

**HALIFAX TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisors Bechtel, Bruner, Hoover, Paul and Shultz are present. Solicitor Warshawsky, Engineer Tom Wilson, Roadmaster Corey Stazewski and Secretary Carolyn Nye are present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None held.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** **Marilyn & Glenn Noblit** commented on a lawsuit in which they are involved that has to do with a private right of way and a ruling that requires them to put up a fence. They asked if there is an ordinance pertaining to fencing requirements. The Solicitor and Engineer stated there is no apparent ordinance relating to fencing. **Laura Frey** brought a request to the Board asking for a support letter for a rabies clinic for cats and dogs. **Motion** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to provide a letter of support contingent upon more information, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Flo Mallonee** welcomed everyone and is looking forward to a better year. She commended the Board's decision regarding the current Gaming Grant Application denial and understands the Board's concern with maintenance cost of the park. **Clifford Harn** will defer to later on the agenda. **Fred Anderson** remarked that the problem regarding the property on North River Road has not been resolved. **Todd Etzweiler** has nothing at this time.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:** **Paid Interim Bills** - Supervisor Shultz made a motion to approve the interim bills, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**Current Unpaid Bills** – Supervisor Shultz made a motion to authorize payment of the current bills, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Minutes** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to accept the minutes as written for December 8, 2011 and December 12, 2011, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Financial Report** – no comments.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** The January Planning Commission was not held due to lack of a quorum. Chairman Bechtel stated he attended the Halifax Area Recreation Authority meeting and it was stated the fees for the pavilion at the park will be the same for 2012.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Tom Wilson read his January 6, 2012 report.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** The Solicitor went over his report dated January 6, 2012. **Konchar Litigation** – The Solicitor stated Mr. Konchar communicated thru his attorney that he would like the Township to purchase his strip of land. The Solicitor suggested an executive session be held and invite Mr. Radebach and Mr. Konchar. **Jorich Issue** – Mr. Jorich still has not submitted an as-built plan. **Harn Issue** – Mr. Harn defers to his issue under Old Business. **Upper Dauphin Income Tax Issue** – The Solicitor stated he was contacted by Millersburg School District's Solicitor regarding some potential funds that may be owed to the school districts and municipalities by Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office. The Solicitor explained a Tolling Agreement to the Board which would allow time for a lawsuit to be filed if necessary. **Motion** – Supervisor Shultz made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to do a Tolling Agreement and have an executive session if needed regarding this issue, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, Supervisor Shultz asks if Upper Dauphin Tax Office is doing something illegal, the Solicitor explained this has not been determined yet, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

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**ROADMASTER REPORT:** Corey talked about missing and faded road signs. He was instructed to make a comprehensive list of signs with costs and bring to the Board at the February meeting. Corey also brought up the issue regarding new locks and a new shop door that is needed. **Motion** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to authorize Corey to see that door is replaced and new proprietary locks are installed, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Bidding Nuisance** – Dale's recommendation is to send a notice to Mr. Bidding. The Solicitor will send a letter to Mr. Bidding regarding the issues of tree limbs and the roof over the walk way which is hazardous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE: Enders Technology – Web Master: Motion** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to accept the annual fee schedule, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Printer** – The secretary informed the Board that the backup printer is failing. The Board authorized her to look for a new printer. **Letter of Collateralization** – Secretary will contact Susquehanna Bank to obtain this.

**SEO REPORT: Harner/Hoover Property Issue – Motion:** Supervisor Hoover made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to proceed with a nuisance letter to Mr. Harner and copy Mr. Hoover, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. The Solicitor will get in contact with Light-Heigel since they are the new primary SEO and inform them of the issue.

**OLD BUSINESS: Tax Collector Fee Certification Resolution** – The resolution has to do with the Tax Collector collecting a fee of \$5.00 for tax information provided to mortgage companies etc. and also contains the fees of the Engineer and Solicitor regarding SALDO reviews which are to be paid by the applicant upon filing a plan. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to waive the reading of Resolution 12-1-2012, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve Resolution 12-1-2012, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**Harn Issue** - The Solicitor and Board discussed this issue with Mr. Harn and presented options. **Motion** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to allow Mr. Harn 60 days to cleanup the property and get rid of the vehicles, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**Community Rating System** – This system works in conjunction with flood insurance to lower rates of the flood insurance for residents in the township. **Motion** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to participate in this program, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. Tom Wilson indicated he could be the coordinator and that we should probably wait until the flood maps are processed before pursuing this.

**Gaming Grant Response Letters** – Chairman Bechtel reiterated Linda Stopfel's statement in the December 19 Special Meeting where she said if the Township turns down this grant, it will never see this money again. He also reiterated Carol Eppley's statement in her email where she said the Township has burned all of its bridges for grant money by rejecting the Gaming Grant. Chairman Bechtel talked to Mr. Mimme and he stated there would be no adverse opinion from his end regarding refusal of this particular grant. In addition Chairman Bechtel talked to Mr. Stewart a member from the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board and he also indicated there should be no adverse opinion in the future because of this grant refusal. The Board agreed to have the solicitor draft a cover letter to the letter that was previously sent to Mr. Stewart and send this to the Dauphin County Commissioners.

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**PSATS Convention** – Chairman Bechtel reminded the Board about the convention and if anyone other than Supervisor Bruner wants to attend, let the secretary know as soon as possible. There is a discount cost if the application is sent by January 31.

**Nuisance Complaint** – Chairman Bechtel indicated that Dale’s recommendation, per his report, was to send Mr. Bidding a notice regarding tree limbs and roof over the walkway which is a hazard.

**NEW BUSINESS: HAWASA – ACCU MOLD:** This issue has to do with HAWASA and Accu Mold regarding the sewer line extension and Accu Mold’s hookup. The parties are working together on this. The Solicitor spoke to Attorney Dagher who indicated the authority is taking care of this issue. The Solicitor indicated he would like to be informed when this issue is resolved.

**Employee Reappointment-Dale Shoop:** Discussion took place regarding Dale’s appointment and responsibilities as well as Corey’s responsibilities. The Solicitor suggested an executive session be held to discuss this in detail. An executive session is scheduled for January 16 at 7 p.m. Corey will meet with the Board at 7 p.m. and Dale will meet at 7:30 p.m. with the Board. There will also be matters of litigation discussed at this session.

**Advertisement for HARA Vacancy – Motion:** Supervisor Shultz made a motion to advertise the HARA vacancy, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**Employee Policy Committee** – The committee will consist of Corey, Supervisors Shultz, Paul and Bruner.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Employee Appointment and Alternative Income Sources.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Planning Commission Meeting/Reorganization Meeting February 6 at 7 p.m. Township Meeting February 13 at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Supervisor Shultz made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nye  
Secretary