

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

BOS Workshop Meeting

Minutes

February 12, 2026 7:00pm

The Workshop meeting of the Robeson Township Board of Supervisors occurred at the Municipal Building, 2689 Main Street, Birdsboro, PA on Thursday February 12, 2026. Chairman Timothy Bitler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Supervisors in attendance were, Timothy Bitler, Jeff Rhoads, Scott Gullo and Harold Steve. Supervisor Margaret Fix was absent. Also present were Solicitor Mark Merolla, Township Engineer Ryan Rhode and AC Jason Rimby.

I. Call to Order –

a. Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll Call of Supervisors

Chairman Bitler – Present

Supervisor Rhoads – Present

Supervisor Gullo – Present

Supervisor Steve – Present

Supervisor Fix - Absent

Super Bitler commenced by announcing his intention of recognizing and honoring specific people from the Township during the moment of silence.

II. Citizen Concerns / Public Comment –

Richard Steele, W. First Street, questioned if AC Rimby has been appointed to the Chief of Police position and will he receive the same salary as the previous Chief? He also commended the Road Crew on doing a great job of clearing snow on his street.

Sally Stalnaker, Kingfisher Drive - noted that she had submitted a letter of interest in becoming an EAC member and enquired as to the criteria required to be chosen. She said that she would like it to be posted on the website. She also commented that the Road Crew did a great job plowing snow.

Kate Kennedy Schuylkill Road – Stated that the Data Centre proposal was initially presented in April. The EAC commenced composing the Ordinance in August. Multiple neighbors are congregating to protest. Requested the Board to be proactive with the information that they have.

Tom Keim, White Bear Road - voiced that the Data Centre is breaking rules. Requested the Board to include conditions in the occasion of violations and to protect the residents with decent Ordinances and limits.

David Schuttler, Cedar Hill Road – stated that his property abuts the Grande property. Requested the Board to keep residents updated. Supervisor Steve replied that the Township have not heard anything from the involved parties for months.

Lorraine Weeks, Golf Course Road – informed the Board that she objects to the Data Center.

III. Correspondence –

a. Statements of Financial Interest – Members were advised of their obligation for completion.

b. Approval for annual payment of Geigertown Ladder truck in the amount of \$29,397.67

Motion requested to approve payment in the amount of \$29,397.67 for Geigertown ladder truck to Community First National Bank.

Motioned by Supervisor Steve

Seconded by Supervisor Rhoads

YES: Rhoads, Steve, Bitler

Absent: Fix

Abstained: Gullo

Motion passed.

c. Chapter 94 Report for 2025 - NFA

IV. Police –

- a. BAS - Supervisor Steve is in contact with BAS – currently a work in progress.
- b. Motorola Radios – Berks County are transitioning to Motorola Radios. A 42% discount is available for radios purchased in 2026. This item was not considered within the 2026 Budget.
- c. Pathfinder Implementation – It commenced in January and expected to be in operation by April.
- d. Detective Godshall’s pay raise – AC Rimby stated that Detective Godshall is a huge asset to the department and believes that he deserves the requested pay increase to a rate of \$38.00 per hour for a 30 hour week. Supervisor Steve stated that a detective’s salary was not negotiated as part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Supervisor Gullo announced that it is included in the 2026 budget. Chairman Bitler read aloud police officers salaries for 2025 voicing that overspending in the Police Department needs to be reviewed. Supervisor Gullo cited that overtime was due to a shortage of officers during 2025. No decision was made.
- e. Drug Drop/Safe Zone/Flag Retirement (TB) – This Agenda item was requested by Chairman Bitler who wants the Supervisors initials noted with any future agenda contributions. He is researching grants for drug drop-off facilities. Questioned PublicWorks on the status of the signs for the “Safe Zone” area and proposed a drop box for the retirement of flags.
- f. Policy Manual – (TB) Chairman Bitler asked for the Board’s opinion on the RTPD policy manual. AC Rimby had emailed it to Kozloff-Stoudt and believed that the members were also sent it. Chairman Bitler questioned AC Rimby as to whether the Police department compliant with the policies, to which AC Rimby replied that he believed they were.

V. Finance / Other -

- a. Monthly Expenses – Will be provided prior to Regular Meeting
- b. Treasurer’s Report - Will be provided prior to Regular Meeting
- c. Sewer Aging Report – Township Solicitor to commence the process of issuing liens

VI. Administration Comments – Chairman Bitler instructed the name of this category to be changed from Manager’s Comments to Administration Comments as of February 2026.

- a. Advertisement for all Open Positions – Job descriptions were included for information – no objections noted
- b. 2026 Fee Schedule – Motion requested for Resolution 2026-04 with the addition of Park Field rentals having a “no refund” policy.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 with the addition of Park Field rentals having a no-refund policy.
Moted by Supervisor Steve**

Seconded by Supervisor Rhoads

YES: Gullo, Rhoads, Steve, Bitler

Absent: Fix

Motion passed.

- c. GAJA corrected terms and appointments – Motion requested for Resolution 2026-05
Motion requested to accept Resolution 2026-05 pertaining to GAJA corrected terms and appointments.

Moted by Supervisor Steve

Seconded by Supervisor Rhoads

YES: Gullo, Rhoads, Steve, Bitler

Absent: Fix

Motion passed.

- d. Staff –New Hire - Motion requested for Resolution 2026-06
Motion requested to authorize Resolution 2026-06 hiring a financial administrator at \$60.00 per hour and to include an additional head hunter fee of \$12,000.00 payable over 6 months
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Seconded by Supervisor Rhoads

YES: Gullo, Rhoads, Steve, Bitler

Absent: Fix

Motion passed.

- b. 2026 Street Work – Contract #1- Award to New Enterprise
Motion requested to authorize a Notice of Award for contract #1 for the 2026 Roadwork project to New Enterprise Stone & Lime in the amount of \$188,887.08.
Motioned by Supervisor Steve
Seconded by Supervisor Rhoads
YES: Gullo, Rhoads, Steve, Bitler **Absent: Fix**
Motion passed
- c. 2026 Street Work – Contract #2 – Award to AMS (Note both Brecknock & Union township have awarded)
Motion requested to authorize a Notice of Award for contract #2 for the 2026 Maintenance projects to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC in the alternate bid amount of \$727,912.15 with Robeson Township’s share being \$318,602.15.
Motioned by Supervisor Steve
Seconded by Supervisor Rhoads
YES: Gullo, Rhoads, Steve, Bitler **Absent: Fix**
Motion passed
- d. Green Hills Est. -Sewer connection work has commenced on Green Hills Road, SDE are constantly on site checking the work being performed.
- e. Old River Road – Currently researching signs
- f. Rock Hollow Road Bridge guide rail – waiting on response for relocation. Will coordinate with signals consultant once received.
- g. Green Light Go – waiting on feedback from submission of the application.
- h. February’s Planning Commission meeting was cancelled – NFA
- i. Update Subdivision status – (TB) Cedar Hill Road has been ongoing for a long time. They are reviewed monthly by the Planning Commission for Time Extension requests. Feedback requested.
For information purposes only: the guiderail on Hopewell Road has been hit six (6) times since its’ installation. Engineer to consider possible courses of action to minimize future occurrences.

XI. Legal Matters -

- a. Review Data Center Ordinance / EAC response(TB) – has reviewed the proposal. Advised to ensure that the water regulation is as strict as possible. Engineer Rhodes instructed to include EAC’s recommendations when compiling a revised Ordinance. Solicitor will forward to the EAC his water regulation research report. The Planning Commission’s opinion was requested. The Joint Comprehensive Group (Robeson Township in liaison with Union, Caernarvon and Birdsboro) was also mentioned, as there are zoning issues pertaining to that.
- b. Enforcement of Breidenstein Agreement (TB)– The next legal maneuver will be discussed at Executive session.
- c. Appointment of Labor Counsel(TB) – Union contract issues(TB) Solicitor Merolla to provide recommendations.
- d. Audio / Video Resolution (TB) - being prepared for adoption at the February Regular meeting.

XII. Public Works – Barry Readinger

- a. Overtime Budget – dwindling due to weekend snow
- b. The 2018 Mack single axle dump truck cost \$2,300 for repair. (437.748) \$3,500 budgeted for this year. This repair was not covered by any warranty.
- c. The salt is quickly taking a toll on our budget as well. We have been mixing heavier using more anti-skid to offset the cost of salt. Salt cost is \$79.00 a ton. Anti-skid is \$23.00 a ton.
- d. Request permission to start the process to hire Summer help. This position would be to mow and help as needed for road projects, such as installing drainage pipes and paving. The position would be limited to 30 hours weekly between April 0, 2026 and ending November 01, 2026.

- e. Some invoices were coded incorrectly resulting in large discrepancies in figures.
- f. Signs (TB) – No smoking/No Parking On Grass / Township signs

XIII. Park & Recreation –

- a. Celebration Day – Supervisor Bitler announced that would like to spearhead the community event
- b. Clean-up – The use of a Township truck may be required.
- c. Use of facilities
- d. Reorganization meeting on February 23rd at 6:00pm
- e. Plowville Athletic Association Capital Improvement (TB) Funding backstop in connection with the Township wide Parks and Open space rec plan.

XIV. Municipal Authority(TB)

- a. Fill two open positions(TB) – Will be filled at Regular meeting on February 19th.
- b. Lease negotiations(TB) – Ongoing. Chairman Bitler seeking a simpler agreement.

XV. EAC

- a. December 04, 2025, meeting minutes - NFA

XVI. New Business –

- a. Tower Health – Request to discuss EMS funding -presentation occurred earlier in the meeting
- b. Employee valuations (TB) – NFA at this time.

XVII. Old Business –

- a. Burn Ordinance(TB) -
- b. Codification(TB) – Ongoing
- c. Data Center – Discussed earlier in the meeting

XVIII. Executive Session –

The Board recessed for executive session at 9:05pm

The Board returned from executive session at 9:15pm

Matters discussed were zoning and permit legal issues and Wednesday January 21, 2026 where Supervisors Bitler, Steve and Fix met with a potential candidate for hire. No deliberation took place.

XIX. Motion To Adjourn-

Motion to Adjourn at 9:21pm

Motioned by Supervisor Gullo

Seconded by Supervisor Rhoads

YES: Gullo, Rhoads, Bitler, Steve

Motion passed

Absent: Fix