

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2014

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 Love and Deeds. Supervisor Brown joined the meeting at 7:11PM Attorney Andrew Howe joined the meeting at 8:15PM. Also in attendance were Solicitor Hartman, Engineer Gary Kraft, Road Master David Wicklein, Codes Officer Joseph Boulanger & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

174 Seyfert Drive - Codes Officer Boulanger addressed the residents of Seyfert Drive, advising them relative to their formal complaint of violation; the property/vehicle owner had been cited under the vehicle ordinance.

Gibraltar Self Storage - Codes Officer Boulanger addressed Mr. Steve's question re an e-mail from 2012 relative to Pod units being placed on the property. Mr. Boulanger gave detail as to why Mr. Steve was incorrect re the original vs. as-built plans, stormwater plans & impervious surface coverage; he used Motley Engineer's plans depicting what alterations were made. Solicitor Hartman stated Mr. Steve's engineer will review the plans and report his findings which will then be given to Township Engineer Kraft & Codes Officer Boulanger for their review. Supervisor Deeds requested Mr. Boulanger provide an aerial photo of the 21' area of property in question as it was in 2007. Solicitor Hartman advised he would recommend the board accept a waiver of development planning if after Mr. Steve submitted a revised Storm Water Plan along with Impervious Surfaces and they would be accepted by Engineer Kraft and Kraft Code Services to bring the project up to date.

Ronald Nye, resident Seyfert Drive, asked why Mr. Steve is being questioned when he was improving the area since 174 Seyfert Drive is an eyesore & should be addressed. Mr. Steve stated he is being singled out by Codes Officer Boulanger, when there are two obvious violations on Seyfert Drive & has been complaining about run off from the railroad bed.

Road Master Wicklein advised of issues with salt being delivered wet with clumps & debris, all loads will be checked & rejected as necessary. The supplier advised they will try to amend the bad loads. Mr. Wicklein advised of pump issues and a universal joint on one of the trucks.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

David Henry of Evergreen Road asked if there was to be any discussion on the bridge for Evergreen Road. Engineer Kraft advised he has received additional information for three different bridge types, associated costs & build time. A meeting will be scheduled with the residents & two Supervisors along with Engineer Kraft to review the information received.

Joy Graham of Rock Hollow Road asked Manager Keim if he had come to an amount to be paid for the updating of the Township website. Manager Keim stated he has pricing for two current Web Masters and a decision has not been made.

Tory Ling, reporter for the Merchandiser, complained of a speeding vehicle on White Bear Road.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Love moved to pay bills for the period of December 17, 2013 thru January 17, 2014. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously on a roll call. Manager Keim stated the current cost of salt purchased has reached \$30,000.00.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of December 13, 2013, Regular Meeting of December 17, 2013, Budget Meeting of December 30, 2013 & Reorganization Minutes of January 6, 2014 were reviewed & unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, SEO Permit Reports for November & December 2013, Road & Building Reports, Police (includes Year End Report) & Fire Reports were reviewed & unanimously approved upon a

motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Love. Supervisor Deeds stated regular reports from the SEO should be included each month.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Feinsot Land Development – Preliminary/Final Plan – waiver request – Applicant asking for two waivers related to the stormwater improvements; the basin berm width to permit a 3 feet wide berm and a less than one foot freeboard for the basin. Mr. Kraft and the PC recommend approval of the requested waivers. A motion was made by Supervisor Deeds seconded by Supervisor Love to approve the waivers.

Highfield/Camelleri Variance – Applicants are seeking a variance to limit the size of the lots for the existing dwellings to less than the required three acres. The PC recommends approval of the variance for Lot 1 and approval for the reconfigured Lot 2 approaching 3 acres. FYI only.

The following items are included for information but no BOS action is required:

- Evergreen Road Bridge Consultant - information received this date;
- Plow Road / Golf Course Road Permit Applications - Surveys and environmental field work have been completed. Environmental reports and the design are being worked on and should be finalized in the next few weeks for submittal;
- Evergreen Road Bridge – Engineer Kraft received three proposals this date advising all were different and he will review all before the meeting with Evergreen Road residents.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Hartman acknowledged the presence of Attorney Howe to discuss personnel issues in Executive Session.

Weed & Grass Ordinance #14-01 - Discussed were questions re enforcement of the Ordinance. Solicitor Hartman explained & read from the Ordinance to answer questions.

Solicitor Hartman: advised to re-advertize for February the codification of Twp. Ordinances including the Weed Ordinance.

Review & Consider Advertisement of Ordinance #14-02 Special Collection Ordinance - Solicitor Hartman advised to authorize advertisement with the recommendations of the Municipal Authority's Solicitor's suggestions and incorporate it in the Codification Ordinance. Supervisor Brown moved to advertize the conditional ordinance without the wording of Act 90 suggested in comment (JEL10) seconded by Chairman Feeg. Supervisor Deeds move to advertize the Special Collection Ordinance, seconded by Supervisor Love. The motion's passed unanimously.

MacMinn Subdivision: Solicitor Hartman recommended accepting the Amendment to the Agreement for Suspension of Subdivision Approval. Chairman Feeg made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: 8:42PM to discuss personnel issues. Board reconvened @ 9:33PM.

FINANCE/OTHER

Adopt Resolution #14-01: 2014 Robeson Township Fee Schedule: Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously. Michelle Mayfield of Hartman Shurr commented the "tax collector" pay rate should have an ordinance with codification showing the current rate.

Adopt Resolution #14-02: Sewage Permit Fees for Berks Envirotech & Adopt Resolution #14-03: Sewage Permit Fees for Technicon Enterprises, Inc. Supervisor Deeds moved to NOT adopt the Resolutions until new rates are negotiated. Supervisor Love seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Manager Keim will advise the SEO that 2013 Fee Rates will apply until 2014 fees are explained. SEO will be asked to attend the BOS workshop in February.

Supervisor Deeds moved to table Resolutions 14-02 and 14-03 until meeting with Berks EnviroTech and Technicon Enterprises, Inc., seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Extend Resolution #13-11: Authorizing Participation of Members of Geigertown & Gibraltar Fire Companies in Ancillary Activities in Robeson Township & Other Pa Municipalities through January 5, 2015: Supervisor Deeds move to extend Resolution 13-11, seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

PSATS Convention April 13-16, 2014: Notify Kathy of interest to attend.

FIRE

Fire Company Fund Raising Activities & WC Insurance – Supervisor Deeds moved to approve both Gibraltar & Geigertown FC fund raising events, seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Workman's Comp: Geigertown & Gibraltar FC will submit their own claims to the insurance company

Settlement Agreement & Release: re: 700 Cold Run Road: Solicitor Hartman advised the BOS to have Chairman Feeg and the Township Secretary sign the agreement. Supervisor Deeds made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Love. The motion passed unanimously.

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 10:37 PM.

Chairman Feeg moved to direct Supervisor Deeds and himself to reorganize the Road Crew, seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously

The BOS reconvened at 10:50 P.M.

11:00 P.M. There being no further business before the BOS, Supervisor Deeds & Chairman Feeg moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen A. Easterday
Acting Recording Secretary