

**Halifax Township
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Business Meeting
July 13, 2009**

Call to Order: Chairman Shearer called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call: Supervisors Shearer, Ruff, Eppley, Shultz and Hoover were present. K&W Engineer Tom Wilson, Solicitor Steve Dzurainin, Roadmaster Dale Shoop and Secretary/Treasurer David Hoover were also present.

Citizens taping the meeting were Rodney Hoover.

Supervisor Shearer announced there was an executive session held.

Public Comment Period:

- A. Loretta Prouse:** Addressed the response letter from the Township regarding the Newsletter questions she previously submitted.
- B. Patricia Powley:** Said the Patriot News doesn't provide the same information to Northern Dauphin County as everywhere else.
- C. Flo Mallonee:** Said she spoke to Mr. Hower of the Patriot News about her thoughts. She also said she is disappointed with the handling of the Township Meetings.
- D. Donna Rode:** She is disappointed with the Boards actions regarding the DONCO HOP the last two meetings.
- E. Bob Artman:** Asked how Mike Brown is proceeding with his inspections of the malfunctioning systems. Mr. Artman also said that traveling north on Route 147 there is no signage that Parmer Drive has the right-of-way rather than Route 147. He feels the Township should be more environmentally conscious rather than having two sets of work being done at the Route 147/225 intersection.
- F. Gregg Keefer:** Thinks all of Fellowship Drive residents are here to show their interest. They truly hope the Township Board takes appropriate action in accepting the Deed of Dedication.

Secretary/Treasurers Report

The paid interim bills and unpaid current bills were presented for approval. Carol Eppley moved to approve the bills as presented. Linda Ruff seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor except Ken Hoover who was opposed.

The June 8, 2009 Business meeting minutes were presented for approval. Carol Eppley moved to approve the minutes as presented but with the correction to the Planning Commission section under recording device. The recording device is to be used for the Planning Commission meetings and the Board of Supervisors meetings. Linda Ruff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The June Financial Report was accepted.

Planning Commission

Chairman Eppley presented the Planning Commission Report.

A – James Tenaglia:

The request needs to have revised plans that are more comprehensive.

B – Bradley Bruner Plan:

The Planning Commission recommended approving the plan with eight waivers (see Planning Commission report) and conditionally that he meets the requirements of sec. 502.3 (see Solicitors report). Ken Hoover motioned to approve the waivers. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued. Carol Eppley motioned to approve the plan with the waivers and condition to section 502.3. Gary Shultz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C – Wind Energy:

The Planning Commission recommended a scope of work be approved for the Planning Commission to develop. The Planning Commission recommends the Solicitor and the Engineer prepare an Ordinance to regulate these facilities. Discussion ensued. Gary Shultz said he thinks it should include other energy sources such as solar, methane, etc. Additional discussion ensued. Linda Ruff moved to authorize the wind energy facilities only. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Gary Shultz and Ken Hoover asked if there was an hour or monetary limit on the authorization. The scope of work will identify the hours expected to be taken to develop the ordinance.

Engineers Report

The Engineer's Report was reviewed by Engineer Tom Wilson. (See Report)

Solicitors Report

The Solicitor's Report was reviewed by Solicitor Dzurainin.

A - Fellowship Drive:

Ken Hoover motioned to accept the Deed of Dedication. Linda Ruff seconded the motion. Gary Shultz asked if he can vote since he was an original signatory as a representative of the Church and is currently a Trustee. Solicitor Dzurainin responded that he didn't see a conflict. The motion was then approved unanimously.

B – Amy Wise and Darren Mohny Nuisance:

Linda Ruff motioned to take District Justice action against the owner. Gary Shultz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C - Mountain Road Vehicle Weight Restriction Ordinance:

Linda Ruff motioned to authorize advertising the draft ordinance for passage at next months meeting. Gary Shultz seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor except Ken Hoover who was opposed.

D - Hoover Financial Services Inc Contract Amendment:

Ken Hoover motioned to lower the required Bond coverage from \$500,000 to \$25,000 from 1/5/09 to 3/31/09 and to \$100,000 from 4/1/09 through the end of the contract.

Linda Ruff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

See the attached report for the remainder of the Solicitors information.

Roadmaster's Report

- A. Harn Property: Solicitor Dzurainin said the only action is for the Township to clean it up and file a lien against the property. The Township will probably never get paid. Discussion ensued. No action taken.
- B. Building Permits: Gary Shultz motioned to approve the Cave permit request for a deck. Ken Hoover seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Linda Ruff motioned to approve the Roberts permit request for a shed. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Electronic Cleanup: Dale will research Dauphin County or The Computer Barn for electronics disposal. There may be a fee involved.
- D. Used Mower: Kieffer Rentals has a 15' mower that can be purchased for \$8800 for use at the Ft Halifax Park. No action was taken.
- E. Dauphin County Music Festival: Dale has been getting ready for the festival which will be held this Saturday July 18, 2009.

SEO Report

No Report

Valleys Regional Comprehensive Plan Report

A kick off meeting is set for 7/14/09 at 7:00 PM.

Old Business

Darren Mauser: Darren's project was approved by the Boy Scout Council and he is hoping to complete 10-20 benches by the end of October. He is beginning to solicit businesses for donations.

HARA: Gary Shultz said Halifax Township is being asked to pay the same Per Capita amount as the other Municipalities. He also said he believes we have a contractual obligation. Gary Shultz motioned to fully fund HARA. Ken Hoover seconded the motion. Linda Ruff asked if the Board was sure about this. Discussion ensued. The motion then carried with all in favor except Linda Ruff who abstained.

Fellowship Drive: Bob Burrell thanked the Board, the Solicitor and the Residents.

Fort Halifax Park Electric: Work will begin after the festival.

Barn Stabilization Status: Mr. Peachy hopes to be completed by the Festival on Saturday July 18, 2009.

New Business

- A. Twin Valleys Conservation Project – Rudi Erb presented the official copy of the conservation plan they have been working on for six years. She read the purpose of the plan being how area communities can accommodate increasing growth and development, help local business thrive and still preserve their traditional outdoor heritage and historic appearance? She described the process of developing the plan and some of the interesting items that were discovered during the plan development. She said ultimately it is all about stewardship. They have applied for funding for several clean ups in the area to protect the area watershed. They have been awarded most of the funds necessary to do these cleanups. She asked if the conservation plan, the cleanup activity and education could be put on the website. She was told yes. She asked if Halifax Township could contribute \$1000 toward the shortfall for the cleanup. The request will be placed on the August agenda. Discussion ensued among the citizens and the board members.
- B. Halifax Fire Company Fire Relief Fund – Charles Bisking distributed a document showing sample bylaws for the Fireman’s Relief Association. He said the Fire Department is requesting all of the fire relief funds from the Township but for HAARA to be compensated in some fashion. He was not expecting an immediate response. Linda Ruff asked HAARA how they spent their relief funds. Scott Paul said insurances primarily and other intermittent costs. Bob Stout said it costs the Fire Co approximately \$3000 to outfit each fireman. That is how the Fire Department spends most of their Fire Relief Funds. Don Fetterhoff suggested giving the Fire Relief funds to the Fire Department this year, since they need it more than HAARA right now. Bob Stout suggested the Board of Supervisors, the Fire Department and HAARA discuss future funding. Discussion ensued. Linda Ruff and Gary Shultz volunteered to represent the Board of Supervisors in meeting with the Fire Department and the Ambulance Association.
- C. Dauphin County Tax Board Representative Appointments – Carol Eppley motioned to appoint Linda Ruff as the Delegate and Bob Artman as the Alternate. Gary Shultz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Humane Society Membership – The Township currently has no membership. Norma Shearer said COG is considering an Upper Dauphin County wide membership but has not done so at this point. No action was taken.

Announcements

- A. Norma Shearer announced that Hoover Financial Services will not renew its current contract when it expires the day of the 2010 reorganization meeting.
- B. Linda Ruff said she will be meeting with those who filed the petition for the Upper Dauphin County Library on Wednesday July 15 at 10AM
- C. Norma Shearer announced the Dauphin County Festival Saturday July 18, 2009 at Fort Halifax Park.

Adjournment

Linda Ruff motioned to adjourn at 9:16 PM. Ken Hoover seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W Hoover
Secretary