

**Halifax Township**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Monthly Business Meeting**  
**September 14, 2009**

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

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

Citizen taping the meeting was Eileen Snyder. Supervisor Shearer announced there was an executive session held September 9 from 8:35 to 9:30 to discuss litigation.

**Public Comment Period:**

- A. Jim Eppley:** Mr. Eppley asked Carol Eppley to read Donna Rode's email to the Board of Supervisors requesting his resignation. Carol read the letter. Jim then said the issue was resolved with the exception of his Financial Statement being incorrectly completed. He was given a misdemeanor and six months probation. Mr. Eppley doesn't understand what this has to do with his positions on the Planning Commission and Fort Halifax Master Site Plan Committee. He said if the Board of Supervisors would like to replace him that's their choice. Norma Shearer and Linda Stopfel supported him. Carol Eppley gave no opinion and Ken Hoover chose not to comment.
- B. Brad Bruner:** Thanked some of the Board of Supervisors and some of the Planning Commission members in support of his cause. He asked when the changes would be presented and implemented. Tom Wilson (K&W Engineers) said they will begin giving an initial estimate to the applicant. This amount would be escrowed while the plan process would occur. Any balance due or refundable would then be calculated.
- C. Colleen Smith:** Asked if the engineering estimates would be UCR and competitive. Tom Wilson (K&W Engineering) said yes to both. She asked if grant writing was included in Hoover Financial Services responsibilities. Norma Shearer said no. She asked if all Supervisors would be included in the interview process. Ken Hoover said he wasn't sure. Norma Shearer said the public comment period is not a question and answer period.

**D. Carolyn Nye:** Said she hand delivered a resume to Hoover Financial Services. She said Linda Stopfel told her she must send the resume. She asked if that was necessary. Discussion ensued.

**Linda Stopfel motioned for a recess at 7:18 PM. Carol Eppley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Carol Eppley, Linda Stopfel, and Norma Shearer voting yes. Ken Hoover voted No.**

**The meeting reconvened at 7:25PM.**

### **Secretary/Treasurers Report**

The paid interim bills and unpaid current bills were presented for approval. Linda Stopfel moved to approve the bills as presented. Carol Eppley seconded the motion. Ken Hoover asked for clarification of two bills. The motion then carried unanimously.

The August 10, 2009 Business meeting minutes were presented for approval. Ken Hoover moved to approve the minutes as presented. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Stopfel asked if the Mountain Road ordinance will be advertised and acted upon in October. She was told that was the plan.

The August Financial Report was accepted.

### **Planning Commission**

Jim Eppley reviewed the report.

River Ridge Mobile Home Park – The planning commission recommended a time extension for River Ridge Mobile Home Park to November 10, 2009. Ken Hoover motioned to approve the time extension. Linda Stopfel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Wind Energy Facilities-The scope of work will probably be presented at the October Board of Supervisors meeting.

### **Engineers Report**

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

Matamoras Subdivision-Applicant proceeded with construction without contacting the Township and/or the County. Tom Wilson said on September 4, 2009 K&W Engineers submitted a letter of outstanding items of the subdivision to the Township. He suggested that the Township send a letter to the developer and include K&W Engineer's letter to have the developer correct the errors. Linda Stopfel motioned to send a letter to the developer. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **Solicitors Report**

The Solicitor's Report was reviewed by Solicitor Dzurainin.

Todd Etzweiler asked about the status of the Casner property. Solicitor Dzurainin said Mr. Casner has yet to be found.

Colleen Smith asked where the Matamoras Subdivision is located. She was told at the Wayne Township line on Matamoras Road.

## **Roadmaster's Report**

The Road Master's Report was reviewed by Dale Shoop.

Road Master Shoop asked if attendance at the September 16, 2009 hearing for the Wise/Mahoney action is necessary. Sol Dzurainin said it was not necessary.

Road Master Shoop asked if the new flood plan maps could be reviewed by the Planning Commission and Tom Wilson (K&W Engineers) when they are received. Dale also stressed the importance of this process. Norma Shearer asked Dale if would work with the Planning Commission also when the maps are received. Dale said he would. Discussion ensued. When the maps are received notification in a locally circulated newspaper is required stating that the maps are available for review.

## **SEO Report**

No Report.

## **Valleys Regional Comprehensive Plan Report**

Postcards were mailed September 1, 2009 inviting residents to the public meetings on September 15 and September 28. Norma Shearer gave Sec/Treas Hoover a report of items completed to date for copies to be made.

## **Old Business**

**Donna Rode- Secretary's Position:** Donna Rode said there many unanswered questions regarding Hoover Financial Services Contract. Why is only the Secretary being advertised? Why is a Grant Writer included in the advertisement? Is the Secretary/Grant Writer a full time or part time position? Does the Secretary's position need to be advertised or can one be appointed? Norma Shearer said the Board of Supervisors determined to only advertise the Secretary's position. It has been undecided as yet whether David Hoover will continue as Treasurer or to advertise the Treasurer's position. Sol Dzurainin stated the Secretary's position is an appointed position and can be hired through an advertisement or may be appointed without advertisement. Norma Shearer said currently Linda Stopfel has been doing grant applications but may not be doing that forever. Therefore someone needs to be hired to do this in the future. Linda Stopfel shared her thoughts. It has not yet been determined if the Secretary/Grant Writer

will be a full time or part time position. Additional discussion ensued. Donna Rode asked where the office would be located. Norma Shearer said she presumed at the meeting room building where it was prior to this year. Donna Rode asked how the salary would be determined. Norma Shearer said it will be discussed with the applicants.

**Donna Rode- Cedar Shopping Center:** Donna Rode spoke with Cedar Shopping Center and was told that Cedar will continue with the project at the intersection of Rts. 147/225 upon approval of the HOP by PennDot. She was told that is correct. Donna said property owners were concerned that they would lose some of their property. She said this is not true if one would look at the PennDot plan. Donna Rode thinks commercial development in the Township would generate additional tax dollars. Additional discussion ensued.

**Linda Stopfel- Misc:** Linda said Rudi Erb will be receiving a \$2000 dollar grant and will not need the \$1000 dollars donation the Township provided to do the planned clean-up at Price Road.

Darren Mauser who is doing his Eagle Scout Project has obtained various donations from some businesses, but is approximately \$300 short of the needed amount to complete his project. Linda asked for residents to consider donating to the cause.

**Norma Shearer-Misc:** Norma Shearer motioned to move the “Welcome to Halifax” sign to near Engle Rissinger’s property. Ken Hoover seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

- A. SALDO/Plan Review Mike Bistline** – Mike Bistline asked to be removed from the agenda.
  
- B. New Ordinance** – Linda Stopfel said she would like to consider a Hazardous Waste Ordinance. Linda has discussed this with County and Pennsylvania Officials and they told her it needs to be handled at the local level. Linda is concerned with Real Estate devaluation and the health and safety of the Township residents. Linda recommended that it be turned over to the Planning Commission for development of a scope of work. Discussion ensued. Linda Stopfel motioned to turn over the hazardous waste issue to the Planning Commission for development of a scope of work. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Colleen Smith asked the difference between a landfill and hazardous waste? Jim Eppley referred to nuclear waste as hazardous. He said a landfill can probably not be stopped. Steve Dzurainin suggested citizens attend the Planning Commission meeting when this is considered. Ken Bechtel asked if the Comprehensive Plan would address this situation. Norma Shearer said the Comprehensive plan does not carry the weight of an ordinance. Janet Green said she submitted a letter asking that a Wind Turbine Ordinance be developed only if needed. Steve Dzurainin said you can’t wait until it’s needed, it must be in place prior to the need for it. Discussion ensued.

**C. Jerome Kissinger-** Asked if the septic work was bid at the Fort Halifax Park. He also asked if Reed's diesel fuel is bid. He was told Masser was chosen without bidding because it was an emergency situation. Dale Shoop said Reed's is the only company that will deliver diesel fuel in this area.

### **Announcements**

Norma Shearer reviewed upcoming meetings.

### **Adjournment**

Ken Hoover motioned to adjourn at 8:37 PM. Linda Stopfel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W Hoover

Secretary