

ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

May 21, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Robeson Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building, 2689 Main Street, Birdsboro, PA on Thursday May 21, 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

Rose Hamilton expressed a concern about the Chairman making telephone inquiries. This concern was addressed by Chairman Bitler. Jason Shaner with Impact Engineering Group, on behalf of David Spar and Elizabeth Birmingham, described an application that his clients have before the Zoning Hearing Board.

III. Correspondence

None.

IV. Police

Chief Joseph Brown referenced the police department report for April 2026. He also gave an update on the Route 724 bridge closure, referencing complaints and signage compliance. The Pennsylvania State Police worked with the Robeson Township Police Department in conducting a traffic detail in which nine truckers were pulled over and three were taken out of service because of safety issues. He is planning some combined enforcement details. A directive is being developed with respect to training for the department. There was a safety drill at the elementary school, which went well. Finally, he recognized Officer Jeb Cooper who responded to a recent motor vehicle accident and helped extract an accident victim.

V. Finance / Other

Monthly expenses in the packet.

**Motion to pay all open bills
Moved by Supervisor Fix
Seconded by Supervisor Steve.
Motion Passed Unanimously**

VI. Manager's Comments

More work has been completed on the audit. Data is being compiled for the annual liquid fuel report. Update provided on the search for an administrative assistant applicant. Our fiscal assistant, Christine Nuse, is knowledgeable on QuickBooks, but we could use other help with that.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2026-14 Old River Road Bridge Closure.
Moved by Supervisor Steve
Seconded by Supervisor Bitler
Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Motion to approve Resolution 2026-15 Appointing Osmer Deming as Open Records Officer with Harold Steve as alternate.
Moved by Supervisor Bitler
Seconded by Supervisor Steve
Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Motion to approve Resolution 2026-16 Appointing Osmer Deming as Township Manager
Moved by Supervisor Bitler**

IX. Minutes and Reports

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

**Motion to accept all reports that are in the possession of the Board.
Moved by Supervisor Steve
Seconded by Supervisor Fix
Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Motion to approve minutes of Workshop Meeting of 4/9/2026
Moved by Supervisor Steve
Seconded by Supervisor Fix
Motion Passed Unanimously**

Motion to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of 4/16/2026

Moved by Supervisor Steve

Seconded by Supervisor Fix

Motion Passed Unanimously

VII. Engineer's Reports

2026 street work is progressing. On the data center ordinance, it will be going back to the planning commission. Changes from EAC have been incorporated. Final draft will be provided to the Board after planning commission meeting. Old River Road/724 Schuylkill Trail, there will be signage improvements at that location and potentially some line painting, none of which will involve Robeson Township. Upcoming meeting with the engineer for the Amish school to look at drainage along Zion Road and then off to Gunhart Road and address a plan regarding signage. On Stericycle, planning commission recommended approval of a request for waiver of land development. Stericycle must submit E&S plan to the county before getting permits.

Motion to approve land development waiver conditioned upon Stericycle submitting a plan that can be approved for landscaping improvements at their entrance.

Moved by Supervisor Steve

Seconded by Supervisor Fix

Motion Passed Unanimously

VIII. Legal matters

On the request seeking approval for release of funds, Supervisor Bitler indicated that he has been in touch with the President of Plowville AA, Steven Longenecker. The Township will re-draft a check subject to them approving the understanding that it is open to some degree for public use. Solicitor Merolla indicated that an ordinance has been completed and is ready to go after construction is completed. On a former employee, there is a separation agreement.

Motion to approve Separation agreement subject to approval of labor counsel

Moved by Supervisor Steve

Seconded by Supervisor Bitler

Motion Passed Unanimously

IX. Public Works

The township engineer indicated that with respect to Ridgeway Road, there is a truck restriction on the Cumru entrance off of 724. There is nothing on record nor is there signage for the Robeson Township approach on Green Hills Road. The roadway is narrow and windy and there are "yield to oncoming traffic" approaches. The engineer opined that these issues are what is needed to justify an ordinance to restrict trucks on Ridgeway Road.

Motion to authorize installation of no trucks sign on Ridgeway Road and for solicitor to draft an ordinance to that effect.

Moved by Supervisor Steve

Seconded by Supervisor Bitler

Motion Passed Unanimously

X. Parks and Recreation

On July 4, there will be a flag retirement ceremony.

XI. Old Business

Supervisor Steve indicated that there are some issues with the sewer plant operation and transfer process at the Green Hills Estates development. We will need to sit down and formulate a plan on how to address that.

Supervisor Bitler referenced exploring a food pantry and a drug drop off center. The latter will be discussed with the Chief of Police.

XII. Motion To Adjourn -

Motion to adjourn at 7:49 P.M.

Motioned by Supervisor Steve

Motion Passed Unanimously