

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Robeson Township was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:00pm prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, (Route 724) in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members of the Board were present: Supervisors Brown, Love, Steve, Graham Also in attendance were Engineer Gary Kraft, Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips, Road Master Billy Lanza, and Manager Colleen Easterday.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

Award Mowing Bid

Mr. Steve made a motion to award the bid for mowing to Thomas Favinger II provided he has a mulching mower. Mr. Love seconded the motion and passed on an all yes roll call.

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. Lanza reported that the 2016 pipe replacement has started; a resident sent David Wicklein a Thank You card for his help with assisting a resident and her husband who fell getting into their house.

POLICE

- A. Chief Phillips reported that the 19th Charlie-Horse Half Marathon Trail Run will be held May 29, 2016 from 9:30 to 12:30. The organizer, Charlie Crowell, requested road crossing assistance from Friendship Fire Co. #1 and Geigertown Fire Police. Mr. Steve made a motion in part request on confirmation of insurance certificate. Ms. Graham seconded the motion and passed on an all yes roll call.
- B. Adopt Resolution #16-11 Temporary Closing of Furnace Road – Chief Phillips presented the Hay Creek Valley Historical Association Furnace Road Closing for the 2016 events. The Event dates requested to close Furnace Road are;
 - 40th Anniversary Hay Creek Festival - September 9 thru September 11, 2016 8:00am to 6:00pm
 - Hay Creek Apple Festival - October 8 and 9, 2016 7:00am to 5:00pm
 - Christmas at Joanna - December 2 to 4, 2016 4:00pm to 9:00pm

Mr. Steve made a motion to approve the adoption of Resolution #16-11. Ms. Graham seconded the motion and passed on an all yes roll call.

- C. Review letter from Christine Meister – A letter complaining about unlawful activities on old Rt. 82 on the Birdsboro Water Shed property and the lack of police presence. Chief Phillips will try to keep an eye on it maybe with the use of cameras. Solicitor Hartman recommending a letter be sent to our State Representatives to provide funding. Mr. Steve made a motion to contact Representative Gillian and Representative Schwank to seek help with the matter. Ms. Graham seconded the motion and passed on an all yes roll call.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Review Natural Lands Trust letter of Request for Support (land purchase) – Mr. Kraft stated that not enough information given to know what parcel they are talking about. Mr. Steve moved to send a letter of support but notified what specific parcel it is before the next meeting. Chairman Smith seconded the motion and passed on an all yes roll call.
- B. Accept Resignation Letter from Dave Fox from the Planning Commission effective April 5, 2016 - Mr. Steve made the motion to accept the letter of resignation on the condition that a Thank You Letter for his 20 years' service. Ms. Graham seconded the motion and passed on an all yes roll call.
- C. Review Letter of Interest from Tom Keim to fill Planning Commission Vacancy (see B) – Tabled to April Meeting
- D. Review Dyer Quarry letter for comment – Township received a letter from Dyer Quarry to comment to DEP.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Carol Sparks asked if there were plan approval for a carcass incinerator facility on Golf Course Road. Jim Holt representing Compost Tech discussed that the business would be primarily compost manure and mortality and animal carcass on a piece of property presently owned by Leslie Kearn on Golf Course Rd. Mr. Feeg stated that the present zoning would not allow this business. Mr. Feeg asked the Board review the zoning of R1. Ms. Sparks

was told that no formal application has been made, no discussion, no evaluation nor submission and therefore no action taken. Solicitor Hartman stated to Mr. Holt to apply for a zoning permit to see the zoning evaluation.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Graham moved to pay bills for the period of February 12, 2016 to March 10, 2016. Following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed on an all yes roll call.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of February 12, 2016 and Regular Meeting of February 15, 2016 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The Treasurer's Summary, Sewer, Road & Building, & Police Reports for the month of February 2016 were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

- A. Reaffirm Love's (Bressler's) Land Development Plan- Supervisor Steve moved to reaffirm the Love-Bressler Land Development Plan. Chairman Smith seconded the motion on a roll call vote.
Brown - yes Smith – yes Steve – yes Graham – yes Love – abstained
- B. Reaffirm HDC Annexation Subdivision Plan – Supervisor Steve moved to reaffirm the HDC Annexation Subdivision Plan. Supervisor Love seconded the motion and passed on an all yes vote.
- C. 2016 Roadwork Projects – Supervisor Graham made the motion to approve bidding the project. Supervisor Steve seconded the motion and passed on an all yes vote.
- D. Stormwater Design Shortcut – Supervisor Steve made the motion to approve having Solicitor Hartman prepare and amendment to adopt Appendix H as part of the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion and pass on an all yes vote
- E. MS4 Procedures Manual – Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the Robeson Township MS4 Handbook for Township Staff use in compliance with the MS4 Permit. Supervisor Love seconded the motion and passed on an all yes vote.
- F. Plan Time Extensions thru 6/30/16 (all received) – Supervisor Steve recommended the Plan Time Extensions thru 6/30/16 as listed separately. Chairman Smith seconded the motion and passed on an all yes.
- G. Mullen Hollow Road – PennDot is re-decking the bridge on Hay Creek Road over Hay Creek and seeking Township permission to use a portion of Mullen Hollow Road for their detour - subject to the road being videotaped prior to the detour being set up and PennDot would be responsible for any documented damage. Supervisor Steve moved to approve the recommended detour by PennDot for usage Mullen Hollow Road. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion and passed on a yes roll call vote.

SOLICITOR

- A. Approve Love's Garage LD (Bressler's) Improvement & Maintenance Agreement (LOC Rec'd) – Supervisor Steve moved to approve Love's Garage LD (Bressler's) Improvement & Maintenance Agreement. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion and passed on roll call vote.
Brown - yes Smith – yes Steve – yes Graham – yes Love – abstained
- B. Approve Love's (Bressler's) SW Control & BMP Operations & Maintenance Agreement – Solicitor Hartman action from the Board to approve them and authorize them to be signed. Supervisor Steve approved the Love's (Bressler's) SW Control & BMP Operations & Maintenance Agreement with the condition of financial proof. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion and passed on a roll call vote.
Brown – yes Smith – yes Steve – yes Graham – yes Love – abstained

OTHER/FINANCE

- A. Authorize Advertisement of Cleaning Contract (Contract – 5/1/16 – 4/30/17) – Supervisor Graham made a motion to advertise the cleaning contract. Chairman Smith seconded the motion and passed on an all yes roll call.
- B. Adopt Resolution #16-10 Appointing Members to GAJA to represent Robeson Township – Supervisor Graham move to adopt Resolution #16-10. Supervisor Steve seconded the motion and passed on an all yes roll call vote.

- C. Southern Berks Regional Comprehensive Plan – Manger to address. Supervisor Steve moved that the Township join with Union and Caernarvon Townships to seek funding from Berks County Planning Commission by a joint request. Chairman Smith seconded the motion and passed on an all yes roll call.
- D. Letter to Project Engineer/Hay Creek Superstructure replacement
- E. Application PA. Dept. of General Services/signatures needed – Asking the Township to reapply and change members. Supervisor Steve moved that the Board take the necessary action to update their application to the Federal Surplus Property Program. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion and passed on an all yes roll call vote.

The BOS unanimously recessed to Executive Session at 8:00PM. The BOS unanimously reconvened at 8:31PM.

There being no further business before the BOS, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:31PM upon a motion by Supervisor Graham that was seconded by Supervisor Steve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geraldine E. Sensenig, BOS Recording Secretary

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Christopher M. Smith, Chairman