

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2018

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors 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 Supervisors were present. Also in attendance: Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Road Master Bill Lanza, Chief of Police Mark T. Phillips and Township Manager Colleen A. Easterday.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Smith announced that Executive Sessions were held after the Workshop on Thursday and prior to this evening's Regular Meeting to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

Supervisor Brown moved to approve the MOU Agreement to resolve the Unit Clarification Agreement pending at the PLRB. Following a second by Vice-Chairman Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Smith	- Yes	Love	- Yes	Brown	- Yes
Graham	- Not present for roll call vote			Steve	- No

ROADS / CODES / PUBLIC PROPERTY

RM Lanza announced work is progressing on storm damage with the washed out pipe on Rock Hollow Road. Signs for the bike trail have been delivered.

Supervisor Graham moved to approve a 5-year lease/purchase of a L228 New Holland Skid Loader to keep the interest rate and annual cost down. Following a second by Vice-Chairman Love, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

Cedar Hill Road is to be paved Wednesday, August 22nd and then pave Watercress Drive.

POLICE

Chief Phillips announced the PD received a \$2,500.00 donation.

Supervisor Graham moved to approve the request from Schuylkill River Greenways NHA for their Bike Ride scheduled for September 29th. Following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Smith	- Yes	Love	- Yes	Brown	- Yes
Graham	- Yes	Steve	- No, not without knowing the training of those directing traffic		

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Robert L. Deeds Jr. approached the BOS and reviewed a letter from the Township Solicitor that has nothing to do with his letter. Mr. Deeds showed his reply because "he" won't give "it" to the BOS anyhow because "he" didn't give it to the BOS the last time. If the BOS reads the letter they will see there is a discrimination in there and that's where it's going to go; you (BOS) don't want to pay me the money, it will go to court and it will go civil. Mr. Deeds suggested the BOS should get their attorney's and the civil is going to be awarded.

Supervisor Graham asked Mr. Deeds if he really cares about the community. Mr. Deeds stated he has never had anyone bring a sexual harassment charge against him while sitting on the BOS and asked Supervisor Graham if she could say the same; she stated yes. Mr. Deeds stated he has heard different; argumentative confrontation started and Chairman Smith banged the gavel. Mr. Deeds continued that he has \$2,025.00 tied up and stated the BOS can either pay him or go to court, plain & simple; he stated he is not going to mess with the BOS and gave them 2 weeks to get back to him.

Mr. Deeds thanked everyone, said goodnight and left the meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of July 12, 2018 and Regular Meeting of July 17, 2018 were reviewed & approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham. RTMA Minutes of August 20, 2018 were provided for review only.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS (as revised)

Following review re additional bills since the Workshop, Supervisor Steve moved to pay the revised bills for the period July 17, 2018 thru August 21, 2018; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS (as revised)

The following reports for July 2018 were presented: Treasurer's Summary & Report – **Revised**, Miller Sewer Report, Sewer Aging Report – Lined accounts only, SEO Permit Report, Road Report, Building Permit Report, Police Report, Friendship FC Report & Gibraltar FC Reports including February & May were unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Graham that was seconded by Supervisor Brown.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

St. Benedict's Land Development – Progress toward getting the required improvements completed is progressing. Although stormwater basin issues have not been completely resolved, Engineer Kraft recommended the BOS consider a partial release totaling \$8,999.02. Supervisor Steve moved to release \$8,999.02; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

2018 Roadwork Projects - Contract 2 - The invoice from Martin Paving for Contract 2 of the 2018 Roadwork Projects has been received and the invoice appears to be in line with the bids. Due to a significant increase in the price of liquid asphalt, however, there is a cost escalation charge included. The cost of liquid asphalt went up 26% from the bidding time to when the work was done. Accordingly, the invoice includes an additional cost of \$10,519.35 making the total invoice \$183,033.35. Subject to their completion of the final sweeping and their providing the necessary paperwork, Engineer Kraft recommended payment of the invoice as submitted. Supervisor Steve moved to release \$183,033.35; following a second by Vice-Chairman Love, the motion passed unanimously.

Odoriso Special Exception - The Applicant is seeking a Special Exception to permit an Accessory Apartment for Relatives as part of a proposed dwelling on Lot 1 of the Woods at White Bear Subdivision. Engineer Kraft stated that based upon his review of the Application, it appears that they can comply with all of the specified requirements; however, they have not presented a plan for conversion of the apartment to a non-apartment use. Subject to provision of an adequate plan, the PC voted to recommend approval of the request. Vice-Chairman Love moved to support the PC comments re the Special Exception request. Following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

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

Cedar Hill View Subdivision - Engineer Kraft explained that this subdivision was originally approved by the BOS (not Planning Commission) in late 2006. The development never proceeded due to the Herb family lawsuit involving the property and the down-turn of the economy. Presently, the original developer is planning on selling the development to a new developer who is planning on proceeding with the project. The only proposed changes in the plan are minor revisions related to NPDES Permitting and the change of the ownership information on the plans. The PC reviewed the plan and recommended approval of the plan. Reaffirmation of the plan is requested by the BOS. Supervisor Steve moved to approve the reaffirmation subject to the new owner's name on the plan and compliance with all of Engineer Kraft's comments; following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Smith	- Yes	Love	- Yes	Brown	- Yes
Graham	- Abstained because of potential conflict			Steve	- No

Plan Time Extension – Salanek Subdivision (thru 12/31/18) – Supervisor Steve moved to approve the time extension; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE/OTHER

Authorize Manager to Execute Change Work Supplement to HOP (GAJA) – Supervisor Graham moved to authorize the Manager to execute the HOP; following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed unanimously.

NRG Pricing Review – Supervisor Steve moved to accept NRG pricing for extension of 36 month period; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

Gibraltar Fire Company Request re Equipment Maintenance – Supervisor Steve moved to approve the request; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Berks County Convention – 10/18/18 5:00PM – 9:30PM @ Oley Fair Center - Reviewed

2019 Robeson Township Meeting Schedule – Chairman Smith moved to accept the 2019 schedule; following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Receive recommendation from RTMA on sewer plant operator – Supervisor Steve moved to accept EEMA as the new WWTP operator and to terminate the current operator upon recommendation of the RTMA; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

Sewer Collections update –sewer collections have been filed and letters being sent out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 7:52PM; reconvened @ 8:39PM.

Supervisor Steve moved to direct the Solicitor to respond to Mr. Boyer’s letter of August 6, 2018. Following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

The BOS unanimously adjourned @ 8:40PM upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

Respectfully Submitted,
By Kathleen C. Haight on behalf
of Galen L. Brown, Township Secretary