

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Robeson Township Municipal Building, 2689, Main Street, Birdsboro PA 19508 Berks County

Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2026, 7:00 pm

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Robeson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Bitler

- a. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- b. Roll Call

Supervisors Present: Timothy Bitler Sr., Margaret Fix, Scott Gullo, Jeff Rhoads, & Harold Steve
Also present: Acting Chief Jason Rimby and Solicitor Mark Merolla

II. Citizen Concerns / Public Comment –

- a. Molly Gosling, 577 Cedar Hill Road – Gosling emphasized the importance of the BOS reviewing the Data Center Ordinance that was presented by the EAC. She encouraged everyone to attend the planning commission meeting on March 2, 2026.

III. Correspondence – NONE.

IV. Police –

- a. Discussion regarding BAS.

Everyone is enrolled but the numbers are not finalized.

- b. Detective Godshall's Pay Raise.

Acting Chief Rimby spoke about Detective Godshall's work within the Robeson Township Police Department and requested a raise to make his hourly rate \$38.00.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gullo. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Rhoads.

Yes- Rhoads, Gullo, Fix No – Bitler, Steve

V. Finance / Other –

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to pay monthly expenses. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fix. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

VI. Administration Comments –

a. Unaddressed Reorganization Appointments.

Deputy Open Records Officer.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to appoint Paula Cullen as the Deputy Open Records Officer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bitler. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

b. Mailbox Policy

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to adopt Penn Dots Mailbox Policy. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gullo. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

c. Budget to Date – Projected vs Actual

VII. Supervisor’s Reports –

a. SMP Database – Supervisor Rhoads – No Update

VIII. Fire Companies

a. Friendship FC

Rob Vanloo shared that in 2025 they had 648 calls, 243 were medical assist. In 2025, there were two fatal fires with five total fatalities. In January 2026, they had 32 calls, 13 were medical assists. They received the thermal imaging cameras and multi gas meters which were covered by a grant from FEMA. Friendship FC is going to start doing seafood dinners on Friday evenings beginning February 20, 2026, through March 27, 2026.

b. EMC

c. Gibraltar FC

A motion was made by Supervisor Bitler to accept the Fire Company reports. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Steve. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

IX. Minutes, Expenses and Reports –

- a. BOS Workshop Meeting Draft Minutes 1.5.2026
- b. BOS Regular Meeting Draft Minutes 1.8.2026
- c. BOS Special Meeting Draft Minutes 1.15.2026
- d. SEO Report*
- e. EEMA Sewer Report
- f. Road Report
- g. Building Inspector’s Report*
- h. Zoning Inspections Report

- i. Police Report
- j. Gibraltar Fire Company Report
- k. Friendship Fire Company Report*
- l. Ambulance Service Report Tower Health
- m. Ambulance Service Report EHBEMS
- n. Village Library of Morgantown*

A motion was made by Supervisor Gullo to accept and approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Steve. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to accept and approve the other reports. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Rhoads. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

X. Planning & Engineering – Engineer Ryan Rhode

- a. Update Subdivision Status – in the meeting packet.

- b. Hopewell Road Guiderail.

Barry Readinger and Engineer Rhode need to revisit this as it was hit 5 or 6 times.

- c. ZHB Hearing – 73 Weaver Road. March 26, 2026

Variance request for Amish school house special exception needed for one room schoolhouse.

- d. Green Light Go Update.

PennDOT informed us that this is a viable project. It is a 20% match project for the signal at Gibraltar Road.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bitler to authorize Supervisor Steve to work with Engineer Rhode to Submit the Green Light Go Application through TSAMS. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Steve. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

XI. Legal Matters -

- a. Review Data Center Ordinance / EAC Response.

Solicitor Merolla had communication with the EAC with some questions regarding the ordinance. The ordinance is in the hands of the Planning Commission for review. Things are continuing to progress.

- b. Enforcement of Breidenstein Agreement.

Discussions in executive session.

c. Appointment of Labor Counsel – Union Contract Issues.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bitler to tentatively approve Labor Counsel Ed Stock dependent on his hourly rate and retainer agreement. The Motion was seconded by Supervisor Steve.

Yes – Rhoads, Fix, Steve, Bitler No - Gullo

d. Audio/Visual Resolution

A motion was made by Supervisor Bitler to adopt Resolution 2026-07 to revoke prior resolutions that established rules and regulations regarding audio visual recording and conduct of public meetings. Motioned was seconded by Supervisor Fix. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

e. RTMA Liens

Starting to look at the lease and coordinate liens.

XII. Public Works – Barry Readinger

a. Snow Removal.

Mr. Readinger informed the Board that he held his crew until 1 am on Monday for the snowstorm that occurred Sunday February 15, 2026, through Monday February 16, 2026, as their overtime is getting high and the big snowstorms are occurring on Sundays. Sundays are double-time for the road crew, which is why the budget is being depleted quicker than anticipated.

b. Vehicles/Backhoe Repairs.

Mr. Readinger requested authorization to move the backhoe from where it is now back to the Township Building.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to relocate the backhoe to a suitable place. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gullo. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

c. Personnel.

Discussion for Executive Session.

d. Signs – Update from Workshop.

Will send KC information via email.

XIII. Park & Recreation –

a. Celebration Day.

Tentatively July 4th weekend in conjunction with the 250th anniversary of our Country.

b. Clean-Up.

Coordinating with Mr. Readinger and EAC member Mr. Weld to spear head Scouts clean up date.

- c. Use of Facilities.
- d. Reorganization Meeting on February 23, 2026, at 6:00 pm.
- e. Plowville Athletic Association Capital Improvement.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bitler upon further review of the fee in lieu of accounts that the Township fund the project for a new chain link fence not to exceed \$15,315.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rhoads. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

XIV. Municipal Authority

- a. Fill two open positions.
- b. Lease Negotiations .

XV. EAC - None

XVI. New Business –

- a. Employee evaluations.

XVII. Old Business –

- a. Burn Ordinance.
Need to review.
- b. Codification.

Supervisor Steve and Supervisor Rhoads are spear heading.

- c. Drug Drop Grants
- d. Data Center
- e. Statement of Financial Interest

XVIII. Executive Session

The Board of Supervisors entered into an Executive Session at 8:52 pm. The Board of Supervisors returned at 9:23 pm.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to terminate Richard Fizz. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Gullo. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bitler to send enforcement letter to Joy Breidstein. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Steve.

Yes – Fix, Bitler, Steve No – Rhoads, Gullo.

XIX. Motion To Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Rhoads to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Bitler. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.