

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2017

The Workshop Meeting of the Robeson Township Board of Supervisors 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, Graham, Love and Steve. Also in attendance were Chief of Police, Mark T. Phillips, Township Manager, Colleen Easterday, Road Master, Bill Lanza, Engineer, Gary Kraft, and Solicitor, Chris Hartman.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Master, Bill Lanza, reported that they have begun milling, patching, and pipe replacement. He also requested permission to hire a replacement road worker. Supervisor Steve made a motion to approve the road crew new hire based on the recommendations of Road Master, Bill Lanza, and Township Manager Easterday; Supervisor Graham seconded the motion, and it was approved on unanimous yes roll call.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Phillips informed the BOS of Brandon Breitenstein's resignation and requested approval to advertise for part time police officers. Supervisor Graham made a motion to advertise, Supervisor Brown seconded, motion approved with unanimous roll call.

Supervisor Graham made a motion to adopt Resolution #17-10, relative to the road closures for the Lights and Siren Parade scheduled for August 19th, Supervisor Steve seconded, and it was unanimously approved. Supervisor Brown will obtain the required certificate of insurance for both the Gibraltar Fire Company and the Township and give to Chief Phillips to finalize the permit process.

Chief Phillips mentioned a letter of recognition received for Officer Brenner.

CITIZEN CONCERNS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

Manger Easterday discussed the Environmental Advisory Council's request for the BOS to consider an ordinance to clarify use of solar power. Supervisor Graham moved to send the solar power issue to the Planning Commission for development, Supervisor Steve seconded, and it was unanimously passed.

The EAC would like to submit an application for the illegal dump free surveillance camera loan program. Supervisor Steve made a motion to allow the EAC to apply for the grant, Supervisor Graham seconded, and it was unanimously passed.

BILLS TO REVEIW

Supervisor Steve made a motion to approve the bills for 04/17/17 - 05/13/17, Supervisor Graham seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

MINUTES

Supervisor Steve made a motion to approve the 04/13/17 - BOS Workshop and the 04/18/17 - BOS Regular Meeting minutes, Supervisor Graham seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

MARCH 2017 REPORTS FOR REVIEW

Supervisor Steve made a motion to approve the March 2017 reports, Supervisor Graham seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Engineer Gary Kraft advised the BOS that Bressler Land Development has completed the list of improvements and recommends that the BOS approve a full escrow release. Supervisor Steve made a motion to release the Bressler escrow, Supervisor Graham seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Engineer Kraft informed the BOS that we had received two bids for the 2017 Roadwork Projects; H & K Group at \$330,030 and New Enterprise Stone at \$338,946. The budgeted amount for the project is \$339,000. He recommends that the BOS award H & K Group the contract. Supervisor Graham moved to accept H & K Group's bid for the 2017 Roadwork Project, Chairman Smith seconded and it passed unanimously.

Engineer Kraft recommends the BOS allow the Red Hill Road Subdivision, increasing the 4.4 acre lot to a 10 acre lot to stay within the Clean and Green program, lot width variance which received 6 in favor from PC and the Zoning Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017. Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the variance, Supervisor Graham seconded and it passed unanimously. Supervisor Steve made a motion that we recommend that the ZHB approve the variance, Supervisor Brown seconded and it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to accept the comments from both the PC and the AG Security Committee and to submit the second advertisement for the June BOS meeting, seconded by Supervisor Graham and it passed with a unanimous yes roll call. Supervisor Graham made a motion to submit copies of all Ag Security Preservation applications we have received to the Berks County Planning Commission, seconded by Supervisor Steve and it passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Hartman gave an update on the Preserve and is working on an agreement with Merle Eberly.

Solicitor Hartman discussed the Geigertown Area Joint Authority relative to Resolution 2016-26 entered into with the DEP, Act 537, and that during a conversation with Tim Wagner from the DEP the Township is not subject to sanctions.

FINANCE / OTHER

Supervisor Steve made a motion to refund taxes in the amount of \$2003.75 to Core Logic, Supervisor Graham seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

FYI: Stericycle Host Fees received - \$3,828.18.

Revised SMP Cost Comparison Report – Ms. Easterday reviewed an estimate from Staples’ for the district 2 mailing compared to the cost of preparing in-house. Supervisor Steve made a motion to handle the SMP mailing in-house, Supervisor Graham seconded and it passed unanimously, upon review of any agreements with Berks Enviro Tech by Solicitor Hartman.

Credit Card Payments & Ag Security Information - The BOS will review the information to discuss at the next BOS meeting.

Manager Easterday noted that excerpts from the PennDot literature regarding road work procedures were read at the Workshop therefore were not reread.

Manager Easterday reminded the BOS that the Berks County Convention will be held on Thursday, October 19th, 2017.

Supervisor Steve made a motion to authorize the refund for a Park and Rec booking cancellation of \$150.00, Supervisor Graham seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve made a motion to pay the \$60 dues for the Berks County 2017 Association dues, Chairman Smith seconded and passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve made a motion approving Resolution 17-11; accepting a Portion of Boonetown Road as a Public Road, Supervisor Graham seconded and it passed on roll call of 4 yes votes and Supervisor Brown abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board recessed for Executive session at 7:41pm. The Board of Supervisors reconvened at 8:12pm. Board recessed for a second Executive session at 8:41pm and reconvened at 9:26pm.

Supervisor Graham moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:29pm, Supervisor Steve seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
By Sheila McCune