

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 15, 2013**

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 Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, (SR724) in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Supervisors Brown, Love, Smith & Deeds were present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

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

**ROADS, CODES PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**Update from Code Enforcement Officer** – Residents of Seyfert Drive were in attendance to complain about the “junk” vehicles at the Keller property. Mr. Boulanger stated he sent a letter to the Keller’s giving them 10 days to remove the unregistered vehicles and clean up the trash and debris on the back of the property. Following discussion, Supervisor Smith moved to authorize Mr. Boulanger to send a letter to the Keller’s informing them that as of November 1, 2013 they will be in violation and a hearing will be held at the November 6, 2013 Budget Meeting. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

**Snow Plowing Bids** – N/A

**Letter to Property Owner on White Bear Road @ Beavers Road** (re: bush that is obstructing sight clearance) – Mr. Boulanger discussed the issue of site distance at this intersection. Solicitor Hartman was directed by the BOS to send a letter to the owner informing him of the liability he is creating by allowing the bush to grow where it is.

**Cement on Plow Road** – Manager Keim stated the contractor has not been able to contact the sports camp owner to determine what to do with the concrete. Chairman Feeg moved to have Manager Keim call the property owner again and also call the contractor to clear the concrete from the shoulder and if we get a response to have Solicitor Hartman send a letter advising them of the consequences if not done before November 1, 2013. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**POLICE**

**Designation of Trick or Treat Night** – Supervisor Smith moved to designate Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00PM - 10:00PM as official Halloween Night. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

**Authorize Chairman Feeg to Execute Animal Rescue League Annual Agreement (\$1,000.00)** – Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the execution of the agreement as stated. Following a second by Supervisor Smith the motion passed unanimously.

**Any Items as Necessary** – Chief Phillips reported arrests have been made for 5 burglaries and reported there was a stabbing; criminal cases are on the rise.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS**

Harold Steve complained about kids playing in the cartway of Annon Street.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Letters of Interest for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Positions on Zoning Hearing Board** – Following discussion, it was determined the positions would be advertised on the Township Sign. Also, Kathy Farrell will check with Tom Whyte about becoming the 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate on the ZHB and all others having expiring appointments for review at the November 6, 2013 Budget Meeting. Reappointments will be made at the Reorganization Meeting in January 2014.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of September 14, 2013 thru October 11, 2013. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

The Meeting Minutes of the Workshop of September 12, 2013, Regular Meeting of September 17, 2013 and Budget Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2013 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith; Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

The September 2013 Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, Road, Building, & Police Reports were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously. It was duly noted the Geigertown FC report for September was not submitted and Gibraltar FC's reports for November & December 2011 and May thru September 2013 were not submitted.

### **PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

**2013 Road Work** – Engineer Kraft announced the road work has been completed and recommended payment in the amount of \$183,909.38. (This amount was already included in the “monthly bills for approval.”)

**Schuylkill River Trail Signs** - Signage related to the Schuylkill River Trail – Engineer Kraft reiterated the request made to supplement directional markers that were erected 2 years ago with mile markers for those on the trail to have a reference point. Mr. Kraft commented that all are of a similar type & appearance; they are not the same as those on the trail now and is not sure how important that is but perhaps the signs should be coordinated. Supervisor Deeds moved to erect the mile markers; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Kraft informed the BOS that he has 3 bridge consultants to send information re the Evergreen Road Bridge; information will be compiled and presented at the next BOS Workshop Meeting.

### **SOLICITOR**

**Review DRAFT Ordinance re Act 90** (Neighborhood Blight Reclamation) – Solicitor Hartman and the BOS discussed the proposed Ordinance that was presented in September.

Solicitor Hartman stated the Codification of Township Ordinances is progressing.

### **OTHER**

**PMHIC 2<sup>nd</sup> Surplus Distribution 2012 \$16,763.00** - received.

**Discuss Appointing Rick Rhode as Assistant EMC** – The BOS agreed to advertise the position on the Township Sign.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 9:23PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith. The BOS reconvened at 10:27PM.

Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the Paxton Agreement and directed Manager Keim to issue a check for \$3,000.00 payable to Plaintiff's. Following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS adjourned unanimously at 10:30PM upon a motion by Chairman Feeg that was seconded by Supervisor Brown.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen C. Farrell,  
Recording Secretary