

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2015

DRAFT: 3/9/15

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, in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Smith & Deeds. Supervisor Brown joined the meeting at 7:03PM & Supervisor Love was absent. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Engineer Gary Kraft, Road Master Bill Lanza, Code Officer Joseph Boulanger & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

PSATS Road Master Roundtable – RM Lanza requested permission to attend the Roundtable and to attend the conference the following day with CL Bare. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize the request as stated; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Paving School (Stephenson's) – RM Lanza requested permission for 2 Road Workers to attend the paving school @ cost of \$25 p/p; the cost is reimbursed to the Township in the form of credit for purchases from Stephenson's. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize attendance as requested; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Titus Station Fly Ash – Discussion was held re use of river sand for antiskid from coal cleaning plant in Exeter Township. Mr. Lanza will check further into this.

Chip Seal Bids / Brecknock Township – Chairman Feeg moved to authorize RM Lanza to bid with Brecknock Township; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Sterling Truck – RM Lanza & Manager Keim discussed hydraulic system issues still going on with the truck. Mr. Lanza will check the filter again and try to get thru the winter.

Code Enforcement Issues – Code Officer Boulanger advised the BOS of an anonymous complaint received about a resident that allegedly has 3 rental units in 1 residential dwelling. The owner of the dwelling appears to have an internet based business for firearms. Mr. Boulanger checked out the property and informed the BOS that there are no visible signs from the exterior of the dwelling showing there are 3 units or renters living in the dwelling.

Mr. Boulanger informed the BOS of another complaint located at 80 Sparrow Lane; there are 3 dwellings (on 1 parcel which is non-conforming) that are inhabited by squatters.

POLICE

Official Commendation to Officer Matt Smith – Sergeant Cassel reviewed the Unit Citation to Officer Smith for a BCERT response to West Reading on November 5, 2014. A motion by Chairman Feeg was made to have a Resolution drafted for adoption in March commending Officer Smith. Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Harold Steve asked about an Air-Pac to which Supervisor Brown responded that he would check to see if he could get one discounted.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of December 12, 2014 thru January 16, 2015. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of December 11, 2014, Special Meeting of December 22, 2014, Joint Meeting (with the RTMA) & Workshop of January 15, 2015 & Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015 were reviewed & unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, SEO Permit Report, Road & Building Reports, and Fire Reports for January 2015 were reviewed & unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg. It was duly noted Gibraltar FC Reports for November & December 2014 were not available.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

High Point Baptist Chapel – Engineer Kraft stated a request for waiver of planning has been received and recommended BOS approval. Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the request; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Extend Resolution #13-11 Authorizing Participation of Members of Geigertown & Gibraltar Fire Companies in Ancillary Activities in Robeson Township & Other PA Municipalities through January 4, 2016 (Retroactive to January 5, 2015) – Solicitor Hartman explained this is a formality and the extension is required every year. Supervisor Deeds moved to extend the Resolution; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Authorize Chairman to Execute Letter to County Commissioners for Municipal Land Protection Program – Supervisor Smith moved to authorize execution of the letter; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

OLDS / Authorize Advertisement of Ordinance #15-01 for Enactment at the March 17th Regular BOS Meeting – The BOS reviewed the final draft and a few minor revisions were made. Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize advertisement for enactment pending revisions. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE/OTHER

Authorize Advertisement of 2015 Mowing Contract - Supervisor Deeds moved to authorize advertisement for mowing. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Resolution #15-07 Creation of Line Item# 437-276 - Ford F550 & Resolution #15-08 Creation of Line Item# 437-746 – Ford F550 Lease Payment – It was noted the truck is at E.M. Kutz. Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt both Resolutions. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 8:23PM; reconvened & adjourned at 9:23PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen C. Farrell
Recording Secretary

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Roger K. Feeg, BOS Chairman