

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 19th, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Robeson Township Board of Supervisors was held via Zoom and in person at 2689 Main Street, Birdsboro Pa. 19507 October 19, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Smith. Present for the meeting were, Supervisors Steve, Love, Brown and Graham. Also, present were Township Manager Colleen Easterday, Chief Dennis W. Cassel Jr., Public Works Superintendent Tim Wloczewski, Solicitor Christopher Hartman and Engineer Gary Kraft.

Citizen Concerns / Public Comment –

Bernard Keturakis of 237 Bard Road requested an update to a property maintenance complaint. The BOS directed Manager Easterday to have Kraft Code Services reinspect the property for compliance. Robert Deeds of 1217 White Bear Road asked for an update to the road crew paving a private driveway. The BOS advised it is under investigation. Mr. Deeds also made a complaint of a supervisor's driveway being plowed by a township employee. The BOS responded that is a personnel matter and will be reviewed.

Correspondence

Crime Alert Berks County – Contribution: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to contribute \$200.00 to the aforementioned association, motion carried.

Public Works – Superintendent Tim Wloczewski

Ratify 10.14.21 Workshop motion to replace the propane furnaces at Police Department: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to ratify the motion to accept the quote of \$9,950.00 to replace the furnaces at the Police Department, motion carried.

Request motion to farm Boonetown Rd property: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Brown to place a bid notice on the township website to farm the township property on Boonetown Road, the vote was as follows: Supervisor Graham – No, Supervisor Love – No, Chairman Smith – No, motion failed.

Motion by Supervisor Love second by Supervisor Graham to ask the EAC Board to see if they could turn the 15+ acres into an environmental use, motion carried.

Police – Chief Dennis Cassel

Chief Cassel advised the BOS the department will be taking part in School Bus Safety Week.

September 2021 Minutes, Expenses and Reports – motion to approve:

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to accept the BOS September 9th and 21st Meeting Minutes, Monthly Expenses, Treasurer's Reports, EEMA Sewer Report – Aug & Sept, Sewer Aging Report, SEO Permit Report, Road Report, Building Permit/Code Enforcement Reports, Police Report, Gibraltar Fire Company Reports, Friendship Fire Company Report, Ambulance Service Reports, motion carried.

Planning & Engineering – Engineer Gary Kraft

2022 Roadwork Projects: Motion by Supervisor Graham second by Supervisor Love that the BOS are agreeable to the 2022 road project list, motion carried.

Oakbrook Court Pipe replacement: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Chairman Smith to have Engineer Kraft determine whether the job could be completed by the crew or bid the job out. Votes were as follows: Supervisor Graham – No, Vice Chairman Love – Yes, Supervisor Brown – Yes, motion carried.

Legal Matters - Solicitor Christopher Hartman

Ordinance 21-02, to remove D.R.O.P. of 4/28/21, motion to authorize advertisement: Motion Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to advertise Ordinance 21-02 for November enactment, motion carried.

Rezoning – PC Nov. review, motion to advertise hearing for 11.16.21 BOS Meeting to include Act 50 / Mini Cell Towers.

Finance / Other - Township Manager Colleen Easterday

Request motion to approve The Village Library 2021 contribution of \$7,500.00: Motion by Chairman Smith second by Supervisor Graham to contribute to the library in the amount of \$7,500.00, motion carried.

Request motion to approve GAJA board term reappointments: Motion by Supervisor Graham second by Vice Chairman Love to approve the reappointments of the GAJA Board, Vote are as follows: Supervisor Brown – Yes, Chairman Smith – Yes, Supervisor Steve abstained as he is an appointee of said board, motion carried.

Robeson Township Board Reappointments Review: no action required

Review Auditors' RFPs and motion to appoint: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Chairman Smith to appoint CPA Barbara Akins to audit all township financials, motion carried.

Hiring of labor counsel: Motion by Supervisor Graham second by Chairman Smith to appoint Siana Law as labor counsel, vote is as follows: Vice Chairman Love – Yes, Supervisor Brown – Yes, Supervisor Steve – No, motion carried.

7:36 the board recessed to executive session.

7:50 the board reconvened.

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to have the Zoning Officer speak with the property owner of 213 Bard Road relative to registered vehicles /trailers, motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM upon a motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Easterday,
Township Manager