

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

Chairman Feeg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township to order 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. All Board Members were present. Also attending were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Road Master Bill Lanza, Chief Mark T. Phillips & Manager Thomas C. Keim.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS

Road Master Lanza reported

- salt bin is full
- anti-skid is full
- Road Crew is picking up leaves
- Preparing equipment for winter

POLICE

Chief Phillips reported the part-time officers are progressing faster than originally expected.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Deeds moved to pay bills for the period of October 17, 2015 thru November 13, 2015. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of October 15, 2015, Regular Meeting of October 20, 2015 and Budget Meeting of November 10, 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 Reports, SEO Permit, Road, Building, Police, Friendship (Geigertown) FC & Gibraltar FC Reports were reviewed & approved upon a motion by Supervisor Smith that was seconded by Supervisor Deeds.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Steve Land Development – preliminary / final – conditional approval – improvements agreement – Engineer Kraft stated the PC reviewed the Steve Land Development plan & voted to conditionally approve the plan subject to compliance with the items listed in his review letter of October 28, 2015. Outstanding items include combining parcels into a single common deed, signatures and agreements (inc. improvements agreement). The Applicant has typically completed improvements prior to release of his plans, but has not declared his intentions in this case. If improvements are to be completed with the building, an improvements agreement will be required. Engineer Kraft recommended the BOS conditionally approve the Steve Land Development subject to completion of the outstanding items as noted above, \$500 deposit pending receipt of a consolidating deed for the parcels and subject to either completion of the improvements or completion of an Improvements Agreement. If the applicant records the consolidated deed, the \$500 deposit will not be necessary. Supervisor Deeds moved to conditionally approve the LD plan as stated above; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed. Supervisor Deeds abstained from the vote.

Love-DeLong Annexation Subdivision – preliminary / final – conditional approval – Engineer Kraft noted the PC conditionally approved the Love-DeLong Annexation Subdivision subject to completion of the outstanding items in his review letter of October 27, 2015 and subject to posting a \$500 deposit to secure the recording of the annexation deed. He recommended that the BOS consider the same action & conditionally approve the plan. Supervisor Deeds moved to conditionally approve the annexation plan as stated above; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed. Supervisor Love abstained from the vote.

Love's Garage Land Development – preliminary / final – module exemption – waiver – conditional approval – Engineer Kraft stated the PC took several actions regarding the Love's Garage Land Development as follows & is before the BOS for action.

- Approved a waiver of §507.E.3.a. related to requiring additional township right-of-way behind the 50 feet state right-of-way along the Morgantown Road frontage.
- Approve the Planning Module Exemption as reviewed by Berks Envirotech
- Conditionally approve the Land Development Plan subject to completion of the outstanding items in his October 28, 2015 review letter.

Also, an Improvements Agreement is required to secure the required improvements. Based upon the cost information provided, an escrow amount of \$20,769.21 should be established. Supervisor Smith moved to conditionally approve the annexation plan as stated above; following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed. Supervisor Love abstained from the vote.

SOLICITOR

RAWA Agreement – Solicitor Hartman reviewed the agreement with the BOS. He will research future industrial user payment agreement & to negotiate future with Mr. Setley of RAWA.

Mr. Hartman reviewed a copy of a contract with the Teamsters Union pertaining to the use of a part-time worker. Supervisor Deeds moved to approve the MOU with the Teamsters Union re part-time employees. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Chris Earhart of 118 Miller Road, who wants to run electric from one side of Miller Road to the other, complained about agreement(s) he must have with the township and the costs associated with his project. He reiterated his plans to cut across Miller Road per MetEd specifications, he will place conduit for the electric then encase with concrete. Following completion, he will repair the road. Mr. Earhart & the BOS discussed the conditions of Miller Road and how no repairs have been made for over 30 years; he will be improving the road. A discussion ensued and Mr. Earhart stated he does not agree with the compliance required as well as posting money. He abruptly exited the meeting & stated he won't do the project.

OTHER / FINANCE

- Supervisor Smith moved to appoint Harold Steve to GAJA Board as representative of the Robeson Township Municipal Authority. Following a second by Supervisor Deeds, the motion passed unanimously.
- Supervisor Deeds moved authorize advertisement of 2016 Township Meeting Schedule. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed.
- Supervisor Deeds moved to adopt the following Resolutions. Following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed.
 - Resolution #15-21 - Creating Line Item 362-441 Pumper / Hauler License
 - Resolution #15-22 - Creating Line Item 401-101 Interim Manager
 - Resolution #15-23 - Creating Line Item 430-103 Temporary Road Work
 - Resolution #15-24 - Creating Line Item 439-050 Crack Seal

The BOS recessed to Executive Session to review resumes for Township Manager at 8:20PM; reconvened at ____PM & adjourned at ____PM upon a motion by Supervisor Deeds that was seconded by Chairman Feeg.

Respectfully Submitted
by Kathleen C. Farrell,
Recording Secretary