

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
November 17th, 2020

Chairman Smith called the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting held via ZOOM due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Vice-Chairman Love, Supervisors Steve, and Graham attended. Supervisor Brown joined the meeting at 7:00 PM. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman, Chief Dennis W. Cassel Jr., Engineer Gary Kraft and Township Manager Colleen Easterday.

Citizen Concerns: None

Correspondence

Anthony Martin of TowerDirect and Anthony Tucci of Western Berks Ambulance Service gave presentations for Ambulance Services. Supervisor Steve made motion to sign an agreement with Western Berks Ambulance Service, motion failed.

Schuylkill River Greenways – Letter of Support, motion by Chairman Smith second by Supervisor Graham to provide a letter of support for the Schuylkill River Greenways Association to conduct a study for the feasibility of moving the trail north of its current location. Vote is as follows: Supervisor Steve – No, Supervisor Love – Yes, Supervisor Graham – Yes, Supervisor Brown – Yes, Chairman Smith – Yes, motion carried.

Roads, Codes, Public Property

Per the board's request, professional landscapers were polled for their opinion to complete the shoulders of Briarwood Drive. The responses were not to pave the area, add stone and let nature take its course.

Police

Request for approval to pay \$200.00 to Chester County Department of Emergency Services for Essentials of Conflict Management, De-Escalations, Implicit and Racial Bias Training for Chief Cassel and Officer Zeiber (\$100.00 each). Training is on November 19th in Coatesville, Pa. Motion by Supervisor Graham second by Supervisor Steve for Chief Cassel Jr. and Officer Zeiber attend the stated training, motion carried.

Reaffirm motion to pay \$249.00 to Dark Horse Law Enforcement Training LLC for Criminal Interception/Interdiction Training to include Cloned Cards, Skimmers, Human Trafficking and the Felony Lane Gang. Training is April 15th and April 16th in Morgantown, Pa. Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham reaffirming the previous motion in January 2020 to pay for Officer Brenner to attend the stated training, motion carried.

Request for donation of police vehicle and equipment from the Protective Services Program at the Berks Career and Technology Center. Chief Cassel Jr. requested to donate a Light Bar, Signal Control Panel and Console. Motion by Supervisor Love second by Supervisor Graham to donate stated items. Supervisor Steve abstained as he is employed by the school, motion carried. Chief Cassel has completed the FBI – LEEDA course. Officer Brenner has completed the Taser Instructor Course.

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Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2020, motion carried.

Bills

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to pay the bills from October 20, 2020 thru November 16, 2020, motion carried.

Reports

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to accept the October 2020 Reports, motion carried.

Planning & Engineering: None

Solicitor

Ratify the acceptance of the Municibid items sold, generator, salt spreader and 2000 Ford F550.

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to ratify the acceptance of the stated, items sold on Municibid, motion carried.

Authorize to Advertise the Draft Zoning Amendment, Map and Matrix

After the review then the board would schedule a public meeting then could enact the Ordinance.

Mr. Keim of White Bear Road stated, "He believes it is premature to advertise at this point as zoning changes are based on future land use map of the Southern Berks Comp plan, which has not been completed yet and no public hearing has been scheduled. However, he is glad there will be further discussion before advertising.

Mr. Talarico stated, "He does have a concern on one proposal. Southbound Rte.10 on the east side between Zion and Plow Roads eight properties were changed to general commercial with seven of them with less than four acres. The eight property being much larger than four acres. Across the street, the use is Mixed Use / Village Commercial, which does not make much sense.

Motion by Supervisor Graham second by Vice Chair Love to send the draft-zoning ordinance and map to the Township Planning Commissions for comment. Vote is as follows: Supervisor Steve –No, Vice Chairman Love – Yes, Supervisor Graham – Yes, Supervisor Brown – No, Chairman Smith – Yes, motion carried.

Concerns /comments should be provided to Engineer Kraft.

Finance / Other

Republic Services September Host Fees received \$11,491.16

Dispose of surplus equipment and miscellaneous items for the Township and Police Department, previously discussed

BOS 2021 Meeting Dates

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Vice Chairman Love to advertise the 2021 meeting dates, motion carried.

Community Guide – thank you letter mailed to Ms. Chris Musser for her donation to the township.

Executive Session:

The BOS recessed to Executive Session at 8:42 P.M. and reconvened at 9:31 P.M.

Motion by Supervisor Graham second by Supervisor Steve to hire Alicia Rodriguez as part-time Clerk/Receptionist at \$15.00 per hour, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM upon a motion by Supervisor Graham second by Supervisor Steve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Easterday,
Township Manager