

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 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. on Tuesday December 21, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Smith. Present for the meeting were Supervisors Love, Brown, Steve and Graham. Also present were Township Manager Colleen Easterday, Chief Dennis W. Cassel Jr., Public Works Superintendent Tim Wloczewski, Solicitor Christopher Hartman and Township Engineer Gary Kraft.

7:01 PM the Board Recessed for executive session

7:34 PM the Board Reconvened

Citizen Concerns / Public Comment –

Mark Taylor of 160 Furnace Road inquired as to what the township could do to correct water from running down the roadway onto his property. Superintendent Wloczewski advised Mr. Taylor to have his driveway contractor contact him and they will discuss the issue.

Correspondence:

None

Public Works – Superintendent Tim Wloczewski

Tim advised all trucks are back in running order.

Police – Chief Dennis Cassel

Chief Cassel advised the New Ford Interceptor is in however it will be 10-12 weeks for the upfitting parts to be delivered.

The burglaries of storage shed thefts has been solved.

November 2021 Minutes, Expenses and Reports – motion to approve

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to accept the BOS November 12th and 16st 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

Dans at Green Hills Planning Waiver:

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to approve the planning waiver for Dans at Green Hills, motion carried.

Plan Time Extensions thru March 31st, 2021: (both expire 12/31/21)

Love extension: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham. Chairman Smith – yes, Supervisors Steve, Brown and Graham – Yes, Vice Chairman Love abstained, motion carried.

Cedar Hill extension: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham. Chairman Smith – yes, Vice Chairman Love – Yes, Supervisors Steve, Brown and Graham – Yes, motion carried.

Oak Grove Phase II final plan approval: Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to approve above subject matter with Engineer Kraft's recommendations to update the improvements agreement and payment of Open Space fees, motion carried

Supervisor Steve moved to amend the agenda to include placing signage on White Bear Road, second by Chairman Smith, motion carried.

Public Comment on the amended agenda:

Jeffrey Rhoads of White Bear Road advised the area in question is very slippery when wet
Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to have the public works department complete the corrective actions suggested by Engineer Kraft, motion carried.

Legal Matters - Solicitor Christopher Hartman

Motion to approve the proposed Zoning Amendment:

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to approve Ordinance 2021-03 Zoning Amendments, motion carried.

Motion to appoint Zoning Hearing Board positions:

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to table this item till reorganization, motion carried.

Motion to appoint Anthony Firrantello and Patrick Bauer for Municipal Authority Board:

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to table this item till reorganization, motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, to amend the agenda to include employee grievances and a special meeting, motion carried.

Public Comment on the proposed amended agenda:

None

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to deny the 2nd step grievances, motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to hold a special meeting on 12/27/2021 at 6:30 PM, motion carried.

Finance / Other - Township Manager Colleen Easterday

ARPA Funds – review potential projects; authorize Supervisor Steve to contact Berks County to request funds to complete Rt. 568, Green Hills Rd, sewer extension.

Motion by Supervisor Graham, second by Chairman Smith to have Supervisor Steve request funds from the county for use on the sewer line extension of Green Hills Road (SR056), motion carried.

Reading Area Water Authority – Requesting letter of support in acquiring ARPA funds:

Motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham to table this item, motion carried.

Gibraltar Fire Company requested the remaining balance of the Township 2021 donation be applied to several invoices which are included on the monthly bills report. This item is for information only, no motion required.

Motion to adopt 2022 General Fund Budget, advertised - November 2021:

Motion by Supervisor Graham, second by Supervisor Steve to adopt the 2022 General Fund Budget, motion carried.

Finalized 2022 Meeting Schedule: information only, no motion required.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM upon a motion by Supervisor Steve second by Supervisor Graham, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Easterday,
Township Manager