the rate of \$100.00 per hour, following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously on a roll call.

Road Inventory Update / 2013 Projects – Supervisor Deeds moved to accept the road projects as presented by the road master and engineer, minus the oil & chip seal coating; following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously on a roll call.

Report from Code Enforcement Officer: Joe Boulanger reported on Mr. Stankiewicz's unregistered truck, stating the newest zoning ordinance supersedes the 1999 Ordinance and allows for one non-operating vehicle. Solicitor Hartman provided a new Ordinance relative to Junk Vehicles. Chairman Feeg suggested reviewing all the information and make a recommendation at the April Regular BOS Meeting.

Mrs. Davidheiser argued the findings. Chairman Feeg offered his thoughts on the matter to Mrs. Davidheiser and closed the discussion.

Codes Officer Boulanger advised of a complaint relative to motorcycles and the noise they create. See Citizens Concerns.

POLICE

Adopt Resolution #13-06 – Temporary Closings of Furnace Road: Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt Resolution #13-06, seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously on a roll call.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Kevin Smith and John & Susan Ayers of Oakbrook Court raised a concern relative to noise and stress caused by the dirt bikes of a neighbor (Terry Family) whose children compete. They also raised concern to their property values, as Mr. Terry has erected a motor cross track in his yard. The Terry's also allow others to come and practice.

At present there is not a noise ordinance in Robeson Township. Solicitor Hartman stated it would be very difficult to assemble a noise ordinance due to rating decibels of sound on a moving object such as the motorcycles. Solicitor Hartman stated the Board might make a decision based on land use and zoning ordinances. The first step would be for the Board to send a letter of concern. Chairman Feeg moved to have Code Officer Joseph Boulanger to investigate then report his findings to the Board, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously on a roll call.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of February 16, 2013 thru March 15, 2013. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously on a roll call. Supervisor Deeds abstained on payment Green Hills Equipment.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of February 14, 2013 & Regular Meeting of January 19, 2013 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds; Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Reports outstanding for Gibraltar FC

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

Reports outstanding for Friendship (Geigertown) FC

- 1) September 2012
- 2) January & February 2013

Chairman Feeg advised both Fire Companies to submit all outstanding reports.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Quaker Ridge Phase V Waiver Request re SWM and E & S Improvements: Steve Bensing of Bensing Engineering presented a cost estimate for the township to maintain SWM and E & S Improvements Supervisor Deeds move to have the township explore the concept, seconded by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously on a roll call.

Plan time extensions (thru 6/30/13) all expire 3/31/13 (all received)

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| Park View Estates Sub (P) | Parkside Subdivision (P) | Beaver Run Sub (P)* |
| Burkhart Subdivision (P/F) | Durnall Subdivision (P) | Weavers Orchard (P/F) |
| Cedar Hill Estates Ph 1 (F) | Gordon Subdivision (P/F) | Gibraltar Estates (P) |
| Quaker Ridge V Sub (F) | Beaudin / Dobreff (P/F) | |

Supervisor Smith moved to grant the time extensions, seconded by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously on a roll call.

SOLICITOR

Temporary Holding Tank Agreement re 177 Overlook Road: Solicitor Hartman stated The Temporary Holding Tank Agreement for 177 Overlook Road, is ready for signature. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize Chairman Feeg to execute same, seconded by Supervisor Smith, which passed unanimously on a roll call.

2nd Amendment Preservation Resolution: Chairman Feeg moved to have Solicitor Hartman rewrite the resolution that the BOS are in defense of the Constitution's 2nd Amendment, seconded by Supervisor Smith which passed unanimously on a roll call.

Community Service Hours Request: Solicitor Hartman advised the Board that they should not allow community service hours to assist the Road Crew, as it would violate labor contracts and there would also be a liability issue.

OTHER

Award 2013 Mowing Contract: – Supervisor Deeds moved to award the 2013 mowing contract to Thomas L. Favinger, following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: Chairman Feeg moved to go into executive session at 9:38 P.M. re: personnel.

The BOS reconvened at 10:03PM then upon a motion by Chairman Feeg to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Smith which passed unanimously on a roll call.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen A Easterday,
Acting Recording Secretary