

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Feeg at 7:03PM 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, Road Master David Wicklein, Crew Leader William Lanza, Code Enforcement Officer, Joseph Boulanger, 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 – Codes Officer Joseph Boulanger presented an update regarding the Harold Steve property. Resident Roy Harrell complained about the work being done without a permit from the Berks County Conservation District (BCCD) and stated there has been no permit from BCCD issued for this property since 2004. Mr. Harrell questioned the equipment being used to perform the work at the site (ie, ownership) and who is doing the illegal work.

Ron Nye, resident of Seyfert Drive requested an update and complained about the “junk” vehicles at the Keller property. Mr. Boulanger stated he will be contacting Irene Keller regarding 2 vehicles owned by Tammy Keller and another that is not owned by the property owner; he also plans to send her a citation.

Dave Stavarski asked if the vehicles were allowed to be there if they were not owned by Irene Keller. Mr. Boulanger responded that 1 vehicle was owned by Tammy Keller at the 174 Seyfert Drive address and that is okay to be there.

Road Master Wicklein reported that new weight limit signs are on order for the Old River Road and Seton Road Bridges.

Review Request re Seyfert Camp Meeting Association – Supervisor Smith moved to grant the waiver based on discussion with Engineer Kraft; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorization to Purchase Big Tex Trailer – Chairman Feeg moved to authorize the purchase; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resolution #13-14 Adding Line Item #437-275 2001 Big Tex Trailer – Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE

Annual contribution to Crime Alert, Berks County – Chief Phillips reported this is an annual donation in the amount of \$250.00. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the donation; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

2013 Car Show Committee - received \$670.00 donation from the 2013 St. John’s Lutheran Church Car Show Committee which will be applied towards the purchase of an evidence locker.

Training & Education – Approve Officer Brenner to attend armor school to be held @ Caernarvon Township PD (\$195.00). Supervisor Smith moved to authorize the training; following a second by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Phillips also stated within the past 10 days, 2 extensive burglaries have taken place. Burglaries have been in the Seyfert area of the Township as well as one on SR568 (Green Hills Road) near Proudfoot Drive.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Evergreen Road Bridge Consultant – Supervisor Smith moved to interview the proposed Consultant’s on January 14, 2014 at half-hour intervals beginning @ 7:00PM. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Nickle Project; Wetland Buffers – Supervisor Deeds moved to allow for the Nickle’s to build a cattle shelter 35 feet from the wetland buffer instead of the required 50 feet. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of October 11, 2013 thru November 15, 2013. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes of the Workshop of October 10, 2013 and Regular Meeting of October 15, 2013 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith; Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

SOLICITOR

Review DRAFT Ordinance re Act 90 (Neighborhood Blight Reclamation) – Solicitor Hartman and the BOS discussed the proposed Ordinance that was presented in September & October. Supervisor Deeds moved to have the Municipal Authority review the Ordinance for their input. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Review DRAFT Weed Ordinance – Following review & discussion, Solicitor Hartman will revise the proposed Ordinance to include “plants greater than 30” in a clear site triangle.” This will be before the BOS at their December Regular Meeting.

Review Resolution Supporting the Filing of an Application to DCED for Communities Enterprise Zone – to be reviewed and action will be taken at the Budget Meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening.

OTHER/FINANCE

Authorize Approval of Well Waiver Request and Letter to be Sent to SEO – Supervisor Smith moved to authorize approval & send letter; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Review 2014 Highway Budget – Following review, Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize advertisement adoption and advertise. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Review 2014 General Fund DRAFT Budget – will be reviewed for next budget meeting.

Assistant EMC Position & Alternate ZHB Positions – No action.

Dorothy Razor, St. John's Lutheran Church, asked if the Police were able to get their evidence locker; she was told yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 9:53PM. The BOS reconvened and adjourned at 10:54PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary