

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

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, Smith and Deeds. Supervisor Brown joined the meeting at 7:14PM. Also in attendance were Solicitor Hartman, Engineer Gary Kraft, Road Master William Lanza, Manager Thomas C. Keim and Chief Mark T. Phillips.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Road Master Lanza advised cold patching of pot holes has been underway since after the storm, using approximately 16 tons of cold-patch on the area's completed. Also, 225 tons of salt was ordered in early February and March; approximately 50 tons received and awaiting delivery of 175 tons. Clearing of catch basins is underway. Road Master Lanza will check prices for renting a broom machine.

Resident Jack Stapleton, Mountz Road inquired if the BOS would pay ½ of the cost to remove his barn that sits near the roadway. Chairman Feeg stated it is not policy for the Township to assist monetarily or otherwise in the removal of any person's property. Supervisors Brown and Deeds gave suggestions for Mr. Lanza to pass-on to Mr. Stapleton.

POLICE

Adopt Resolution #15-09 Temporary Closing of Furnace Road - Chief Phillips received a letter from the HCVHA relative to the dates for their 2015 events & requested adopting Resolution #15-09. The Insurance Certificate has not yet been received.

18th Annual Charlie-Horse Half Marathon Trail Run (Ancillary Activities Resolution #13-11) – Information has been received along with a request for Fire Police assistance; COI is forthcoming.

2007 Dodge Charger - The new Dodge Charger is in service & Chief Phillips requested approval to advertise for bids to sell the 2007 Dodge Charger. Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the advertisement; seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The BOS reviewed correspondence from Caleb Frymoyer requesting the BOS allow him to bring home baby chicks from school to raise at his family residence. His family residence is under the one acre minimum stated in the Zoning Ordinance for having farm animals. Manager Keim will speak with his school teacher for clarification.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Resident Lisa Sassaman of Seyfert Drive stressed the need for some type of crossing signal at the railroad tracks on Seyfert Drive. She also advised the BOS that there is a deaf child living in the area. Chairman Feeg made a motion to send letters to Senator Judith Schwenk & Representative Mark Gillen. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously. Road Master Lanza will contact the PUC representative.

Ms. Sassaman inquired as to when the road in front of her home would be fixed, including the sewer line that seems to be turning into a sink hole. Road Master Lanza advised her Seyfert Drive is on their road project list but was unable to give a specific date re repairs.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Supervisor Smith moved to pay bills for the period of February 14, 2015 thru March 13, 2015. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Deeds abstained on payment Green Hills Equipment LLC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of February 12, 2015 & Regular Meeting of February 17, 2015 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Evergreen Road Bridge – Request for Payment #2 - Engineer Kraft suggested the BOS move to approve payment of \$34,435.00, less a 10% retainage to Flyway Excavating, Inc. for work completed on the Evergreen Road Bridge replacement project. Supervisor Love moved to approve payment; Supervisor Brown seconded the motion which passed unanimously

2015 Roadwork Projects Engineer Kraft suggested the BOS move to approve proceeding with preparation of bidding documents and received bids for the 2015 Roadwork as listed in the 2015 Four Year Roadwork Plan including the Brecknock Township Oil & Chip work and to seek Change Order pricing from Flyway Excavating for resurfacing of the remaining portion of Evergreen Road.

Supervisor Love moved to proceed with preparation of bidding documents and to receive bids for the 2015 Road work as listed in the 2015 Four Year Roadwork Plan including the Brecknock Township Oil & Chip work and to seek Change Order pricing from Flyway Excavation for resurfacing of the remaining portion of Evergreen Road, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

Plan Time Extensions (all received thru June 30, 2015)

Park View Estates Sub (P) Parkside Subdivision (P) Beaver Run Sub (P)
Cedar Hill Estates Ph 1 (F) Durnall Subdivision (F)

Engineer Kraft advised the PC did not meet in March therefore no recommendations were made. He suggested the BOS move to approve the listed time extensions subject to receipt of the required written documentation. Supervisor Deeds made a motion to grant the time extensions through June 30, 2015. Supervisor Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resident Joy Graham stated if the developers can't do business in a timely fashion the time extensions should not be granted or the BOS should change the minimum acreage to three instead of two acres. Mr. Kraft explained they are working within the guide lines of Township rules, noting if time ran out they would have to comply with current ordinances.

Gibraltar Estates Letter of Plan Withdrawal - Supervisor Deeds moved to accept the withdrawal of Gibraltar Estates project; seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

OLDS – Ordinance #15-01 for Enactment (from February Meeting) Solicitor Hartman recommended the BOS approve enactment of the Ordinance; it will take effect 5 calendar days following approval. Supervisor Smith made a motion to enact the ordinance, seconded by Chairman Feeg, the motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Land Protection Program - has been submitted to Berks County Planning Commission, then to be submitted to the Berks County Commissioners.

Letter of Support for C2P2 Applications - Supervisor Smith moved to send a letter of support for the C2P2 Applications; seconded by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Gary Cuppels - Module & Agreement (per Manager) - Henry Koch, Esq. inquired if a response was received from the Ethics Committee (EC). Solicitor Hartman advised the EC did not make a decision. Mr. Koch renewed his objection relative to Supervisor Smith. A discussion re the Green Hills Sewer Module followed. Supervisor Smith made a motion to hold a special joint meeting to review the final submission for the sewer module to clear up any loose ends which was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

Gary Cuppels took exception to the motion. Following discussion, Chairman Feeg withdrew his second & the motion died. Supervisor Love moved to approve Resolution #15-10 for the Green Hills Sewer Module subject to the Solicitor & Township Engineers review for compliance and completeness. Supervisor Deeds seconded the motion which passed on the following roll call vote:

Feeg	- Yes	Love	- Yes	Brown	- Yes
Deeds	- Yes	Smith	- No		

3 Properties in Birdsboro county sale to redevelopment authority (per Manager) - A discussion took place after which Supervisor Smith made a motion to not object to properties being sold to the Redevelopment Authority. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE/OTHER

Haines & Kibblehouse, Inc. Annual Inspection Fee Received \$5,000.00

Award 2015 Mowing Contract

Weller Professional Lawn & Turf	\$ 275.00
Evergreen Landscaping & Lawn Care	\$ 325.00
Favinger, Thomas L.	\$ 340.00
Green Advantage Landscaping LLC	\$ 465.00
Twin Valley Property Mgmt	\$ 475.00
Smitty's Lawn & Landscaping	\$ 895.00

Supervisor Deeds moved to accept Weller Professional Lawn & Turf's bid for the 2015 mowing contract. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Authorize Advertisement of Cleaning Contract (5/1/15 thru 4/30/16) - Supervisor Deeds moved to advertise the cleaning contract; seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Conversion to Natural Gas (Manager Keim to Discuss) - Supervisor Smith made a motion to have Manager Keim submit in the April bills ½ the cost of the conversion to natural gas for the 2689 Main Street Building (Police Department) & the Sewer Treatment Plant; seconded by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.

Builder Robert Deeds requested a verbal authorization to install a holding tank before the next meeting so the building could be occupied. After conferring with Solicitor Hartman, Chairman Feeg made the motion to allow the holding tank, seconded by Supervisor Smith; the motion passed, Supervisor Deeds abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 9:23PM; reconvened @ 10:17PM.

Supervisor Deeds moved to advertise the Police DROP Program; seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the Declaration for Sewage Enforcement Officer right to enter and for alternative sewage site; seconded by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the BOS, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:20PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Supervisor Smith.

Respectfully Submitted by
Colleen A. Easterday,
Acting Recording Secretary