

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2017

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Robeson Township 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, (SR724) in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. All Supervisors were present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Manager Colleen A. Easterday, Road Master Bill Lanza & Road Maintenance Worker Butch Matz.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

The meeting was taken out of agenda order.

POLICE

Purchase of Service Weapons – Supervisor Graham moved to authorize the purchase of 8 new Glock service weapons up to \$1,232.00 with trades. Following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Graham moved to accept an applicant as Police Administrative Assistant. Upon the recommendation of Solicitor Hartman, Supervisor Graham withdrew the motion.

Gibraltar FC Parade is this Saturday; permit has been received from PennDOT.

SRGW bike race was discussed.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Golf Course Pipe Permit – Supervisor Graham moved to authorize Engineer Kraft to apply to DEP for permits required to replace pipes on Chapel & Golf Course Roads. Following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting resumed agenda order.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Robert L. Horst of Old River Road reviewed complaints he filed on May 23rd & August 7th regarding accumulation of rubbish at 1341 Old River Road. The home is unsafe; there are rats and dog feces. This complaint has been turned over to Joe Boulanger @ Kraft Code Services and he will report to the BOS next month.

David Wolfe inquired about his request to the Fire Company.

MINUTES

The BOS minutes from the July 13, 2017 Workshop, July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting & August 4, 2017 Special Meeting were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

The bills for the period of July 14, 2017 thru August 10, 2017 were approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

JULY 2017 APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The July 2017 Treasurer's Summary & Report, Sewer Aging, SEO Permit (inc'g June), Road, Building Permit, & Friendship (Geigertown) FC Reports were approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham. It was duly noted the Monthly Sewer (Miller) & Gibraltar FC Reports were not available

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Red Hill Road Subdivision – preliminary / final – waiver request – planning modules - The PC considered several actions related to the Red Hill Road Subdivision. First, with the change of lot size to 10 acres, the Applicant requested a modification of their plan scale waiver approval to allow a smaller scale plan. The PC recommended approval of the §301.B.2. to permit a plan scale of 1"=60'. Second,

the PC recommended approval of the DEP Planning Modules as presented. Finally, the PC voted to conditionally approve the Red Hill Road Subdivision Plan subject to compliance with all outstanding items in Kraft Engineering letter of August 2, 2017. Engineer recommended that the BOS consider all three actions.

Supervisor Steve moved to approve the waiver; following a second by Supervisor Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Graham moved to approve the planning modules for submission to DEP. Following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve moved to conditionally approve the plan subject to compliance with all outstanding items in Kraft Engineering letter of August 2, 2017; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

Quaker Ridge Subdivision Phase V-2 – final – waiver request - The final plan of Quaker Ridge phase V-2 was conditionally approved approximately one year ago but the plan was not recorded. The plan has been resubmitted with three changes: **1** – Lots 10 (in phase V-1), 4 & 5 have been redesigned to enlarge Lot 10 to 10 acres, **2** – the access drive to the stormwater basins in phase V-2 has been redesigned to be moved off of Lot 5 and **3** – the profile of Buck Horn Way has been redesigned to try to avoid rock encountered during construction. With the road profile change, the Applicant is requesting a waiver of §507.F.4. which limits the grade on intersection approaches to 4% within 50 feet of the intersected street right-of-way. As proposed, the grade varies from 3.9% to 6%. A waiver was previously approved for this intersection allowing reduction of the headlight stopping sight distance to 179 feet (vs. the required 200 feet). The PC voted to recommend approval of the waiver request.

Supervisor Love moved to grant waiver request §507.F.4. which limits the grade on intersection approaches to 4% within 50 feet; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Deeds Homestead Subdivision – preliminary / final – waiver requests - The Applicants are proposing to subdivide the estate lands of Robert L. Deeds, Sr. along Golf Course Road by creating a 15 acre lot containing a pond and dwelling and a 125 acre residue parcel. Related to the subdivision, 3 waivers were requested: §301.B.2. related to plan scale, §502.G. related to depth to width ratio of the Residue parcel and §305.B. related to providing locations by metes and bounds for all drainage easements. The PC voted to approve the waivers of §301.B.2. & §502.G. as requested and recommended approval of the waiver of §305.B. for only the pond and Seidel Creek with drainage easements from Golf Course Road drainage pipes to be fully defined.

Supervisor Steve moved to approve all 3 waivers; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

High Point Baptist Chapel – land development planning waiver request - High Point is proposing an upgrade to the camp dining hall expanding it to provide more seating and more food storage area. The expansion is approximately 12,500 SF to 16,200 SF. The Applicant has requested a waiver of land development planning. The PC could not provide an official recommendation due to there being only three members eligible to vote. Those three members recommended approval of the waiver request subject to compliance with applicable stormwater, erosion control and building code requirements with an updated overall site plan to be provided to the Township after construction.

Supervisor Graham moved to approve the land development waiver request subject to compliance with all Ordinances; following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

2017 Roadwork Projects - The 2017 Roadwork Project paving has been completed with only line striping on Buck Hollow Road remaining. That work is scheduled for this week. The total amount of the invoice being presented for payment is \$318,072.15 which is below the awarded contract amount of \$330,030.00. Subject to completion of the line striping, Engineer Kraft recommends payment of the invoice in full. (Included in “Bills for Approval”)

Birdsboro Power – conduit route in Boonetown Road – Engineer Kraft reported that on Monday Road Master Lanza, Road Maintenance Worker Matz and he attended the preconstruction conference for the Birdsboro Power Transmission Line project. At that meeting, it was confirmed that the Contractor intends to move the line within Boonetown Road from the east side of the road to the west side and had, in fact,

actually started construction along that side without having provided plans of the relocation for approval. Note that the move was discussed with Keith Showalter on behalf of the Authority but not the Township. The Township was aware that testing to verify lateral locations was underway, but not that construction trenching was begun. We ultimately requested that this construction be stopped and plans be provided to the Township for review and approval. Solicitor Hartman recommended approval as reported.

Supervisor Steve moved to approve the revised route subject to executed copies from Solicitor Koch for BBP. Following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed.

SOLICITOR

Green Hills Estates Agreements – Leave on Agenda for September.

Emberclear Robeson Readinger Agreement – Supervisor Graham moved to approve the agreement; Chairman Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Stampede Smokin' BBQ, LLC – Holding Tank Maintenance Agreement (Escrow Paid) – Supervisor Steve moved to approve the agreement; Supervisor Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Class Action Settlement Barclays LIBOR – Supervisor Graham moved to take no action upon recommendation of Solicitor Hartman. Following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Release of the Stoltzfus escrow for **The Preserve** conditioned upon receipt of **Eberly LOC** and approval of the agreements for Lots 8 and 11 (Eberly), Lots 4, 6, and 7 upon receipt of executed copies. Township has agreements for all of the Lots except Lot 6. – Supervisor Graham moved to release the Stoltzfus escrow conditionally depending upon receipt of Eberly LOC and receipt of executed copies; Supervisor Steve seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Solicitor Hartman addressed the BOS pursuant to the **GAJA Agreement**. Supervisor Steve moved to authorize Chairman Smith to execute the VIST Banking Terms & Agreement subject to terms changes supplied by GAJA Solicitor Barley Snyder. Following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously. **Ordinance – PennVest / VIST** – GAJA to be financially responsible.

FINANCE & OTHER

Allied Waste Mgmt. Host Fees Received \$7,924.96

Authorize EMC Brown to Execute “Emergency Action Plan for the Grace Mine Tailings Dam” – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize the execution of documents; Supervisor Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Authorize Chairman Smith to Execute “Vist Banking Terms & Agreement” for GAJA – Supervisor Graham moved to authorize Chairman Smith to execute the Agreement for GAJA; Supervisor Steve seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Select Budget Meeting Dates & Authorize Advertisement – Dates selected: 10/10/17, 11/1/17, 11/9/17, 11/13-15/17, 11/29/17, 12/5-7/17 unanimously authorized for advertisement upon a motion by Supervisor Graham that was seconded by Chairman Smith.

Authorize Advertisement 2018 Township Meeting Schedule – Motion authorizing advertisement by Supervisor Graham, seconded by Chairman Smith.

Friendship (Geigertown) Fire Company personnel reiterated “**AMERICA FOR HERO'S**”.

There being no further business before the BOS, the meeting adjourned unanimously at 8:02PM upon a motion by Supervisor Graham that was seconded by Supervisor Steve.

Respectfully Submitted,
Galen L. Brown, Secretary
Board of Supervisors