

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 17, 2019**

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. Vice-Chairman Love and Supervisors Brown & Steve were present. Supervisor Graham was absent. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Chief Mark T. Phillips, Crew Leader Butch Matz and Manager Colleen Easterday.

**Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence**

Chairman Smith called an Executive Session to order at 7:03PM. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:53PM.

Supervisor Steve moved to appoint Siana Bellwoar as Special Counsel to conduct an investigation; Chairman Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve moved to place the Chief on paid administrative leave until the investigation is complete; Vice-Chairman Love seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Supervisor Steve moved to appoint Sergeant Dennis W. Cassel Jr. as Officer in Charge pending results of the investigation; Vice-Chairman Love seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY** - Crew Leader Matz reported Brecknock Township will get a price Carnis Drive to be oil & chipped. Patching on Golf Course Road, it is in poor condition. Seed was received for the sewer plant; discussion re hay bales followed. Getting pricing from Martin's to do oil & chipping to seal some of the roads; there are 2 open pipes that need to be dug & paved; fog lines are to be painted on Briarwood tomorrow morning, need Police to help for lines to be painted at the intersection of SR568 and also Gibraltar Road and maybe the cross bars; estimates were given on Thursday for road barriers and lane closed flags--total expenditure requested is \$2,052.58. Supervisor Steve moved to approve the expenditure for traffic safety equipment; following a second by Vice-Chairman Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**BCPWA** – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize attendance by the Road Crew; Supervisor Brown seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Road inspections – GAJA** project on Cold Run Road; Supervisor Steve will review with Butch to try to get a cost for repairs. Supervisor Steve moved to authorize up to 350 tons of asphalt up to \$100.00 per ton. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion which passed; Chairman Smith voted no.

**POLICE** - Chairman Smith moved to designate Trick or Treat night on October 31, 2019 from 5:00PM to 10:00PM. Vice-Chairman Love seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS** - Tom Keim presented information on gun ranges.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL** - Chairman Smith stated that the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2019 should be revised to reflect that he voted no on the Zoning Ordinance Revision. Also, the addition of Tom Keim's comments should be added to the Workshop Minutes of August 15, 2019. Supervisor Steve moved to approve the Workshop Minutes of August 15, 2019 and the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2019 with corrections as noted above; following a second by Chairman Smith the motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the August 19, 2019 RTMA Meeting were provided for information only.

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL** - Supervisor Steve moved to pay the bills as revised for the period of August 20, 2019 thru September 17, 2019; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS** - The August 2019 Treasurer's Summary, EEMA Sewer, Sewer Aging, SEO Permit, Road, Building, Police & Friendship Fire Company and Gibraltar Fire Company Reports were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Chairman Smith.

**PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

**Oak Grove Subdivision** – Engineer Kraft stated this is on the agenda for additional comments.

- Oak Grove Road improvements
- Stormwater BMP Ownership

Dave Stanton of Oak Grove Road stated he & his neighbors request this subdivision continue as was discussed a few years ago. Also, the residents would like an exemption where the SW improvements are concerned.

James Popp of Oak Grove Road stated the proposal as made was that the road will be oil & chipped instead of paved; his concerns are about the chips running off onto his property thus flooding his land and plugging the pipe which he has been maintaining.

Oak Grove residents were instructed that the revised plans will be before the PC for recommendation to the BOS and that they should voice their concerns with the PC.

**Peiffer / Trettin Zoning Variance** – No comment.

**High Point School zone signage** – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize erection of the signs in accordance with the diagrams provided & at the cost of HPS. Following a second by Supervisor Brown, the motion passed unanimously

**Plan time extensions** (thru 12/31/2019) – All Received – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize the extensions; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

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

**SOLICITOR - Adopt Ordinance #19-05: Amendments to the Uniformed & Non-Uniformed Pension Ordinances to Eliminate the Trustee Position** – Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the Ordinance; following a second by Vice-Chairman Love the motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt Resolution #19-09 from Fulton Financial Advisors NA** - Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Vice-Chairman Love the motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCE / OTHER - Request from Friendship FC Payment of \$15,202.21 for Engine 24** - Supervisor Steve moved to grant the Request; following a second by Vice-Chairman Love the motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt MMO Resolution #19-10** - Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Chairman Smith the motion passed unanimously.

**Authorize Advertisement Budget Meeting Dates – October 10 & 15 @ 6:30PM** - Supervisor Steve moved to authorize the advertisement; following a second by Chairman Smith the motion passed unanimously.

**Adopt 2020 Meeting Schedule** - Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the Schedule; following a second by Chairman Smith the motion passed unanimously.

**Authorize Advertisement of 2020 Robeson Township Meetings** – will be before the BOS in October for action; Manager will have September meetings corrected.

**Allied Waste Host Fees Received \$12,235.06**

**Review Letter & Invoice to Wexcon, Inc.** - Supervisor Steve moved to send the letter & invoice; following a second by Chairman Smith the motion passed unanimously. Manager will cc GAJA.

**GAJA Proposal** – Supervisor Steve moved to submit the proposal to GAJA for sewer billing \$4,181.42 to be split between both Municipalities; following a second by Chairman Smith the motion passed unanimously.

**Review Term Expirations & Vacancies a/o January 1, 2020** – Reviewed.

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 8:55PM; reconvened @ 9:19PM. The BOS unanimously adjourned @ 9:20PM upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Chairman Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,  
By Kathleen C. Haight,  
Township Assistant