

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 16, 2016**

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order 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. All Supervisors were present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Police Chief Mark T. Phillips & Manager Colleen A. Easterday.

**Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence**

**ROADS**

**Approve Application to Purchase from Stauffer Diesel, Inc.** – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize approval; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**POLICE**

Nothing to report.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS**

**David Wolfe** of 3364 Main Street stated the Gibraltar FC siren is out of commission. A discussion ensued regarding hearing the siren and being able to know there is something going on; really should go to the Fire Department. Solicitor Hartman noted the Township does not control the Fire Company, they only subsidize it. Following discussion, the BOS determined a letter should be sent to both, Gibraltar & Friendship Companies requesting they not use their house sirens but to rely on more modern methods of notifying members of emergencies. Chairman Smith moved to send the letter; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Smith	- Yes	Love	- Yes	Brown	- No
Graham	- Yes	Steve	- Yes		

**David Belz** of 435 Westley Road complained about tree branches, vines, etc. hanging low & jutting out causing damage to his camper; complaint will be forwarded to the Road Master.

**Tony Lawrence** of Old River Road inquired about River Run Meadow and voiced his concerns as to the criminal aspect that low income housing could bring to Robeson Township.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Supervisor Steve moved to pay bills for the period of July 14, 2016 thru August 10, 2016. Following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of July 14, 2016 & Regular Meeting of June 19, 2016 were reviewed & approved as corrected upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

The July 2016 Treasurer's Summary/Report, Sewer, SEO Permit (Inc. June), Road, Building Permit & Friendship FC Report, Gibraltar FC Report for June (July not included). Supervisor Steve noted the "delinquent sewer report" should be included monthly then moved to approve the reports as presented. Following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously. It was duly noted the May, June & July Police Reports were not available due to lack of staffing needs.

**PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

Nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR**

**New Parish Life Center – Church of St. Benedict** – Solicitor Hartman stated these are the documents that relate to the New Parish Life Center project that was approved by the BOS last month. These are the agreements that go with that and Mr. Hartman recommended approval of these documents; they are the typical Improvements Agreement, Stormwater Agreement and the Deed of Easement that is required. Supervisor Steve stated he is not in favor of approving anything the BOS hasn't read. Solicitor Hartman stated these are standard agreements. Chairman Smith asked if they were available on Thursday.

Supervisor Steve stated “it was not” and Supervisor Graham stated “yes it was.” Discussion followed regarding the availability of the documents at the Supervisors Workshop last Thursday. Solicitor Hartman stated he wanted to explain to the BOS what the Deed of Easement is; it has to do with access to the on-lot septic system because there is an expansion of the sewer system. Chairman Smith made the motion to approve the following documents:

- Approve Subdivision & Maintenance Improvement Agreement
- Approve Stormwater Controls & Best Management Practice Operations & Maintenance Agreement
- Approve Deed of Easement

Supervisor Graham seconded the motion which passed on the following roll call vote:

Smith	- Yes	Love	- Yes	Brown	- Yes
Graham	- Yes	Steve	- No		

### **GEIGERTOWN AREA JOINT AUTHORITY**

**Submittal of SDE Invoice re Funding Rejection** – was included in Bills for Approval

**Geigertown 537 Plan; what's next** – Solicitor Hartman advised that DEP has issued a Notice of Violation of PA Statutes to Union & Robeson Townships. Union Township took action last evening & request Robeson Township join in seeking a Task Activity Report (TAR). Supervisor Graham moved to approve the same action taken by Union Township as recorded in letter form by Union Township Solicitor Fred Hatt, with testing being done by SDE. Chairman Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Review Invoice for Payment to SDE @ 50% \$106,080.93** – was included in Bills for Approval

### **PARK & RECREATION**

**Ratify Payment for Playground Equipment Installation** – Supervisor Steve moved to ratify the payment for installation of the new slide; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCE / OTHER**

**Select Budget Meeting Dates & Approve Advertisement** – Dates were selected; Supervisor Love moved to advertise. Following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt MMO Resolution #16-23** – Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the MMO Resolution; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Advertisement of Tentative 2017 Meeting Schedule** – Supervisor Graham moved to advertise the 2017 Schedule; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**County Commissioners Breakfast 9/9/16 (7:40AM – 10:00AM) RSVP by 8/31/16 & Municipal Law Forum 9/28/16 (5:00PM – 9:00PM) Dinner** – RSVP to Manager Easterday.

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 8:13PM upon a motion by Supervisor Graham that was seconded by Chairman Smith. The BOS reconvened & unanimously adjourned @ 8:44PM upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Kathleen C. Haight  
Recording Secretary