

**HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 11, 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 and Paul are present. Supervisor Shultz is absent. Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky, Engineer Tom Wilson, Roadmaster Corey Stazewski and Secretary Carolyn Nye are present.

RECORDING MEETING: No one except the secretary is recording the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: **Cherry Pechart** commented on various issues surrounding Tobias Road and made a suggestion to privatize a portion of the road. **Flo Mallonee, Donna Rode, Chad Lebo, Steve Boyer, Cindy Carran, Hara Frank and Eileen Snyder** were called on but deferred any comments. **Mike Snody** defers to later under Roadmaster Report regarding stormwater runoff. **Frank Wilmarth** commented about the Friends of Ft. Halifax Ad Hoc committee and announced the Sycamore Tree Dedication for Saturday which was previously approved by the Board.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT: **Paid Interim Bills Motion**– Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the payment of the interim bills, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Current Unpaid Bills Motion**– Supervisor Hoover made a motion to authorize payment of the current bills, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Minutes Motion**– Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Financial Report** – The report was reviewed and no comments made.

EMC REPORT: Charlie Bisking who is the EMC provided information regarding an oil spill in the township. Also Charlie talked about a revised Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft a revised EOP resolution, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 4-0. Charlie mentioned that Med Ex who wants to be an ALS (Advanced Life Support) provider was called three different times for emergency service and was on their routine transport calls which prevented them from being available for ALS calls. John Logan, Director of Medic 6 Community Life Team talked about a lease for the ambulance building for paramedics to be stationed at their building. Charlie Bisking would like to not follow thru with the committee regarding services involving the Halifax Area Ambulance Association, Medic 6 and Med Ex until the ambulance association and Medic 6 resolve the lease issue.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Flo Mallonee gave the report of the meeting held March 4. She indicated Rahn and Ann Cooper submitted a Stormwater Management Plan to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and Engineer. Dwight and Emily Hoffman submitted a request to have their detention pond removed. The Planning Commission recommended to the Board the removal of the pond.

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ENGINEER REPORT: Tom Wilson read his February 28, 2013 report. He indicated he received correspondence from Mr. Lenker about starting construction for Phase I.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Bruner SWM Plan - The Solicitor indicated we are waiting for the SWM waivers from Tony Trost on the Bruner Plan. **Hoffman Retention Pond Issue – Motion:** Supervisor Hoover made a motion to permit removal of the detention pond facility contingent upon the Hoffmans willing to indemnify the Township completely for any affects on third parties of storm water runoff as result of removal of the facility and agrees that in instance of any development, they agree to comply with the storm water management ordinance then in affect absent any justification for a waiver and landowner agrees to pay legal fees and summary engineer review fee such as a waiver type review for storm water management, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, under discussion Chairman Bechtel stated he is in favor of this because each supervisor and the Township as a whole should be protected regarding this issue, vote called, motion carried 4-0. The Solicitor will draft a letter to the Hoffmans.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Snody Stormwater on Middle Road – Corey stated the only information he has at this time is that Mr. Snody will be forwarding pictures. Mr. Snody is present and indicated he will contact Corey and give him locations per the pictures he wants to provide. Chad Lebo stated he is willing to meet with Corey but not willing to have anyone on his property. **Nuisance** – The issue of the pipe at 1397 North River Road was discussed and the Board feels that by removing the pipe could cause more of a problem. **Motion-** Supervisor Paul made a motion to send a letter to Wells Fargo stating the Township does not want the nuisance abated by removing the pipe due to chance of causing more problems but to request consideration of a remedial action, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 4-0. A letter will be sent to the complainant explaining the Board’s action. **Kieffer Road** – Corey indicated some residents want to know what the Township is doing about Kieffer Road. The Solicitor will contact Attorney Krafsgig about this issue to see if Mrs. Tobias wants to take action on this. **Nuisance Complaint of Resident Along Dunkle School Road** – A complaint was received regarding trash lying around on the property. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to send a pre-nuisance letter to the landowner, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Township Truck** – Corey informed the Board that the 92 Dump truck has been under numerous repairs. He stated there is a 1999 Mac tandom axel truck available for sale by PennDOT The truck would be available to the Township before it went to auction. The Board agreed for Corey to seek information on the price advertised and when it is going for auction.

ADMINISTRATIVE: 3G Card – Secretary indicated the Township is in receipt of an offer from Verizon to update the 3G Card. She thought this had to do with the modem the Township purchased for Charlie Bisking’s lap top. Charlie was not sure. The Secretary will talk to the new business representative from Verizon to get information on this. **Annual Meeting with Insurance Agent with Available Dates** – The Board discussed available dates. The Secretary will contact Supervisor Shultz to see if he will be available to meet with Tom Troutman along with Chairman Bechtel. If not, Supervisor Bruner stated he can meet with Tom Troutman in Supervisor Shultz’s place. **Wayne Township Outstanding Workers Comp. Bill** – The Secretary indicated after the initial letter was sent and two follow-up emails to Wayne Township,

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payment still has not been received. The Solicitor will contact Wayne Township's attorney about this issue and provide a copy of the notifications.

SEO REPORT: None Received.

OLD BUSINESS: Tobias Road Abandonment – The Board discussed the issues involved with this situation. Chairman Bechtel states he is not interested in closing the road as long as one resident objects. He indicated a cul de sac would have to be constructed at a considerable expense to the Township and would involve residents giving up land thru legal means. Hara Frank indicated there has been a long history of people dumping trash along that Road and asks if a “Dead End” sign could be placed. It was stated travelers use this road to get to the Tobias Animal Farm. Chairman Bechtel stated he will talk to owners of Tobias Park and the Matters about signs. Corey will check options for other road signs. The road will be posted with a “No Winter Maintenance” sign.

Sycamore Tree Trimming Issue: The Board discussed at length the Sycamore Tree Ordinance. Issues and questions about the degrees of trimming and the proper trimming methods were discussed. It was concluded that the land owner who requests to trim a tree(s) be encouraged to consult with the State Forrester Andy Brought who could recommend the proper degree of trimming of any particular tree or recommend the tree be taken down if necessary. Ordinary trimming does not require a permit per the ordinance. However, any extensive trimming request requires a permit. The Solicitor will draft an application/permit by the next meeting. It was mentioned the Township needs to police this action.

SWM Application: The Chairman requested the Engineer to submit an application with the pages numbered for ease of reference when necessary.

Nuisance Complaints: Corey asks if the name of the complainant can be revealed if requested. The Solicitor indicated a Right-To-Know request should be submitted for that information.

Locust Street Nuisance: A letter was sent to the resident on Locust Street about the overhanging trees onto the Township right-of-way in order to allow the resident to trim the trees back off the right-of-way in a manor which would suit him. No response was received. Therefore the Township will trim the trees back with the tools they have available.

Ft. Halifax Park: Motion – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the requested colonial garden project and the use of the post at the park for this project, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Motion** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to authorize the requested burning at the park contingent upon contacting Halifax Fire Company and Dauphin Country control burn at 558-6900, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 4-0. The request to hold a flintlock block shoot during the Spring festival and renovation of one of the out buildings was denied.

NEW BUSINESS: Spring Cleanup/Electronics Pickup – Motion: Supervisor Paul made a motion to have cleanup day May 10 and 11, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 4-0. The Board indicated no paint and no refrigerators with refrigerant. The Township will be taking antifreeze and engine oil for recycling. Will accept appliances and air conditioners

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if the resident has a certificate proving the refrigerant was removed. Sean Bob who helps with cleanup day must submit a letter requesting to volunteer with indemnification in case of any injury. The Board indicated Sean can pick up items that are reparable after the cleanup days. Corey will supervise which items can be taken.

PSATS Convention Apr. 21-24: Supervisor Bruner will be attending the convention. The Secretary will draft a check to PSATS along with the application.

Dauphin County DCIB Information Session – Chairman Bechtel announced to the Board there is a meeting Tuesday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to be held regarding a loan program for local government.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Tobias Road Issue and the Sycamore Tree Application/Permit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Planning Commission Meeting April 1 at 7 p.m.

Township Meeting April 8 at 7 p.m.

Open House Senator Teplitz March 21, 3-5 p.m. and Town Meeting March 21, 6-7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Bruner made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nye
Secretary