

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2019

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03PM prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, in Gibraltar, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Chief Mark Phillips, Sergeant Dennis Cassel, Crew Leader Butch Matz and Manager Colleen Easterday.

Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence

ROADS & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Vice-Chairman Love moved to direct the Road Crew to grade Miller Road to resolve a drainage problem.

Supervisor Brown seconded the motion; roll call

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

CODES

Supervisor Graham moved to proceed with a citation on 81 Old Gibraltar Road; following a second by Supervisor Steve, the motion passed unanimously.

POLICE

Supervisor Graham moved to call Creative Customs to pick up the '91 Police Crime Unit and scrap it. Vice-Chairman Love seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chief Phillips – Nothing to report.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Residents of Briarwood were in attendance regarding road work on Briarwood Drive and requested no paving this year or put the road back the way it was. Discussion took place with Engineer Kraft, the BOS & Residents.

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 8:04PM; reconvened @ 8:41PM and stated the Briarwood Drive project would proceed with rolled edges.

Supervisor Graham made a motion to move forward with the paving at 24' tapered edges on the loop with the boulevard width to be based on whether the Fire Company can get in based upon the proposed new 16' width. Crew Leader Matz will make PA One Call to check on utility location and to relocate utilities as necessary with storm water improvements to be made on the loop; storm water improvement to stabilize and improve drainage on the boulevard. (The Fire Company will drive through and report back to the Township.) Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes for the Workshop of June 13, 2019 & BOS Regular Meeting of June 18, 2019 were approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Chairman Smith; Supervisor Graham was absent from the vote.

Minutes of the May 20, 2019 RTMA Meeting were provided for information only.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Supervisor Steve moved to pay the bills for the period of May 22, 2019 thru June 13, 2019; following a second by Chairman Smith the motion passed; Supervisor Graham was absent from the vote.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The May 2019 Treasurer's Summary/Report, EEMA Sewer Report, Sewer Aging Report (thru 2nd Quarter 2019), SEO Permit, Road, Building, Police & Fire Company Reports were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Chairman Smith. Supervisor Graham was absent from the vote.

SOLICITOR

Wickliffe – Solicitor Hartman stated the process has been started and held over; awaiting transfer of transcripts for that to be filed with the Court of Common Pleas; then will proceed to Sheriff sale of personal property.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

PC Recommendation to BOS re: Zoning Ordinance revisions – Engineer Kraft stated as promised at the Workshop he distributed the colorized version of the matrix for the BOS to review. He requested the BOS review so a discussion can be held; will be posted on the agenda next month.

Redstone Valley rezoning request – Engineer Kraft stated the PC recommendation is to not consider the request & suggested the BOS review that so that this can be done at the same time as any other zoning adjustments.

Plan time extensions thru 9/30/19 – all received

Park View Estates Sub (P)	Parkside Subdivision (P)	Cedar Hill Estates Ph 1 (F)
Oak Grove Subdivision (F)	Salanek Subdivision & Colona LD (P/F) conditionally approved by PC	

Supervisor Steve moved to grant the extensions; following a second by Vice-Chairman Love, the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE / OTHER

Service Electric Request to Occupy ROW – Manager Easterday reviewed; no permit is needed.

2 Junkyard Licenses – Approved upon a motion by Harold Steve seconded by Supervisor Graham.

Dog Rescue Nonprofit - Supervisor Graham stated she is speaking as a resident; “they” are just going to allow dogs to be dropped off and “she” already has 2 little enclosures with fencing around them that she’s had there for a long time. No shed is going up; this is just a place to hold dogs for a period of 24-hours. This is not anything that’s going to negate or require a permit because they’re not doing anything other than returning dogs to people. This does not hold the Township responsible.

A list of volunteers will be available for Township personnel to give out and Mrs. Graham will post on Robeson Residents. Manager Easterday stated the PD are not involved at this time so if they can be left out of that and it’s a matter of call this number & speak to whomever, it’s better to leave it this way.

Discussion followed re the non-profit website, hold harmless, rehoming animals of any kind.

Solicitor Hartman stated he is okay with this on behalf of the Township provided there is a disclaimer whenever the Township gives the name that there is a statement that this organization is not affiliated with the Township and they have not control or responsibility as to what happens to the animals. No Township official or PD is taking custody of an animal and deliver to this organization. Mrs. Graham will send all info to the Township and have it available for the next workshop.

Solicitor Hartman stated that what Solicitor Emkey was looking for is some kind of document from this organization that states that when someone drops of an animal, this is what happens to the animal (ie, processing). Mrs. Graham stated she will speak with Solicitor Emkey. Discussion followed regarding overflow of animals, temporary housing, use of service, fostering, hold harmless agreement, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 9:41PM to discuss Litigation, Personnel & Labor Negotiations; reconvened @ 10:01PM.

Supervisor Steve moved to adjourn @ 10:02PM. Seconded by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
By Kathleen C. Haight,
Township Assistant