

**HALIFAX TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** **Scott Attivo** defers comment. **Flo Mallonee** defers comment. **Keith Sharbaugh** defers comment. **Patrick Cusick** defers comment. **Norma Shearer** defers comment. **Paul Bonowitz** thanks the township for the snow removal.

**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 pay the current bills and to include the bill from Kegal, Kelin and Lord, LLP regarding the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office litigation, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, Supervisor Bruner questioned the A to Z bill and asked why was this submitted so late to the Township when the project was last year, Corey indicated he tried to get Farhats to expedite the bill but was not successful, Chairman Bechtel stated this could have an impact on the 2014 budget, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Minutes** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the January 6, 2014 minutes, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0. Supervisor Schreffler made a motion to approve the January 13, 2014 minutes, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Financial Report** – The Board reviewed the Financial Report and had no comments or questions.

**EMC REPORT:** None Submitted.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** Flo Mallonee gave a report. She stated the February 3 meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. The Halifax High School Land Development Plan will not be held up because of the cancellation of the February meeting. The Tobias Park sketch plan will be on the agenda in March.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** The report was previously provided to the Board. **Matamoras Subdivision Plan** – This issue has to do with the plan that was approved previously by the Board is not the plan that was built. Chairman Bechtel asks what is the status of this plan. The Solicitor stated it could not be recorded as was drafted by the Engineer because of Dauphin County's requirements for plans. He stated it was not necessary to have it recorded and he is going to draft a Memorandum of Understanding and have all the land owners sign off on the memorandum. The recorder's office approved of this method.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** The Solicitor gave his report. **UDITO** – An email was sent to the Board for review. The judge issued an order for Powells, Rogers and Speaks to turn over all records. **Nuisances: 220 North Second Street** – The Board will allow more time to monitor this issue. There has been some cleanup but now weather is a factor. **Terry Harman** – There is a judgment against Mr. Harman regarding the nuisance issue. A letter was sent by the SEO to new owner Revelation Reality, LLC regarding potential violation involving the septic tank. **Signal at 147/225 Issue** – Thanks to Supervisor Paul, who staked out the existing area where the right-of-way would be, a meeting was held with Rodney Schlegal and his attorney. The Solicitor and Chairman

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Bechtel attended the meeting with Rodney Schlegel and his attorney. Chairman Bechtel feels the meeting was productive. We now will wait to hear from PennDOT or Sheetz regarding this issue. .

**ROADMASTER REPORT: Cleanup Day** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to set May 9 and 10 for cleanup day, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Fish and Game River Access** – Township is in receipt of a call from the PA Fish and Game Commission regarding a request to plow the access north of Halifax. The Board feels this should be a continued practice due to the Fire Company using this to get water from the river. **Hiring Committee** – Supervisors Paul and Bruner along with the Roadmaster were appointed to this committee. **Bordner Nuisance Issue** – This involves Mr. Bordner having placed a cement block in the Township right-of-way. This poses a potential hazard. **Motion:** Supervisor McBurney made a motion to have the Secretary draft a letter to Mr. Bordner to have him remove the cement block, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, under discussion the Solicitor stated he would review the draft, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Fire Company Parking Lot** – Supervisor Bruner stated someone approached him and asked why the township was not plowing the Fire Company lot. It was thought the Fire Company does their own plowing. Supervisor Bruner will talk to Jeff Enders about this.

**PARK COMMITTEE:** Supervisor McBurney provided the park committee report. The Board reviewed and discussed the report. **Motion** – Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve 2. Pollinator Garden, 5. Park Archeology Initiatives, 6. SRTA Float Trip Landing on October 4, 2014, 11. IUP Student Thesis, 12. Park Paths Cleared on Property, 13. Permission to pursue possible grants for Property Improvements (this is to investigate only, not to apply without Boards's approval), seconded by Supervisor McBurney, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion** – Supervisor McBurney made a motion to approve the location of the saplings placed by The Friends of Fort Halifax, seconded by Supervisor Paul, under discussion the Board agreed this type of action needs prior approval by the Board, vote called, motion carried 3- 1 abstention and 1 ney vote. In regards to general use of the park the Solicitor stated the Township may be able to retrofit the camping permit application for this. **Spraying Weeds/Toxic Plants at the Park** – The Board discussed this issue and felt that Corey should be certified to do this. However, the Secretary was asked to consult the Township's insurance agent regarding using volunteers certified in spraying to find out if there is any liability involved with this scenario. Frank Wilmarth presented a framed enlargement of the Master Site Plan of the park.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** None

**SEO REPORT:** The Board reviewed the report and had no questions or comments.

**OLD BUSINESS: Sheetz Application for Tree Removal** – The Township has not received anything from Sheetz regarding the placement of the tree.

**Keiffer Road** – This issue has to do with ear marking funds for the potential future Keiffer Road project. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to ear mark non-committed funds of \$65,000.00 in a sub account for Keiffer Road, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**Hidden Driveway** –In order to do this a traffic study must be done per PennDOT. The requesting land owner is in favor of a sign but not the fees involved. The Board decided not to pursue this issue.

**Sewer and Water Authority Appointment** – Ken Hoover volunteered to replace Bob Artman whose term ends December 31, 2014. **Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to appoint Ken Hoover for the rest of the year, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

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**NEW BUSINESS: Fireworks Celebration Request** – Scott Attvio is requesting the Township to coordinate and approve a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration for all residents in the area. The celebration would include fireworks. Supervisors Schreffler and Bruner will serve on a committee to reach out to Jeff Enders of the Halifax Borough and Fire Company regarding this. The Solicitor stated the Firework Ordinance should still move forward.

**Snow Removal Ordinance** – The Board discussed the issue of individuals throwing snow onto the Township right-of-way. Corey will check with PSATS on specific restrictions regarding this.

**Liability Insurance and the new Tax Collector** – Since the new Tax Collector is using the township building as a location for residents to come and pay their taxes, the question of liability came before the Board. The Secretary will consult with Tom Troutman about this and will get back to the Board.

**Quail Commons Pilot Project** – Donna Rode asks if the Township has any information on the pilot project meeting. The Board has no information. It was thought the County would coordinate this. Donna stated she will consult with the school board at the next meeting.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Powells Creek Upgrade Committee will meet Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Halifax Township building. Planning Commission meeting March 3 at 7 p.m. Board of Supervisors' Meeting March 10 at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nye  
Secretary