

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2019

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00PM prevailing time; Vice-Chairman Love was absent. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Board members present: Brown & Steve. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Chief Mark Phillips, Sergeant Dennis Cassel & Manager Colleen Easterday.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Supervisor Steve moved to have Manager Easterday contact either SDE or Wexcon for replacement or repair of the Mack Truck snow plow repairs. Chairman Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve reported he spoke with Brian Gottschall who reported that we will not receive FEMA funds for stormwater damage.

POLICE

Supervisor Steve moved to adopt Resolution #19-06 for the Temporary Closing of Furnace Road for the Hay Creek Festival, Apple Festival & Christmas @ Joanna. Following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Graham joined the meeting at 7:15PM

Chief Phillips requested approval to hire a part-time Police Officer. Supervisor Steve moved to approve the request; following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed. Supervisor Graham abstained from the vote.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Mitch Pfeiffer addressed concerns re the traffic signal at the intersection of SR724 & Green Hills Road between the hours of 4:00PM – 6:00PM. The traffic is heavy and he requested the left turn light be activated; Engineer Kraft explained why the request is not viable.

Jennifer Franks of 31 Green Street verbalized her disappointment that there has been no resolution to the animal ordinance/ARL situation.

Ron Nye of Seyfert Drive expressed his disappointment over the amount of time and taxpayer dollars spent on the animal ordinance/ARL situation.

Carol Wolczewski of Golf Course Road complained of passing on the shoulder at the intersection of SR568 & SR724, it is illegal; can PennDOT be requested to erect signs. Engineer Kraft stated she could contact PennDOT and if approved, Robeson Township would be responsible to bear the cost.

CORRESPONDENCE

Center for Excellence in Local Government – Supervisor Steve moved to approve the Municipal Sponsorship \$300.00; Supervisor Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Natural Lands Trust - Purchase of Seidel Hill (103 acres) – FYI only.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of February 14, 2019 & Regular Meeting of February 19, 2019 were unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

Revised Minutes of the RTMA January 21, 2019 & RTMA February 18, 2019 were included for information only.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Steve moved to pay the bills for the period of February 19, 2019 thru March 19, 2019; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The February 2019 Revised Treasurer's Summary/Report, EEMA Sewer Report, Sewer Aging Report, SEO Permit Report, Road, Building, Police & Fire Company Reports were reviewed and unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Graham that was seconded by Supervisor Steve.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Berks Nature Subdivision (P / F) – conditional approval - Engineer Kraft reviewed the plan proposing creation of a separate residential lot, changing an existing residential home and demo of the dwelling on the residue parcel of the Ephraim Malickson Estate property that will be owned by Berks Nature for recreation. The PC recommended the BOS conditionally approve the plan pending receipt of the \$500.00 refundable fee to be held by the Township until copies of the new deeds are received by the Township. Supervisor Graham moved to conditionally approve the plan; following a second by Supervisor Steve the motion passed unanimously.

Tracey Jones Lot Annex. (P / F) – waiver requests – Engineer Kraft reviewed this plan noting the subdivision is to create an annexation parcel from land belonging to Quaker Hill Development Co. to those of Tracey Jones. The PC recommends approval of the following waivers. Supervisor Graham moved to grant the following waivers; following a second by Supervisor Steve the motion passed unanimously.

1. §301.E.7. – related to surveying of the QH Development parcel boundary;
2. §301.E.10. – related to providing the residue lot area to required accuracy;
3. §301.E.12. – related to providing elevation for new lot corners;
4. §301.E.21.a. – related to placing tract corners on the residue;
5. §301.E.21.b. – related to establishing a survey datum for the plan;
6. §301.E.21.c. – related to providing soils mapping; &
7. §302.A.5. – related to delineation of steep slopes.

Crosby / Lee planning modules – Engineer Kraft reported the modules & Declaration of Easement are for a parcel to be developed on Morgantown Road adjacent to the boundary of New Morgan Borough. SWM has already been approved. The PC recommends approval of the modules. Chairman Smith moved to approve the modules; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed. Supervisor Steve abstained from the vote.

Plan time extensions (thru 6/30/19) – the PC recommends approval of the following time extension requests; all have been received. Chairman Smith moved to approve the following time extensions; following a second by Supervisor Graham the motion passed unanimously.

Park View Estates Sub (P)	Parkside Subdivision (P)	Cedar Hill Estates Ph 1 (F)	Oak Grove Subdivision (F)
Conditionally approved by PC:			
Salanek Subdivision	Colona LD (P/F)	Scoupe deVile LD (P/F)	Berks Nature Sub (P/F)

2019 Roadwork Projects – In light of no FEMA funds, Golf Course Road from Pflum's to White Bear Road is deleted from the proposed roadwork projects. Upon recommendation by Engineer Kraft, Supervisor Graham moved to approve the following roadwork projects:

2" overlay on Mullen Hollow; 2" overlay on 24' of Briarwood Drive; 2" overlay @ 216 Briarwood Drive

Following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed unanimously.

PC Recommendation to BOS re: Zoning Ordinance Revisions – Engineer Kraft reviewed recommendations by the PC relative to expanding the non-residential zoning districts along Main Street, Morgantown Road & Geigertown area.

Rock Hollow Woods – Request for Extension – Engineer Kraft reported they are requesting a 1-year extension. Supervisor Graham moved to grant the time extension; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

HB 349 Posed to Increase Financial & Time Pressures for Municipalities – following a brief discussion, Supervisor Graham moved to oppose HB 349. Chairman Smith seconded the motion which passed. Supervisor Steve voted no.

SOLICITOR

No report.

FINANCE/OTHER

Pension RFP / Actuary Services – Following discussion, Manager Easterday will follow up.

Request from MetEd – Gibraltar Park – Following discussion, Manager Easterday will follow up.

Affirm Declaration of Disaster Emergency of March 3, 2019 – Supervisor Steve moved to affirm; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

Lake Ontelaunee Flood Plan Promulgation – Municipal Concurrence - Supervisor Steve moved to concur and authorize execution of the promulgation; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

Dog Committee (per Supervisor Graham) – Following discussion, a group of residents will bring a proposal to the BOS at the April 11th Workshop to privately supply dog pickup service similar to the ARL.

Manager Easterday informed the BOS that she will be reestablishing PLGIT account due to their interest rate offered @ 2.65%. Also, Tompkins Vist has raised the interest rate on Township accounts.

The meeting was recessed to Executive Session @ 8:20PM; reconvened and unanimously adjourned @ 9:19PM upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

Respectfully Submitted,
By Kathleen C. Haight