

**HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2013**

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. Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky, Engineer Tom Wilson, Roadmaster Corey Stazewski and Secretary Carolyn Nye are present.

RECORDING MEETING: Secretary is the only individual tonight recording the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None held.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: **Chad Lebo** is in attendance tonight to talk about the nuisance letter. He will defer his comments to later on the agenda. **Melvin Lebo** has nothing at this time. **Med X Representative** has no comment at this time. **Mike Snody** defers his comments to later on the agenda. **Charles Suhr** defers to later on the agenda. **Darryl Neihart** owns property next to the lot conveyed to The Friends of Ft. Halifax. The Solicitor clarified that not all facts are known. The road, Buffalo Park Road, has not been used for more than 21 years. The Friends of Ft. Halifax would have to seek a lawyer to determine their rights if it is questionable. **Flo Mallonee** has no comment. **Hara Frank** has no comment. **Frank Wilmarth** is glad to hear that the Township will be forming a committee regarding the park issues.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT: **Paid Interim Bills** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to approve the interim bills, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Current Unpaid Bills** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to authorize the payment of the unpaid bills, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Minutes** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the December 10, 2012 minutes, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Financial Report** – The Board reviewed the Financial Report and made no comments. The report is on file for auditing.

EMC REPORT: Charles Bisking, Township EMC reported on how emergency calls are taken and assigned regarding Medic 6 and HAARA.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Flo Mallonee Chairman of the PC gave a report on the January 8, 2013 meeting. At the Reorganization meeting Flo was appointed Chairman, Fred Ford is Vice Chairman and Bob Artman is Secretary. Under New Business under the Paulvir/Gotshall Plan the PC recommended the Township draw up an agreement which should be recorded and to reflect that the Gotshall's be responsible for the improvements on the lots they purchased at the time when they are developed. Under Old Business the Sheetz Plan, the Planning Commission recommended preliminary plan approval contingent upon Tom Wilson's review and recommendations. Sheetz agreed if possible to put in a left hand turn at the light to Parmer Drive. Under the Piltz/Tobias Plan the PC recommended approving the plan and all the waivers. **Sheetz Plan Motion** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to recommend preliminary plan approval conditioned upon satisfaction of the items which are identified in the December 18, 2012 Memorandum from Tom Wilson, Township Engineer and the good faith resolution of outstanding traffic issues and reaching a mutually agreeable solution to address, in particular, but not limited to, matters at the signaled intersection and ingress/egress to Rte. 147, and both conditions to be satisfied within 12 months of such conditional approval of the preliminary plan, seconded

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by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion Piltz/Tobias Waiver** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the preliminary plan waiver Section 405, transfer land with no new building lots per Section 407, Section 502.3b(3) paving requirements – no increase, Section 606, Section 607 E & S, Storm Water Management Section 508, Seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion to Approve the Piltz/Tobias Subdivision Plan** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the subdivision plan conditional upon deed reference to recorded plan, title of plan to be changed, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

ENGINEER REPORT: Tom Wilson read his report dated December 31, 2012. No actions taken.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Jorich: The Solicitor and Engineer met with Mr. Jorich's engineer who will get As-Builts for \$2,500.00. We will draw on LOC and proceed after Tom has reviewed the revised As-Builts. Solicitor will report on progress next month. **UDITO:** Extensions were granted to bank and Powells, Rogers and Speaks. Litigation will move forward. **Nuisance Ordinance** – The Solicitor will be working more on this ordinance this month. See full report.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Roller and Tar Buggy: Corey brought up about a roller and tar buggy. Supervisor Paul suggested Corey take a look at the roller and report back to the Board. **Building with no Permit:** The Board discussed this issue and stated that complaints regarding this should come to the Township. The Solicitor stated the building permit ordinance needs reviewed and revised. It was stated Corey should investigate these situations and report to the Board. **Snody Storm Water Issue:** Corey will get in touch with Mr. Snody to arrange a site visit and try to suggest a remedy to Board. **Lebo Complaint** – A preliminary nuisance letter should be sent to the landowner providing the details of the allegation. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to authorize secretary to send a pre-nuisance letter, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Funk Road** – Corey did a site evaluation and reported to the Board that the problem is between Mr. Kiner and the Funks and has to do with the Funks access to their property. The Solicitor stated this is a private road issue and if Township gets involved, it could open Township up for liability. **Motion:** Supervisor Hoover made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft a letter of explanation to the Funks, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE: None

SEO REPORT: A December report was sent to the Township. No comments made by the Board on this report.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Bechtel stated he wants to move some of the agenda items around and will address Chad Lebo first. **Chad Lebo** – Chad provided a timeline and use of the various materials which was reported by Mr. Snody as a nuisance. He indicated the property is not owned by him and the letter was mailed to the wrong address. Chad stated his address is 550 Middle Road. The alleged junk is on 510 Middle Road and Chad reported the use of the items on this property. The cars were removed from this property. Mr. Snody stated he is concerned with the environment and conservation. He indicated he can see Mr. Lebo's "junk" from his property. Chad indicated that the Roadmaster can come onto his property only with Chad in attendance. **Remedy by the Board – Motion:** Supervisor Shultz made a motion that the Board is satisfied with Chad's explanation and there is no violation and there will be no further pursuit of the complaint, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

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Med X – Charles Miller, Operations Manager of Med X presented the Board with a proposal for advanced life support (ALS) to be housed in Halifax Township. Charles presented comparisons pertaining to time and distance regarding emergency calls.

Medic 6 – Representative John Logan went over the services provided by Medic 6 as well as various statistics. Chairman Bechtel suggested a committee be formed to have discussions with all the local ambulance providers. This suggestion is made to merely gather information and have discussion. There will be no change at this time in providers.

HAARA – Sharon Young went over the billing procedure and monies received. Jack Geyer provided his opinion feeling that another medic unit might undermine HAARA's services. Supervisor Shultz gave his perspective that "time is life" and this ultimately should be the main focus.

Alex Acres Water Runoff Issue – Supervisor Paul reported he looked at the terrain and gave his opinion pertaining to water runoff which starts at the trailer park and runs down causing the problem. He suggested a culvert be installed or rock trench which would create a low concentration of water. The Solicitor stated this condition is a dangerous condition to the roadway. The Board tabled this discussion.

Building Permit Fee – The Solicitor drafted a resolution to include the proposed \$45.00 fee for building permit applications. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to suspend the reading of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Tax Collector Resolution – **Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to pay the Tax Collector 4% on Township real estate, fire, per cap and light tax collected, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 4-1.

HARA – Discussion ensued pertaining to letter Township sent to HARA regarding withdraw from contract. Supervisors Bruner and Paul volunteered to serve on a committee with the Halifax Borough and Reed Township to discuss HARA's budget before meeting with HARA

Act 167 SWM Application – **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the change in language provided by the Solicitor, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to establish that the Storm Water Management Applications should come to the Township office for disbursement to the Engineer and Board, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

SEO Permits – The Board held discussion regarding the change to the SEO process in which they feel applicants should come to the Township office and pay the fees and obtain the permit application. This would provide the Township with more control up front with payments and documentation. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to change the procedure regarding the SEO process, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Todd Etzweiler – Todd spoke about the storm water problem as a result of a pipe that was put under a neighboring property driveway as well as one of the neighbor's downspout draining onto Todd's property. He indicated the neighbor built a garage without a building permit. The Board feels a letter should go to the property owner for resolution. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion

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to have the secretary send a friendly nuisance letter to Wells Fargo who owns the one property, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Tax Collector Resolution

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Planning Commission Meeting February 4 at 7 p.m.
Township Meeting February 11 at 7 p.m.
COG Meeting January 17 at Halifax Township

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Bruner made a motion to adjourn at 10:43 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nye
Township Secretary