

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2020

Chairman Smith called the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting to order at 7:05PM. The meeting was held via ZOOM due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Vice-Chairman Love and Supervisors Brown and Steve were in attendance. Supervisor Graham was absent. Also in attendance were Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Chief Dennis Cassel & Manager Colleen Easterday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ROADS, CODES & PUBLIC PROPERTY

Manager Easterday stated the Road Department is continuing prep work for paving projects.

POLICE

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-06 authorizing temporary closing of Furnace Road from PA Route 10 East to the Intersection with Weaver Rd for the annual events held at Joanna Furnace – Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the Resolution. Following a second by Chairman Smith the motion carried.

Request approval to hire Patrick O'Connor as a Part Time Police Officer – Supervisor Steve moved hire Officer O'Connor at the part-time rate of \$20.48 with a probationary period of 1-year per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Following a second by Vice-Chairman Love the motion carried.

Request approval to purchase 2020 Dodge Durango from New Holland Auto Group – Chief Cassel tabled the request.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Supervisor Steve moved to approve the minutes of the Workshop of March 12, 2020 and BOS Regular Meeting of March 17, 2020. Following a second by Chairman Smith the motion carried.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Supervisor Steve moved to approve the bills for March 18, 2020 thru April 21, 2020. Following a second by Chairman Smith the motion carried.

MARCH 2020 REPORTS FOR REVIEW

The following reports were approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve: Treasurer's Summary, EEMA Sewer Report, Sewer Aging Summary, Road, Building Permit, Police, Fire Companies and Village Library; seconded by Chairman Smith the motion carried.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Salanek Subdivision – Supervisor Steve moved to conditionally approve the plan per Engineer Kraft's report of March 24, 2020; seconded by Chairman Smith the motion carried.

2020 Roadwork Projects – Bids cannot be completed at this time. Engineer Kraft recommended using hot mix & paving, chip & seal. Mr. Kraft also requested the BOS to reaffirm the project for Whispering Pines. Supervisor Steve moved to reaffirm; seconded by Supervisor Brown the motion carried.

SOLICITOR

Adopt Pension Ordinance #2020-02 Amendment – Supervisor Steve moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-02; seconded by Chairman Smith the motion carried.

Approve Police Mutual Aid Agreement - Supervisor Steve moved to approve the Agreement; seconded by Vice-Chairman Love the motion carried.

Adopt Revised Sewer & Sewage Disposal Ordinance #2020-03 (GAJA) - Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the revised Ordinance; seconded by Vice-Chairman Love the motion carried.

Authorize Advertisement of Collection Fees Ordinance #2020-04 – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize advertisement of the Ordinance (which would amend Act No. 1 Ordinance #00-13); seconded by Chairman Smith the motion carried. (A Resolution will follow to set 2020 rates & change per fee schedule as necessary yearly.)

Adopt Resolution #2020-07 Waiving the Late Fee or Penalty of Taxes – Vice-Chairman Love moved to adopt the Resolution which would waive the late payment of taxes due on the assessed value of real property in Robeson Township if paid in full by September 30, 2020. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Smith	- Yes	Love	- Yes	Brown	- Yes
Steve	- No	Graham	- not present		

FINANCE / OTHER

PSATS CONVENTION - Cancelled

Republic Services Host Fees - \$10,368.62

Stericycle Host Fees - \$4,126.99

Ratify Declaration of Disaster Emergency – Supervisor Steve moved to ratify the Declaration. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Love the motion carried.

Albright College Annual Contribution \$300.00 – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize the annual contribution of \$300.00. Seconded by Chairman Smith the motion carried.

Appoint Deputy EMC – Supervisor Steve moved to appoint Chief Scott Gullo, Friendship Fire Company of Geigertown, as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Seconded by Chairman Smith the motion carried.

Supervisor Graham joined the meeting @ 7:54PM.

Manager Easterday advised the BOS of donations of disinfectant and masks received; thank you letters will be sent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOS recessed to Executive Session @ 8:00PM to discuss personnel; reconvened & unanimously adjourned at 8:50PM upon a motion by Supervisor Graham and seconded by Supervisor Steve.

Respectfully Submitted,
By Kathleen C. Haight,
Township Assistant