

## **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**

**January 15, 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, , Jeff Rhoads, & Harold Steve

Supervisor Absent: Scott Gullo

Also present: Acting Chief Jason Rimby and Solicitor Mark Merolla

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

- a. Carrie Mountz, 2482 Hay Creek Road – Mountz reintroduced herself as the Tax Collector after a successful election. She mentioned that she closed the 2025 year with only 82 bills sent to tax claim. Robeson had 3400 parcels. She shared that residents may use the dropbox at her home which is secure and watched by a camera if they do not feel comfortable mailing. County and Township Tax bills are due March 1<sup>st</sup>, if residents did not receive them she can email or text them to residents.
- b. Molly Gosling, 577 Cedar Hill Road – Resident expressed concerns about and opposition to a data center in Robeson Township cited concerns about the water and overall well being of residents. Gosling emphasized the importance of the BOS reviewing the Data Center Ordinance that was presented by EAC.

#### **III. Correspondence –**

- a. State Ethics Commission, Statement of Financial Interest for CY 2025. Due to the Township no later than May 01,2026.
- b. Non-Union Collective Bargained Group Participation Agreement
- c. Elverson Honeybrook Area EMS 2025 Year End Letter
- d. Clearance from Office of Election Services to appoint an Auditor whose term will expire at the end of 2027

#### **IV. Police –**

- a. Discussion regarding BAS

Solicitor Mark Merolla will look into BAS and provide more information to the Board.

b. Discussion on building a gun range

Acting Chief Rimby spoke with the Birdsboro Borough Police who have their own gun range. They are willing to allow Robeson Township Officers to use their range.

V. Finance / Other –

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

VI. Manager's Comments –

- a. Old River Road Update – The township is still exploring speed calming devices. The Engineers have suggested closing the road. No decision was made at this time.
- b. Staff Update – The Board has received a resume for a Fiscal Assistant.
- c. Fee Schedule
- d. Purchases of AED – The township explored grants for AED and did not find anything available at this time. The cost would be approximately \$2,000.00 an AED. No action was taken.
- e. Decommissioning of Fuel Tanks – The fuel tanks at the Police Station are no longer in use. It would cost roughly \$20,000 - \$40,000 to decommission the fuel tanks. No action was taken.

VII. Supervisor's Reports –

- a. SMP Database – Supervisor Rhoads – No Update
- b. RTMA Lease – Supervisor Bitler – Will have Solicitor Mark Merolla review.

VIII. Fire Companies

- a. Friendship FC
- b. EMC
- c. Gibraltar FC

IX. Minutes, Expenses and Reports –

- a. BOS Workshop Meeting Draft Minutes 12.11.25
- b. BOS Regular Meeting Draft Minutes 12-16-25
- c. BOS Special Meeting Draft Minutes 12-29-25
- 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 Rhoads to accept and approve the minutes, expenses, and reports. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Steve. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

X. Planning & Engineering – Engineer Ryan Rhode

- a. Rock Hollow Bridge – Discussed but no action was taken.
- b. Schuylkill Road & Old River Road - Discussed but no action was taken.

XI. Legal Matters

- a. Fee Ordinance
- b. Cease and Desist Authorization

XII. Public Works – Barry Readinger

- a. Commence process to hire a Public Works employee - upcoming retirement in March/April.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to advertise for a Public Works employee in preparation for the upcoming retirement in March/April. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Fix. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

- b. 2004 Freightliner currently being inspected. Requires a new exhaust from the Turbo back, new air bags and air hoses for the same. Parts and labor cost are quoted at \$2,800.00. No Action Taken.
- c. Consider selling three vehicles - 2015 F550, 2004 Freightliner and 2001 Chevy pickup, to be replaced with the purchase of a single vehicle, namely a 5500/6500 small dump truck.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to place the 2004 Freightliner on MuniBid. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Rhoads. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

- d. In 2025 the 2015 F550 cost the Township approximately \$16,000.00 and is now having repeat issues with the DPF filter and check engine lights. The 2001 Chevy pickup incurred \$4,000.00 in repair costs and the 2004 Freightliner dump truck currently requires \$2,800.00 in repairs/ maintenance. No Action Taken.
- e. WEX cards are operating smoothly for the crew. The fuel pumps to the rear of the Police Department are no longer working for diesel, suggest commencing to decommission them. No Action Taken.

XIII. Park & Recreation –

- a. No new business

XIV. EAC -

a. Data Center

Kate Kennedy, Chairperson of the EAC shared that she would like to be apart of the process for the approval of the Data Center Ordinance as a community. Solicitor Mark Merolla is in process of reviewing the proposed Data Center Ordinance.

XV. New Business –

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A motion was made by Supervisor Bitler to endorse the release of funds in the amount of \$24,646.83 for the New Castle Lawn and Navy Yard sewer issue. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Rhoads. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

XVII. Executive Session –

The Board of Supervisors recessed to Executive Session at 7:59 pm. The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:24 pm.

A motion was made by Supervisor Steve to advertise for all vacant positions. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Rhoads. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

XVIII. Motion To Adjourn

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