

Halifax Township
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Business Meeting
October 12, 2009

Call to Order: Chairman Shearer called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Roll Call: Supervisors Shearer, Stopfel, Eppley, Hoover and Shultz were present. K&W Engineer Tom Wilson and Solicitor Steve Dzurandin were also present. Lisa Kelley was present in Secretary/Treasurer Hoover's absence. Road Master Dale Shoop was also absent.

Chairman Shearer announced there was an executive session held this evening from 5:30PM to 6:55PM to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

Public Comment Period:

- A. Bob Artman:** Mr. Artman reviewed the SEO report and inquired if the SEO has done the inspections to the malfunctioning septic systems in the 537 Plan.
- B. Donna Rode:** Asked what Linda's last name is. Linda's name is listed as Stopfel in the minutes and in the list of Supervisors it is listed as Ruff. Donna thinks this may be confusing to some residents not familiar with the Township. Supervisor Shearer noted the comment.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The paid interim bills and unpaid current bills were presented for approval. Carol Eppley moved to approve the bills as presented. Linda Stopfel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The September 14, 2009 Business meeting minutes were presented for approval. Carol Eppley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Linda Stopfel seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Ken Hoover suggested changing Sol. Dzurandin to Solicitor Dzurandin wherever it appears. Carol Eppley amended her motion with the correction. Linda Stopfel amended her motion with the correction and the motion passed unanimously.

The September Financial Report was accepted.

Planning Commission

Jim Eppley reviewed the report. (See Report)

River Ridge Mobile Home Park – The Planning Commission recommended approval of the following waivers and or modifications: Section 404, Section 405.1a(14), Section 505.3a, Section 704.1.e, Section 502.7.c and Section 704.1.a. Ken Hoover motioned to approve the waivers and or modifications specifically to the current plan. Carol Eppley seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion then carried unanimously.

Final Minor Subdivision for David L. and Donna L. Strohecker – The Planning Commission recommended approval of the following waivers and or modifications: Section 404 and Section 407.1.a.7. Linda Stopfel motioned to accept the waivers and or modifications to the current plan. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Wind Energy Facilities-Mr. Eppley reported that the Planning Commission has completed the final draft of the Wind Energy Ordinance. There are two parts; Non-Commercial and Commercial. Mr. Eppley would like the Board of Supervisors to review the Wind Energy Ordinance scope of work after which the Engineer and Solicitor will be asked to provide a proposal. The scope will be finalized at the next Planning Commission meeting. Discussion ensued. Donna Rode asked if the document would be made public before the adoption. She was told yes that a hearing would be held.

Engineers Report

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

Tom Wilson recommended that the Board of Supervisors release the Letter of Credit of Dean S. Kerstetter and Mary E. Chubb. Linda Stopfel motioned to approve releasing the Letter of Credit. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Tom Wilson will be providing GIS information for the FEMA flood plain map and will be creating an overlay which will make the maps more user friendly.

Solicitors Report

The Solicitor's Report was reviewed by Solicitor Dzurainin. (See Report)

Solicitor Dzurainin reviewed the Harn Nuisance (Item 5a); Solicitor Dzurainin says it is appropriate for the Board to act. Discussion ensued about the different options. Linda Stopfel motioned to honor the ordinance to tow the vehicles that are not abiding by the ordinance and get it cleaned up. Carol Eppley seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Dale Shoop and David Hoover are to handle the details. Motion carried with all in favor except Ken Hoover who was opposed.

Solicitor Dzurainin will report on Wise/Mahoney at the November meeting.

Roadmaster's Report

The Roadmaster's Report was reviewed by the Supervisors.

SEO Report

The SEO Report was reviewed.

Valleys Regional Comprehensive Plan Report

Supervisor Shearer reported that there were two Public meetings held in September and both were well attended. There will be a third Public meeting in December but no date has been set.

Old Business

Mountain Road Ordinance: Supervisor Shearer opened the Hearing by asking if there was any public comment regarding the Mountain Road Ordinance. There was none. The Board of Supervisors had no comments. Linda Stopfel motioned to adopt the Mountain Road Ordinance as proposed. Carol Eppley seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor except Ken Hoover who was opposed.

Tenant Utility Arrears: Discussion ensued about the April 2009 letter sent to the tenants. Supervisor Shultz recommended establishing a fixed payment schedule such as a cold month payment of \$50 per month toward arrears in October through March and a warm month payment of \$250 toward arrears in April through September. The Administrative Office will notify the tenants in writing.

Water Runoff Complaint: Supervisor Stopfel was approached by Wendy Clough asking for help with a previous letter sent to Mr. Lenker. Discussion ensued. Tom Wilson (K&W Engineers) has a meeting with Paul Wentz on a different issue and will discuss the Clough complaint at that meeting. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Shultz would like to request that residents make a formal complaint either in writing or by attending a Township meeting. Ken Hoover motioned for complaints to be in writing or by personal appearance at a Township Meeting. Gary Shultz seconded the motion and the motion passed with Carol Eppley and Linda Stopfel opposed.

Truck Noise Complaint: A resident complained that trucks are using illegal mufflers/baffles. Discussion ensued. The Board of Supervisors suggests the resident contact the State Police.

EIT Committee: Linda Stopfel is the current Representative to the EIT Committee and Bob Artman is the Alternate. Linda Stopfel has requested that Bob Artman be appointed the Delegate and Gary Shade be appointed the Alternate. Gary Shultz motioned to appoint Bob Artman as the Delegate and Gary Shade as the Alternate. Linda Stopfel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- A. Lions Club Halloween Parade Donation** – Discussion ensued. Ken Hoover motioned to donate \$100 to the Lions Club Parade. Gary Shultz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- B. Medic 6 Letter** – The Township received a letter from Medic 6 on the billing policy. The letter will be posted on the Township website for resident information.

- C. Master Site Plan** – The Master Site Plan Committee held a meeting and has prepared a Survey to be distributed to every resident in the 17032 area. (3354 Households) The Township bulk mailing rate is .155 per survey at a cost of \$519.87. Giant, Sheetz and the Township Office are the drop off points for the Survey. Linda Stopfel motioned to approve mailing the survey to the residents. Gary Shultz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. It was announced that a public meeting will be held November 4, 2009 at 7:00PM in the Halifax High School Cafeteria

Announcements

Norma Shearer reviewed upcoming meetings.

Adjournment

Ken Hoover motioned to adjourn at 8:52 PM. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W Hoover

Secretary