

## **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**

**April 16, 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, Jeffrey Rhoads & Harold Steve.  
Also present: Acting Chief Jason Rimby, Solicitor Mark Merolla, and Engineer Ryan Rhode.

The Supervisors dismissed for Executive Session at 7:01 pm to discuss Police Chief interviews with Former Chief Dennis Cassel. They returned at 7:20 pm.

#### **II. Citizen Concerns / Public Comment –**

- a. Robert Horst – Expressed concerns about excessive traffic on Old River Road following the closure of Route 724. Supervisor Steve echoed his concerns and called many state legislators for assistance.
- b. Richard Steele – Expressed his support for Acting Chief Rimby. He asked if the BOS could get the billboard at the old Crompton & Knowles lot removed. He is trying to get donations for the Robeson Township Police Department.
- c. Nicole Wisneski – Asked if the vote for hiring a new Police Chief was occurring at this meeting. Expressed her support for hiring Acting Chief Rimby.
- d. Rachel Poisen – Provided the Supervisors with a quote for letters for the sign outside of the Police Station.

#### **III. Correspondence –**

- a. Statements of Financial Interest are due to the Supervisors.

#### **IV. Police –**

- a. Firearms – no update since the Workshop meeting.
- b. New Sink – The Police are requesting a new sink. Barry Readinger from Public Works is looking into this.

#### **V. Finance / Other –**

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to pay the open bills. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Fix. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

VI. Administration Comments –

a. Request motion to authorize High Point Annual Fireworks

A motion was made by Supervisor Bitler to authorize High Point Annual Fireworks. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Steve. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

b. Staff State Farm Safety Patrol responding to calls on 176 – Contract is through the state.

c. Gibraltar Fire Company Emergency Light – Telco was out to diagnose the issue. They believe it is a bad relay. The replacement part is \$20.00.

d. Bridge Closures – Discussion held during Citizen’s Concerns.

e. Electronic Signs – No Action Taken.

f. Motion to Purchase AEDs at a cost of \$1,400.00 per unit.

A motion was made by Supervisor Rhoads to authorize the purchase of (4) AEDs at the cost of \$1,400.00 per unit. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Gullo. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

g. Chief of Police – Hiring – Executive Session was held at the beginning of the meeting to discuss the committee’s findings.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to hire Joe Brown as the Robeson Township Police Chief. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fix.

Yes – Bitler, Fix, & Steve / No – Gullo & Rhoads

A motion was made by Supervisor Gullo to rescind the hiring of Joe Brown as Robeson Township Police Chief. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Rhoads.

Yes – Gullo & Rhoads / No – Bitler, Fix, & Steve

h. Request motion to accept proposal to mow Municipal Property.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to award the mowing contract to Trout Run Landscape. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fix. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

i. “Children At Play” sign for Quarry Road – Need to determine locations.

j. Amendment to February BOS Workshop minutes 02.12.2026 –(typo)

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to amend the February BOS Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fix. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

VII. Supervisor’s Reports –

a. RTMA Lease – Supervisor Bitler – No update.

VIII. Fire Companies

a. Friendship FC

b. EMC

- c. Gibraltar FC – Shared that their goal for the radio upgrade is 10. They currently have 38 radios.

IX. Minutes, Expenses and Reports –

- a. BOS Regular Meeting Draft Minutes 2.19.26
- b. BOS Workshop Meeting – Draft Minutes 3.12.2026
- c. BOS Regular Meeting – Draft Minutes 3.19.2026
- 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 Steve to accept the minutes, expenses, and reports. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Fix. Motion passed with no dissenting votes

X. Planning & Engineering – Engineer Ryan Rhode

- a. Engineer’s Report.
- b. Old River Road Bridge – Deficiency Notice – Engineer Rhode is happy that the Township is reducing traffic on Old River Road. He is in the process of looking at what type of temporary repairs could be made in the meantime.
- c. 2026 Street Work Update – Oil and Chip will take place after school lets out for the summer.
- d. April’s Planning Commission Meeting was cancelled.

XI. Legal Matters – Solicitor Mark Merolla

- a. Caernarvon Township MOU – 2150 Hopewell Road. – Solicitor Merolla is currently working with Caernarvon Township and Berks County on this.

XII. Public Works – Barry Readinger

- a. Signage for Old River Road – all signage has been ordered. In the meantime, the township is loaning some from PennDOT.
- b. Drainage pipe crossings will be coated with blacktop week ending 4.17.2026.

XIII. Park & Recreation –

- a. Update on BCFFL Tournament – No Update.

XIV. Municipal Authority - None

XV. EAC

- a. EAC Meeting – Approved Minutes from 2.5.26
- b. EAC Meeting- Approved Minutes from 3.5.26
- c. EAC 2025 Annual Report
- d. Request approval of \$50.00 payment from EAC 2026 Budget of \$2,000.00 to Penn State Master Gardeners for hosting a composting workshop for residents. A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to authorize \$50.00 payment for the composting workshop for residents. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fix. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

XVI. New Business – None

XVII. Old Business –

- a. Data Center
- b. Green Light Go

XVII. Executive Session –

- a. Green Hills Estates – did not go to Executive Session regarding this matter.

XVIII. Motion To Adjourn

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Rhoads. Motion passed with no dissenting votes