

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

WORKSHOP MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 9, 2026

The Workshop Meeting of the Robeson Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building, 2689 Main Street, Birdsboro, PA on Thursday July 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Timothy B. Bitler. Present for the meeting were Supervisors Timothy B. Bitler, Jeffrey Rhoads, Scott Gullo, Margaret Fix, and Harold Steve. Also present were Township Manager Osmer Deming, Solicitor Mark Merolla, Esquire, Engineer Ryan Rhode and Chief of Police Joseph Brown.

I. Call To Order

a. Pledge Of Allegiance

b. Roll Call of Supervisors

Chairman Bitler – Present
Supervisor Rhoads – Present
Supervisor Gullo – Present
Supervisor Fix – Present
Supervisor Steve – Present

II. Citizen Concerns / Public Comment

Robert Deeds expressed a concern about his neighbor creating noise and he opined that it was a code violation. Cynthia Deeds expressed the same concern and asked whether her neighbor had responded to the Robeson Township zoning officer. Meredith Henry apologized to the Chief of Police and the Township Manager about previous interactions that she had had with both of them. She went on to reiterate her concerns about the flag being at half mast on Independence Day. It was explained to her that a Pennsylvania State Trooper had died in the line of duty in close proximity to the holiday and that was the reason for the flag being at half mast. She also expressed complaints about a garbage disposal truck coming down her roadway in the middle of the night and about corn from a neighboring field. Richard Steele then spoke about topic expressed by the previous speakers, the hearing on the junk cars and various other topics.

III. Correspondence

Brief reference was made to the Dyer Quarry.

IV. Police

Chief Joseph Brown made reference to the Big Boy train visit, expressing thanks to the community, the fire companies, the Exeter Fire Department, the public works department, Tower Health, the Robeson Township Board of Supervisors the administration and to Berks Fire Water for donating the water bottles that were handed out during the event.

V. Finance / Other

- a. Brief reference to the Sewer Aging Report, other financial documents will be at the next meeting.

VI. Manager's Comments

The Township Manager referenced how he had recently visited the Village Library during their open house and they expressed gratitude for the annual \$7,5000.00 received by the Township. Further reference was made to the Big Boy train visit and how our numbers of safety and no injuries—heat related or otherwise--surpassed those of other municipalities. The Facebook page for township has been revitalized. The July 4-5 storms wreaked havoc in the township, knocking out electricity to many. A system to better communicate with Met Ed should be developed. Reference was also given to updating our fireworks ordinance and our upcoming collective bargaining with the police union.

VII. Supervisors Reports

- a. Flag retirement - Supervisor Bitler indicated that the flag retirement ceremony was a success and that may become an annual event.

VIII. Fire Companies

Written reports that were received were referenced.

IX. Minutes and Reports

There are draft minutes of sewage enforcement officer report, building inspector report, zoning inspection report, and other reports.

X. Planning & Engineering – Engineer Ryan Rhode

On the Brookside School, the Planning Commission had recommended approval of a waiver of Section 403 to allow the plan to be approved as a preliminary/final plan all in one step as well as conditional approval subject to the remaining conditions.

Motion to approve the Plan for Brookside School under the conditions as set forth in the review letter

Moved by Supervisor Steve.

Seconded by Supervisor Fix.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion to approve the Section 403 waiver for Brookside School
Moved by Supervisor Steve.
Seconded by Supervisor Fix.
Motion Passed Unanimously

Brief discussion on Gunhart Road Bridge. Weight restriction signs have been installed by the road crew, which were requested by the bridge inspector. We're looking at costs associated with that.

XI. Legal Matters

Ridgeway Road Truck ordinance has been advertised and will be on next week's agenda for approval. Solicitor has been working with Ted Nelson on a problem property on Zion Road. Vote must be made on 1282 Green Hills Road.

Motion to uphold the Zoning Officer's Decision on 1282 Green Hills Road.
Moved by Supervisor Steve.
Seconded by Supervisor Gullo.
Motion Passed 4 to 1 with Supervisor Fix voting no .

Collective bargaining strategic planning is moving forward.

XII. Public Works – Barry Readinger

Flail mower needs some substantial repairs. Gratitude expressed to Brian Rhein who assisted and took a lead during Barry's absence. Line painting on Cocalico and Plow Roads was discussed. Issues with how fog line was done.

XIII. Park & Recreation

Fall fest and pavilion discussed.

XIV. Motion To Adjourn -

Motion to adjourn at 8:19
Motioned by Supervisor Fix
Seconded by Supervisor Rhoads
Motion Passed Unanimously