

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

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

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

RECORDING MEETING: The Secretary is the only one recording the meeting.

PAVING BIDS: Chairman Bechtel opened the paving bids and went over the bid amounts submitted. The Board instructed the Roadmaster to review the bids and come back to the Board later on the agenda to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Bechtel announced an executive session was held today prior to this meeting at 6:05 p.m. to 6:50 to discuss litigation and personnel issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: **Flo Mallonee** commented on the advantage of the LST (Local Service Tax) and anonymous complaints per the past nuisance policy. **Jerry Kinsinger** defers. **Lannie Millette** spoke about his request regarding an Irish Road Bowling on a Township Road. The Board entertained more discussion on this issue at this time. **Motion** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to approve the activity subject to the Solicitor’s suggestion to have Camp Hebron submit to him for review a waiver, a description of the activity to be held on a township road, and insurance documents, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT: **Paid Interim Bills Motion** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to approve the interim bills, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Current Unpaid Bills Motion** – Supervisor Shultz made a motion to authorize the payment of the current bills, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Minutes** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to approve the June 11, 2012 minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Financial Report** – Board reviewed and no comment made.

EMC REPORT: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Chairman Ford gave a report of the meeting of June 11, 2012. The minutes were approved. Laurie Fantom wants to subdivide a small portion of one parcel and add it to another parcel. Paulvir Subdivision Plan was recommended for approval.

Motion for Waivers: Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the waivers as stated in Tom Wilson’s memo of June 28, 2012, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Motion to Approve Plan: Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the subdivision plan, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Laurie Fantom** discussed her intention to separate the one parcel. The Solicitor stated there is no mechanism in the SALDO to exempt a small piece of property such as this. In the future this may be included in the SALDO.

Motion: Supervisor Hoover made a motion to approve the request, motion died for lack of a second. The Solicitor suggested Laurie submit a drafted deed modification to the Planning Commission with metes and bounds. The deed should include a boundary line agreement. Laurie agreed to provide this to the Planning Commission.

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ENGINEER REPORT: Tom Wilson read his report dated July 3, 2012. No action taken.

SOLICITOR REPORT: The Solicitor went over his report dated July 3, 2012. **Harman Plan:** The Solicitor will follow up with Glime Associates who will be finalizing the project improvement. **Tobias:** Mr. Tobias wants to set up a meeting with the Township regarding Keefer Road. Supervisors Paul and Bechtel agreed to meet with Mr. Tobias. **Nuisances: Harman** – Is on hold, trailer not yet removed. **Masser** – The hearing date is scheduled for August 22, 2012. **Fox** – There has been no change or response. The trailers should be secured and the grass mowed. **Motion** – Supervisor Shultz made a motion to file an action against the landowner, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Masser** – Mr. Kissinger asked for clarification on the enforcement procedure. The Solicitor explained the procedure. **Hoffman Matter** – The grass was mowed; however, the mosquitos are an issue because of the inground pool not being maintained per DEP. **Takacs Nuisance** – The property line is in question. The Township cannot get involved any further until the boundary line is clearly established. **Anonymous Nuisances:** As far as anonymous nuisances, the Solicitor stated if there is a situation that requires the Board's attention due to it being a serious or obvious problem, it does not matter if it is provided by an anonymous complaint. **Bistline:** No payment received yet this month. **Tourist Park Water Issue** – There was a pipe replaced by Norfolk Southern but the drains were not flushed by PennDOT. Chairman Bechtel will call PennDOT about this problem. **Ebenezer Road:** The Solicitor has been in communication with Attorney Kerwin about this drain issue who is questioning whether the problem is caused by the failure to install the swale on the Zelinski property. Tom Wilson will take a look at this and no further action taken until a determination can be made. **Ft. Halifax Park:** Supervisor Paul and Hoover along with the Solicitor met with Commissioner Haste. The County is not looking to take on ownership of any new park. They may be divesting themselves of all parks in the county system. Mr. Haste did suggest with the new administration to contact the Deputy Chief of Staff under Governor Corbett and bring the issue of potential for farming on a portion of the fort property back for discussion.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Seasonal Employee List: Corey stated Randy Bechtel is not retiring yet but would like to be added to the list of seasonal employees. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to add Randy Bechtel to the seasonal employee list, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Two-Way Radios:** Corey indicated it would cost an additional \$27.00 for the batteries and would like approval for these. **Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to authorize the purchase of two batteries at the cost of \$27.00, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Rocket Launch – The secretary indicated she received an email requesting approval by the Board to change the rocket launch date to August 11, 2012 **Motion:** Supervisor Hoover made a motion to approve the change to August 11, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Replacement of Ceiling Tiles in Meeting Room** - Melinda Warfel asks the Board for approval to replace the tiles in the meeting room and to note that since the budgeted amount under auditor fees is not going to get higher to consider that remaining money for purchasing the replacement tile. **Motion:** Supervisor Hoover made a motion to authorize the replacement tiles at a cost of \$525.00, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. The Board thanked Melinda with the aid of Donna Rode for painting the meeting room.

SEO REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: Dane Snyder – Dane gave an overview of the May meeting with Joe Baker and two professors from Millersville and Penn State regarding the walk thru at Ft. Halifax Park. Dane

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explained that funding approval is based on proof of the Fort. Dane would like to oversee the project and needs authorization from the Board. The testing done at the park in October 2011 provided a point of interest to pursue. A tractor, disc and plow would be needed at the Northern end of the field to loosen and turn over the soil for evaluation purposes. A metal detecting group could come in to help the process. Dane estimates the end of summer or beginning of fall to be the timeframe for this project. He indicated he will draft up an agreement for the Township if the Board agrees to this. The Board agreed for Dane to provide the agreement for review by the Solicitor.

Sweeper Bids: Corey provided information on the bid he obtained from Seigworth Road Supply, Inc..
Motion: Supervisor Shultz made a motion to accept the bid for the sweeper from Seigworth amounting to \$525.00, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

LST (Local Service Tax) Committee: A sample ordinance was provided by Melinda Warfel. The Solicitor will work with Melinda on the ordinance. The ordinance must be advertised and a copy to DCED before November 1, 2012.

Paving Bids: Corey reviewed the bids from the various paving companies. **Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to award bids to Eastern Industry for Camp Hebron Road, bid amount of \$142,080.80; Fulkroad for the portion of Parmer Drive, bid amount of \$60,362.84 and Handwerk for Dunkel School Road, bid amount \$43,632.91 and Scholl Road, bid amount \$5,850.02, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Laurie Fantom – previously addressed.

Janet Greene – Janet came to the meeting to speak on behalf of Randy Wolfe and the issue regarding his property and the Noblet property. The case went to court regarding dispute over a right-of-way along the properties. Janet stated the judge ruled with a court order for Mr. Noblet to open, fence and fully maintain the road. Janet wants to know if any improvement is subject to the township's SALDO. The Solicitor stated it all depends on what improvements and the extent of those. If Mr. Noblit is not improving the road, the Township does not get involved. He stated Mr. Wolfe can have his attorney send the judgment to the Solicitor for his review to determine whether or not it is subject to the SALDO provisions relating to road construction if he so desires.

Anonymous Nuisances: Previously addressed.

Waste Oil Heater and Recycling – The Board discussed this issue and it is determined that it is not a cost effective venture.

Takacs Complaint: This issue has to do with an abandoned neighboring property. **Motion -** Supervisor Paul made a motion to send a letter to the name of the estate regarding the issues of the property pertaining to safety hazards, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. Melinda Warfel will provide the address.

Hillcrest Critter and Pest Control: The Secretary contacted Matt Miller and was told that he will trap feral cats at \$35.00 per cat and remove them.

Employee Evaluation Schedule: The committee of Supervisors Paul and Shultz will be conducting employee evaluations on the three full time employees

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AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Planning Commission Meeting August 6 at 7 p.m. Township Meeting August 13 at 7 p.m., SALDO Hearing July 23 at 6:30 p.m. followed by Public Meeting at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Bruner made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nye
Secretary