

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 21st, 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 September 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 and Brown. Supervisor Graham joined the meeting at 7:03 PM. 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

Merlin Reed of 3333 Plow Road requested his property on Rte. 10 stay zoned as commercial. Attorney Matthew Setley for Mrs. & Mrs. Beck of 3676 Morgantown Road reiterated they would like to have the previously proposed overlay return. Mrs. Beck referred to page 7 of the S.B.J.C.P. survey. Dean Simpson 184 Weidner Dr., The Millers 158 Moyer Rd., The Nettekilles 61 Moyer Rd., would like their properties to be zoned as R1.

Correspondence

Schuylkill River Greenways request for financial support: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to table the request, motion carried.

Reminder - Berks Co Assoc of Township Officials Annual County Convention.

Public Works – Superintendent Tim Wloczewski

Superintendent Wloczewski reviewed completed and current projects throughout the township. Request motion to hire a seasonal worker for snow removal services: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, motion carried.

Discuss the request to have a hearing-impaired child sign placed at ... Green Hills Road.

Police – Chief Dennis Cassel

Request a motion accept the resignation of Officer Patrick O'Connor: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, motion carried.

Request motion to release Sgt. Matthew Smith from probationary status: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, motion carried.

Request motion to promote Officer Jakob Ketterer from Part-time Officer to Full-time Officer with a probationary period of one (1) year, salary and benefits in accordance with the C.B.A., effective date of promotion 9/27/2021: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, motion carried.

Request motion to approve the following training:

Sgt. Smith-Command Leadership Institute, FBI-LEEDA, Pottstown, Pa., 2/14/2022 to 2/18/2022, Cost \$695. Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, motion carried.

Officer Brenner-Handgun/Shotgun Instructor, NRA LE Instructor Development School, Leesport, Pa., 3/14/2022 to 3/18/2022, Cost \$735 (Includes \$50 range fee), Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, motion carried.

Request a motion to designate Trick or Treat Night to occur on Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Love, motion carried.

Advise the Board of training of Officer Ketterer, Institute for Law Enforcement Education, Morgantown, Pa., no cost.

Advise the Board of FBI National Academy Virtual Training Webinars – Chief Cassel.

Request a motion for the Boy Scouts to use Police Dept parking lot for food drive: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, motion carried.

Supervisor Steve wanted to thank the police department for notifications to residents of Green Hills Road relative to the Green Hills Dam concerns created by Storm IDA.

Minutes, Expenses and Reports – motion to approve

Motion to accept the following reports, Minutes of the BOS Meetings of August 12th & 17th, 2021. 2021 Monthly Expenses, Treasurer's Report, EEMA Sewer Report, Sewer Aging Report, SEO Permits, Road Report, Building Permits, Police, Gibraltar Fire Company Reports, Friendship Fire Company Report and Western Berks and Tower Health EMS Reports. Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to accept all above stated reports, upon the following correction: Chairman Smith's No vote of the August 17th minutes (Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Brown to amend the agenda to change the R1 overlay to V.C. and eliminate the overlay.)

Planning & Engineering – Engineer Gary Kraft

Recommend a motion to accept Plan Time extensions thru December 31st, 2021 (both expire 9/30/2021) Cedar Hill Estates Ph 1 (F)

Love Minor Sub (P/F): Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to accept the time extensions, Supervisor Love abstained, motion carried.

664 Green Hills Rd: Engineer Kraft provided an update to the retention pond project.

Legal Matters - Solicitor Christopher Hartman

Motion to approve revised Public Works job descriptions; Public Works - Road Master, Public Works - Crew Leader and Public Works - Crew Member: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to approve the revised job descriptions, motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Graham to put the zoning ordinance amendment on the agenda second by Supervisor Love, motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Brown to remove the following six properties from VC and remain R1, motion carried.

184 Weidner Dr., 61-73-112-130-158 Moyer Rd.

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Love to Keep the following three properties in GC, motion carried. 3396 Morgantown Rd, Property ID 73531301371848 and 3452 Morgantown Road.

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Brown to keep the Rte. 10 area eastside and include the overlay district with the addition of the Rural Business Retreat, motion carried.

Solicitor Hartman discussed Act 50 relative to Mini Cell Towers making a recommendation to add the Act 50 to the zoning ordinance.

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to have the Solicitor add Act 50 to the zoning ordinance and send same to the Berks County and Robeson Township Planning Commissions for review and advertise the zoning amendment hearing for November, motion carried.

Finance / Other - Township Manager Colleen Easterday

Motion to procure grant writer: Item was tabled in a Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Chairman Smith, motion carried.

Motion to approve 2022 Meeting Schedule Calendar prior to advertising: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Chairman Smith, to advertise the 2022 calendar with workshop meeting dates, motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #21-13 Pension MMO: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to approve Resolution 21-13 Pension MMO, motion carried.

Motion to approve Declaration of Disaster Emergency for Storm IDA: Motion by Supervisor Graham second by Supervisor Steve, motion carried.

Discuss Storm IDA – Supervisor Brown discussed damage throughout the township.

Motion to reappoint Deputy EMC – Supervisor Brown: A motion was not necessary as Scott Gullo had been appointed previous.

Park & Rec Board recommends a motion to approve use of the Gibraltar Park parking lot for a fundraiser by St. John's Lutheran Church. Motion by Supervisor Graham second by Supervisor Steve to allow St. Johns Lutheran Church to hold their fundraiser in the Gibraltar Park parking lot, motion carried.

Park & Rec Board requests clarification on acceptable fundraiser: subject is under review
Republic Services August Host Fees \$12,425.51.

9:18 the board recessed to executive session.

9:52 the board reconvened.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM upon a motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Easterday,
Township Manager