

**HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 11, 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. Bruce Warshawsky Solicitor, Tom Wilson Engineer, Corey Stazewski Roadmaster and Carolyn Nye Secretary are present.

RECORDING MEETING: Channel WHTM and the secretary are recording the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Bechtel stated there was an executive session today from 6:25 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. to discuss employee and litigation issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: **Ellen Zaia** provided a letter to the Board inquiring about the road project that is taking place in front of her property. Chairman Bechtel explained the purpose of the road work by saying that this road is being prepared for future paving. The shoulder which is in the township right-of-way must be graded to keep the sod lower than the road to allow for proper runoff of stormwater. When the sod is higher than the road, the township then has problems with water laying on the road and in the winter there is more potential for freezing thus ice forming on the road which has the potential for a dangerous situation to motorists. **Robert Bulick** will defer to later on agenda. **Paul Bonowitz** has no comment at this time. **Flo Mallonee** has no comment. **Joshua Crissinger** has no comment. **Terry Kerwin** is present and stated he is representing the Tobias' regarding the amusement tax issue but sees this is not on the agenda and has no further comments. **Dave Miller** defers to later on agenda. **James Sabo** indicated he purchased Taylor Automotive building and may be leasing to individuals. **Norma Shearer** commented on the amusement tax and feels the Tobias' are being singled out by the Board. **Duane Good** has no comment.

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 McBurney made a motion to authorize payment of the unpaid bills, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, 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 reviewed the Financial Report and had no questions or comments.

EMC REPORT: None

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Flo Mallonee provided a report for the Board. The Schlegal Plan was accepted for review. **Nancy Reed Subdivision Plan** - This was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a

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motion to approve the waivers per Tom Wilson's review memo of August 4, 2014, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion:** Supervisor Schreffler made a motion to approve the Reed Subdivision Plan contingent upon Tom Wilson's memo of August 4, 2014 regarding the Preliminary Plan Comment that the applicant should have a professional surveyor certify the plan, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. Flo stated nothing official has come in yet from Kristen Rode.

ENGINEER REPORT: Tom Wilson read his July 30, 2014 report. Tom provided his report of the site inspection regarding the four stop signs needed in the Lenker Development. **Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft an ordinance for the stop signs and authorized the ordinance to be advertised, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0. Tom indicated a tree needs to be removed and there is some vegetation problems at Sycamore and Oak, North and South.

SOLICITOR REPORT: Bruce Warshawsky provided his report of August 7, 2014. **Quail Commons** – There has been no response to most recent proposal by the Township.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Hornung Store Lot – The issue is whether or not the storage sheds create a red flag for a stormwater management plan. **Motion:** Supervisor Schreffler made a motion for the Solicitor to draft a letter to Hornung's to obtain information and be able to respond to this situation, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0.. Corey indicated it is .66 acres. **Road Work:** Corey provided information on the road paving and tar and chipping that needs to be done. Chairman Bechtel indicated that from McClelland Road to Tourist Park Road just below Ebenezer Road the tar and chip was estimated at \$23,544.00, Ebenezer Road tar and chip is estimated at \$24,956.00, Lehman Road from Creek Road to the township line for tar and chip is estimated at \$25,292.00, Parmer Drive tar and chip is estimated at \$25,292.00, Paving Lehman Road from Million Dollar Road to Creek Road is estimated at \$25,000.00. **Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to advertise tar and chip and paving projects as separate bids, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, under discussion Chairman Bechtel asks if the Board wants the advertising done in one newspaper twice or once in two newspapers. **Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to amend the previous motion to indicate the advertising to be done once in two newspapers, i.e. the Sentinel and the Patriot News, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. The bid openings will take place at the September 8 meeting. **Nuisances: Masser Property** – Has been recently mowed. **Stewart Property** – This is a continuing problem with high grass. **Hoffman Property** – This is a continuing problem with overgrown grass and weeds. **Kolva Property** – There is trash/garbage strewn about the property. This is a repeated situation. **Motion** - Supervisor McBurney made a motion to send a nuisance letter to the Stewarts and the holding company, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion** – Supervisor McBurney made a motion to send a nuisance letter to Mrs. Hoffman, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion** – Supervisor Schreffler made a motion to send a nuisance letter to the Kulva's, seconded by Supervisor McBurney, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Eyster Letter** - The Solicitor stated he received a response from Attorney Dagher who is representing

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the Eyster's who are disputing facts stated in the township letter sent to them in July. This had to do with trees and shrubs overshadowing the street. The Solicitor will draft a letter and Corey will email his pictures to the Solicitor.

PARK COMMITTEE: The Board discussed the July Committee Meeting. Item #5 Park Rules is on the agenda and will be discussed at that time. Item #6 MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) is tabled. Access to the park from Third and Fourth Streets will need more research.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Dauphin Co. Planning Commission Support Letter - Chairman Bechtel informed the board of a request by Dauphin County Planning Commission to submit a letter of support to the commission regarding a local share municipal grant for update to the County Comprehensive Plan. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to authorize sending this letter of support, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Seasonal Employees' CDL Testing – Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve payment of time and mileage for 2014 regarding those seasonal employees who are required to go for CDL testing, seconded by Supervisor McBurney, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Powells Creek Initiative** – Chairman Bechtel stated an email was received from the committee who indicated this initiative is being terminated. **Water of the US** – Chairman Bechtel stated this is EPA and the Army Core of Engineers' initiative to regulate dry waterbeds. This will mean more permitting and paperwork by the township and any residents regarding projects near any waterbed. Chairman Bechtel stated he wants to check with PSATS before any kind of resolution is done. **Sale of 1991 Truck Proceeds – Motion:** Supervisor McBurney made a motion to put the sale amount of this truck in the Capital Improvement Account, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

SEO REPORT: A report was received for July and the Board has no comments or questions.

OLD BUSINESS: Park Rules – Supervisor McBurney made a motion to approve #'s 1 – 8, 10 and 11 on the proposed park rules, add to #11 “except when approved by Halifax Township”, #9 needs further discussion, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to table discussion on #9 Alcoholic Beverages contingent upon more information being provided by the Solicitor, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 4-1. **Proposed Tree Planting for Memorial Area at Ft. Halifax Park-Bonita Freeman – Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to table this issue until the next meeting in order to have time to do a site inspection of the area proposed, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Plow** – The Board discussed this issue and decided to table indefinitely.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Miller – Fly Issue – Bryan Thompson representing a group of concerned citizens regarding the influx of flies in Halifax spoke of the problems as a result of the flies. Gregg Martin of the Penn State Extension Office spoke about issues with wet weather and improper handling of manure which serve as attractions to the flies for laying eggs. Flo

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Mallonee spoke about the bio waste and the metals contained in this type of waste. Laurie Webber spoke on the bio waste and poultry manure that is being stockpiled. She also expressed great concern on how this may impact the school cafeteria in providing meals for the students if it continues. The Solicitor will contact PSATS and Dept. of Agriculture regarding regulating bio waste. The Board agreed to work with the group in drafting a letter to farmers and land owners.

Motion: Supervisor McBurney made a motion for approval of a letter being sent to farmers and landowners at the cost of the Township regarding this issue, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Susquehanna River Trail – Brooke Lenker** – This issue has to do with a request to install a marker at the river for approaching a camp site at the park for the group kayaking down the river. **Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Supervisor McBurney, vote called, motion carried 4-1. The group will have to obtain a permit from the Township. **Robert Bulick – Proposed Camp Site** – Mr. Bulick spoke about his plan to create a camp site along the river located behind Taylor Auto. The Board and Engineer suggested Mr. Bulick come to a Planning Commission Meeting and provide a layout of his plans. **Daryl Neihart Complaint** – Mr. Neihart complained about the Friends of Ft. Halifax neglecting their property which is located between his and Ft. Halifax Park. He expressed his concern of individuals driving past his property to access Ft. Halifax Park. He stated members of the group have disturbed some ground in order to make it more accessible to the park. He provided photographs to the Board reflecting his complaints. **Motion:** Supervisor Schreffler made a motion to discuss this issue at the next meeting and temporarily suspend vehicular access by the Friends of Ft. Halifax to the park by way of their property, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. Tom Wilson stated he received a call from the Dauphin County Conservation District regarding the disturbance of ground in this area.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Memorial tree planting at park, Friends of Ft. Halifax vehicular access to Ft. Halifax via their property, Park Rule #9 and fly issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Planning Commission Meeting September 3 at 7 p.m. and Township Board Meeting September 8 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Bruner made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nye
Secretary