

**HALIFAX TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

**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, Hoover, Paul and Shultz are present. Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky, Engineer Tom Wilson, Roadmaster Corey Stazewski and Secretary/Treasurer Carolyn Nye are present.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** **Steve Schreffler** has nothing at this time. **Frank Wilmarth** mentioned Chris Kinsinger is part of his group's park development committee. **Theresa Graves** representing Scout Trout 85 in Lykens spoke about interest of troupe wanting to use park for camping. **Chad Lebo** asks for an update on line painting on the roads. Chairman Bechtel indicated after the paving project on Taylor School Road an assessment will be made as to what roads will get line painting. **Mike Snody** asks about the Middle Road runoff situation and when will the Township take action on this issue. Chairman Bechtel stated Corey will have some individuals with knowledge of dirt and gravel roads assess the road and make a recommendation to the township. **Steve Tibbons** has no comments. **John Yost** has no comments. **Norma Shearer** asks the Board to look into the heavy truck traffic going in and out of the Lenker Development. She asks the Board to put a stipulation on further development regarding truck traffic.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:** **Paid Interim Bills** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to approve the payment of the interim bills, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Current Unpaid Bills** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to authorize payment of the Unpaid Bills, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Minutes** – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Financial Report** – The Board reviewed the financial report and had no questions/comments.

**EMC REPORT:** No report.

**PARK COMMITTEE REPORT:** Supervisor Shultz gave a report. The corn crib needs further repairs. Shed demolition is scheduled for this Fall. The Friends of Ft. Halifax will help with this. The park mower needs the deck wheels replaced. Supervisor Shultz spoke about the park sign and poles. The Bon Fire is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2013 with the Board's approval. The culvert project was mentioned. Frank Wilmarth asks for the Board's consideration to allow electricity in some of the buildings and the barn. Also Frank mentioned about the leaks at the barn and the idea of removing the rotting roof section. He also mentioned about gravel for the pathway. The Board would like to see some kind of plans for the electrical project for the buildings and barn. **Motion** - Supervisor Shultz made a motion to approve the November 2 Open House, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to authorize Corey to use the backhoe to put down gravel along the pathway, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to authorize Frank Wilmarth to remove the eye bolt from the barn, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** The Planning Commission Meeting for September 4 was cancelled due to lack of agenda items for discussion.

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**ENGINEER REPORT:** Tom Wilson read his report of August 27, 2013. No action taken.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** An executive session is suggested for September 30, 2013 at 7 p.m. regarding Lenker. Chairman Bechtel gave status on the Tracy Cooper Complaint regarding the water issue. He indicated he spoke with Gregg Ramin of Norfolk Southern Railroad. Mr. Ramin is proposing to install a pipe at the low point of the Cooper/Erb yard at the driveway. The Solicitor feels this issue is not a Township issue due to neighbor(s) closing the drain.

**ROADMASTER REPORT:** Corey reported on the following nuisances: **1. Seiler** hearing is scheduled for September 25. The only issue is the building. Trash has been removed. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to withdraw the complaint, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **2. Kline's** continue to cleanup property. The Board will continue to defer. **3. Takacs** – Ms. Takacs has been invited to attend this meeting. She is not present and the Board and Solicitor feel there is no Township action necessary regarding her complaint. **4. Harman** – The trailer is being moved around. The hearing is set for Sept 25. The Board will continue with the hearing date set. **5. Harner/Hoover** – The SEO is involved and will take enforcement action. Corey and the Solicitor will follow-up on this issue. **6. Armour Nuisance** – Ms. Armour has not picked up the certified pre-nuisance letter. The Secretary will send another through regular mail. **7. Gantz** – Ms. Gantz has not picked up her certified pre-nuisance letter. The Secretary will send another through regular mail. In 15 days if the mailings do not come back from Gantz/Armour, Corey will check properties by September 24 and if no cleanup has been done, Corey will hand deliver a regular nuisance letter to properties. **8. McNair Complaint on Neighbors** – This complaint is about noise from 4 wheelers, harassment tactics, stream encroachment and erosion. Mr. McNair was informed he has the right to enforce the private restrictions as set by the deed. The Solicitor suggested Mr. McNair consult with an attorney and have him send a letter to the violators and let them know of the video/audio recordings reflecting their actions. After this if the problem continues, call the State Police. Corey will check the Township Road to see if any destruction is taking place. **9. Corbett Complaint** – The complaint involves trash/garbage and unlicensed cars. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to send a pre-nuisance letter regarding the trash/garbage and unlicensed cars, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Purchase of Truck** – **Motion:** Supervisor Hoover made a motion to pay for the new truck from the Capital Improvement Fund, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE: Smart Growth Workshop** – Chairman Bechtel announced this workshop scheduled for Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SEO REPORT:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS: High School Woodshop Project** – Frank Wilmarth indicated he will meet with shop teachers and get back to the Board. **Snow Removal Policy** – This will be deferred to the October meeting. **Noise Ordinance** – A workshop will be scheduled for Monday, September 16 at 7 p.m. This will be advertised in the Patriot News.

**NEW BUSINESS: Budget Meeting Dates** – October 21 at 7 p.m. and November 4 at 8 p.m. These will be advertised. **Annual Township Convention** – This is scheduled for Thursday, October 3 from 5-9 p.m. If any Board member is interested, let the secretary know so that she can register. Supervisor Brad and Shultz will not be able to attend. Supervisors Hoover and Bechtel will be attending. Supervisor Paul is undecided.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Snow Removal Policy and Nuisance Ordinance.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Planning Commission Meeting October 7 at 7 p.m.

Township Meeting October 14 at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Supervisor Shultz made a motion to adjourn at 9:23 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nye  
Secretary