

**HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: **Mike Snody** asks for an update on Middle Road. Chairman Bechtel stated the paperwork has been filed with the County. The grant money will not be released until next year. **Flo Mallone** has no comment at this time. **Paul Bonowitz** mentioned the Dustin Drive sign has not been installed yet. Cory indicated he has the sign for Mr. Lenker to install but will follow-up on this. Mr. Bonowitz indicated there is a tree along his property which is hanging over the street. Corey will check into this. **Chris Hogan** of Troop 285 presented a request to build a gazebo on the east side of Ft. Halifax. The Board requested him to provide details of the project for the next meeting. **Norma Shearer** has no comment at this time.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT: **Paid Interim Bills** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the Interim Bills, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Current Unpaid Bills** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to authorize the Current Unpaid Bills, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Minutes** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Financial Report** – The Board has no questions or comments.

EMC REPORT: None

AUDITOR REPORT: Robb Wentzel went over the auditor's report regarding the 2013 financial records.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Chairperson Flo Mallone went over the Planning Commission report pertaining to the June 2 meeting. She stated the Planning Commission Board provided information for Christen Rode who wants to acquire additional acreage from her neighbor's property. **Reed Subdivision Extension Request** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the extension to August 12, seconded by Supervisor Paul, the Solicitor reviewed the document and gave his approval, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Paulvir Subdivision Plan Waivers** – Supervisor McBurney made a motion to approve the waivers on Section 404 Preliminary Plan Procedure, Section 502.3.b(3) Pavement widening requirements, Section 606 Curbing requirements and Section 607 Sidewalk requirements, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Paulvir Subdivision Plan** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the plan contingent upon Tom Wilson's review memo of June 2, 2014 regarding the satisfaction of B1-3 Section 405.2.f, Section 506, Section 407.1a(9), Section 405.1.a(7), Section 405.2.k and Section 604.1.d, under C1-2 Section 406.4 and Section 407.1.a (9), D1 Section 508.14.c and E1-3, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Quail Commons Subdivision Plan** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the plan contingent upon A1 and 2 of Tom Wilson's review memo of May 21, 2014 , seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

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Halifax Area School District Land Development Plan - Waivers: Supervisor McBurney made a motion to approve the waivers as identified on Tom Wilson's review memo of May 30, 2014 for Section 404, Section 512.1.D, Section 512.3, Section 512.6, Sections 512.2, 512.5, 512.7, 513, 510.1a.iii and 510.1.B.i, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Halifax Area School District Land Development Plan –** Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the plan contingent upon Tom Wilson's review memo dated May 30, 2014 per satisfaction of B1-5, C1-6, D1-4, D5 which will be subject to an executed agreement which ensures that Halifax Township shall not assume responsibility for, and shall be indemnified for, any stormwater management facilities within the PennDOT right-of-way and D6-7, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. Flo commended the Engineer and Solicitor on their diligence pertaining to these plans.

ENGINEER REPORT: Tom Wilson Township Engineer read his report. No action taken.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Bruce Warshawsky Township Solicitor provided an update on the DONCO Litigation. He indicated there will be a hearing August 22nd. He plans to come to the township office next week to review files and get copies of documents for the litigation. **Fireworks Display Permit and Contract –** The Solicitor provided these documents to the Board. Chairman Bechtel questioned the contracting party. The Solicitor indicated the Township is the contracting party and the Fire Department is the sponsor. He indicated that if necessary the contract can be modified to include the Fire Company as an additional contracting entity. **Quail Commons Tax Issue –** The Solicitor received the document approved by the Pa. Housing Authority regarding restrictions and covenants and wants to be able to review this before proceeding with negotiations. He suggested an executive session to go over this. The Halifax School Board is planning to discuss this at their June 12th meeting. The Board selected July 14th for the executive session.

ROADMASTER REPORT: The Roadmaster's report was provided previous to the meeting. Corey indicated several community residents approached him about the storage sheds at Hornung's and asked if they are in violation of the Township's stormwater plan. The Solicitor suggested Corey obtain a measurement of the lot and provide to the Board for discussion at the next meeting.

PARK COMMITTEE: Supervisor McBurney provided the report. He indicated he and his brother did an evaluation of the barn in regards to damage from beetles. They concluded there is a lot of beetle damage. He suggested the Board get proposals to tear down the barn if no plans are made for any repairs. **Park Proposals - Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve items 8 construction of new South River Trail, 9 temporary storage of Bob Keefer's skidsteer and Frank's rototiller and 12 installation of 50 amp box at panel board, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Item 14 Roller use at Park –** Frank Wilmarth indicated there is some rough terrain which makes it difficult to mow the grass. He asks if the township would consider authorizing Corey to take the township roller up to the park and try to roll out the section. The Board was not in favor of the roller being used for that purpose. Frank suggested that maybe the skid loader could be used to dump some ground on the area to try to level it out. The Board agreed to this process. **Item 11 Proposed FoFHP Summer 2014 Construction Schedule - Repair of Barn:** Supervisor McBurney feels the township does not have the money to invest in the barn. Chairman Bechtel feels that any money that might become available to the township would be better spent in a storage building at the township for equipment. Supervisors Schreffler and Paul feel there are many safety hazards in the barn. This issue will be revisited at another time. **Park Signage along Rte. 147 – Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the signage, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Continuing Archaeological Research – The Board is in receipt of a letter from Joe Baker who is the state archaeologist involved in the dig at the park. He submitted a letter regarding Amanda Rasmussen's proposal to conduct additional research at Ft. Halifax for her Master's Thesis at Indiana University of PA. Frank Wilmarth will contact Dane Snyder the local archaeologist who is involved with the digging to get more information pertaining to Amanda Rasmussen's project.

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SEO REPORT: The SEO is filing charges today against the owner of 1059 North River Road.

OLD BUSINESS: Tobias Pond – Discussion pertained to the repair of the outlet structure. The Solicitor stated there should be an easement agreement for the Township which will allow for modifications in the future if necessary within Tobias' property. The Solicitor and Engineer will do a site visit to get a better idea of the situation and what might be needed for the Township. Their findings will be provided at the next meeting.

Electric Quotes – Motion: Supervisor Paul made a motion to accept the proposal from Patriot Energy for a 36 month contract with a fixed rate of .09224 per kWh, seconded by Supervisor McBurney, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Park Rules – Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to table for next month, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Sale of 92 Ford Truck – Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to authorize the Roadmaster to advertise the truck in Municibid, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Konchar Property** – The Solicitor stated the litigation has never been settled. Mr. Konchar wants to see pins on both sides of his property. He feels pins should continue toward the river. The Solicitor talked to Mr. Konchar's attorney Robert Radebaugh who indicated that Mr. Konchar is wrong. The Solicitor stated the Township is waiting for Mr. Konchar's deed for his property. He indicated that whenever the Township is in receipt of the deed, the Township can then go to Dauphin County to get the tax parcel map corrected.

NEW BUSINESS: Clinton Funk Correspondence/Legislative Inquiry – The Solicitor sees no Township participation needed in the Funk hearing. He will reply to the legislative inquiries. **HARA Committee** – Supervisor Bruner went to a HARA Meeting and informed them of the Township paying for their insurance over the years. A contract was discussed; however, a meeting is needed to negotiate with HARA if they are in agreement. Supervisors Bruner and McBurney are appointed to the committee. **Sidewalk Grant Committee** – Supervisor Bruner stated PennDOT provides grant money for sidewalks. Jeff Enders of the Borough is applying for grant money pertaining to sidewalks. The Board discussed this and feels there is a need for sidewalks along Rte. 147 and the Township could co-sponsor with the Borough in this endeavor. Supervisors Bruner and Paul are appointed to the Sidewalk Committee. It was stated engineer fees are not included in the grant.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Park Rules, Tobias Pond Issue and Hornungs' Stormwater Issue

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Planning Commission Meeting July 7 at 7 p.m. and Township Meeting July 14 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Paul made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nye
Secretary