

**Halifax Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Monthly Business Meeting  
August 10, 2009**

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

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

Citizens taping the meeting were Eileen Snyder and Linda Ruff.

Supervisor Shearer announced there was an executive session held July 29 and August 8.

**Public Comment Period:**

- A. Patricia Powley:** Concerned that Halifax Township won't allow a larger Giant with more choices.
- B. Brad Bruner:** Wanted to bring awareness to the Board of Supervisors about the excessive Township engineering charges for plan reviews. Justin Kuhn from K&W Engineering responded to Mr. Bruner as to how K&W charges. Discussion ensued. It was agreed to have a meeting between Mr. Bruner, his engineer, Tom Wilson (K&W), Planning Commission Chairman Jim Eppley and a Board of Supervisor Representative at a date to be set.
- C. Scott Corsnitz:** Said he hopes that the Board of Supervisors take action to hire Carolyn back. He said the public wants her back.
- D. Carolyn Nye:** Read a letter that she would like to be reinstated as Secretary. It would cause little disruption to the residents of Halifax Township.
- E. Donna Rode:** Asked why the Treasurers position is not on the agenda as is the Secretary's position. She also said she requested to be on the Agenda Friday afternoon and was denied. She suggested the agenda request deadline be posted with the agenda.
- F. Flo Mallonee:** Supported Brad Bruner's comments and hoped some agreement can be determined. She hoped he would be given the same consideration as the Park Tenants who were given monthly payments to pay utility arrearages. She also reviewed the taxes and utility charges that Giant and its employees pay. She said to keep this in mind when making decisions regarding Giant.

**Matamoras Road Paving Bid Opening:**

The following four bids were received and opened:

- 1. Meckleys \$126067.40
- 2. Fulkroad & Sons \$123906.00
- 3. Eastern Industries \$129298.80
- 4. Handwerk \$140426.80

Ken Hoover asked Dale Shoop if Fulkroad & Sons does quality work. Dale Shoop said yes. Linda Ruff motioned to award the bid to Fulkroad & Sons contingent upon

review of Solicitor Dzurainin and Dale Shoop. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Secretary/Treasurers Report**

The paid interim bills and unpaid current bills were presented for approval. Carol Eppley moved to approve the bills as presented. Linda Ruff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Ken Hoover asked where the bills will be paid from for Fort Halifax. Sec/Treas Hoover said the Fort Halifax Park checking.

The July 13, 2009 Business meeting minutes were presented for approval. Linda Ruff moved to approve the minutes as presented. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The July Financial Report was accepted.

### **Planning Commission**

See written report.

Wind Energy Ordinance: Donna Rode

Donna Rode asked exactly what was approved last month that the Planning Commission do. Solicitor Dzurainin said to complete a recommended scope of work for an ordinance to be developed and to be submitted to Solicitor Dzurainin for review prior to Board action. Donna said Janet Greene gave her permission to state that she recommends that the motion be rescinded because of expected costs. She also said that any future energy ordinances include all possible alternate types of energy. Solicitor Dzurainin said he appreciates her comments and recommends that Janet Greene submit a letter to the Township. Solicitor Dzurainin said he was fine with whatever the Board chooses to do. Donna shared other comments. Fred Ford said everyone is focusing on commercial windmills. He said individuals or personal windmills could be a larger issue than the commercial. He said you can take action now or later but it will require consideration at some point. He said there will be many types of energy to consider at some point.

### **Engineers Report**

The Engineer's Report was reviewed by Engineer Justin Kuhn. (See Report)

Norma Shearer said that Tom Wilson asked if there is anything the Board of Supervisors would like him to take to the HATS meeting on September 10, 2009. She suggested the Route 147/225 split in Halifax Borough at Fourth and Market Streets be discussed. Linda Ruff commented on that intersection in terms of Senator Piccola's office also becoming involved. Dale Shoop feels that the school flashing lights are a bigger reason for backup, the intersection compounds the problem. Justin Kuhn commented that the flashing lights are PennDot permitted. Discussion ensued. Ken Hoover asked why we spent money reviewing Donco's HOP at Route 147/225.

## Solicitors Report

The Solicitor's Report was reviewed by Solicitor Dzurainin.

A - HAARA: Ken Hoover motioned to accept the Deed of Dedication from the Halifax Area Ambulance and Rescue Association, contingent upon Solicitor Dzurainin's review. Linda Ruff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B - Mountain Road Vehicle Weight Restriction Ordinance: Township is to advertise to hold a hearing on September 14, 2009 during the Board of Supervisors meeting.

See the attached report for the remainder of the Solicitors information.

## Roadmaster's Report

- A. **Fellowship Drive:** Dale Shoop asked if the Fellowship Drive Resolution was prepared. Solicitor Dzurainin said it was prepared and forwarded to the Township Office recently for execution. Sec/Treas Hoover has the resolution for execution.
- B. **Pawnee Lane:** A complaint was received, Dale and David will respond by letter.
- C. **Harn Property:** Solicitor Dzurainin said the only action left is for the Township to clean up the property and file a lien if there is equity there, but Solicitor Dzurainin said not to expect to be reimbursed for expenses. Discussion ensued. Linda Ruff said we should enforce the existing ordinance and clean up the property. Linda Ruff motioned to send a letter to the property owner. Carol Eppley seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Linda Ruff and Carol Eppley withdrew their motion and second. Solicitor Dzurainin asked for clarification if there is a time frame to be included in the letter. Solicitor Dzurainin said the motion should state the property is given thirty days and if no action is taken then the Township will clean up the property and bill the owner. Linda Ruff motioned to approve letter with above statement. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.  
Ken Hoover motioned to approve a courtesy letter be sent to the complainant. Linda Ruff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- D. **Kolish Permit:** Ken Hoover motioned to approve the Kolish shed building permit. Linda Ruff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Foerster Permit:** Ken Hoover motioned to approve a 30x40 storage shed building permit. Linda Ruff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- F. **Mower:** Dale provided the following quotes for the purchase of a used Woods BW mower for the Park: Hooper Equipment, 2004 180-2 in fair condition \$8900, B&R Farm Equipment has nothing available, Keiffer Rentals, 2008 180-3 w/ new warranty \$8800. Norma Shearer asked what the cost would be to have someone else mow the property. Melinda Warfel said about \$15 per acre. Discussion ensued. Linda Ruff motioned to purchase the used mower from Keiffer Rentals and use park funds for payment. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## **SEO Report**

No Report. The SEO has not had time to begin researching the 537 Plan confirmed malfunctions. Sec/Treas Hoover will send a letter to the SEO to file reports timely.

## **Valleys Regional Comprehensive Plan Report**

The meeting schedule has been posted: 8/11/09 Halifax Borough, 9/7/09 Halifax Township, 10/13/09 Jefferson Township, 11/11/09 Rush Township, 12/8/09 Wayne Township. Citizens meetings are scheduled for 9/15/09 for Halifax Borough and close proximity Halifax Township Residents, 9/29/09 for Halifax, Wayne, Jefferson, and Rush Townships.

Norma Shearer asked the Township Board of Supervisors to approve mailing of the citizen meeting postcard notices. The cost would be approximately \$373 for postage and \$100 for printing and copying. Ken Hoover asked if the cost is to be shared by all municipalities involved. Norma said this was just the Halifax Township cost. Discussion ensued. Linda Ruff motioned to approve the cost of the mailing. Carol Eppley seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor except Ken Hoover who was opposed.

## **Old Business**

**Fort Halifax Park Electric:** Waiting on Dave Biting. Linda Ruff will call.

**Barn Stabilization Status:** Work is complete. Linda Ruff said Jim Facinelli said the work looks very good.

**Twin Valleys Conservation Project Contribution Request:** TVCP received \$7000 less than requested in grant funding. They are asking adjacent land owners of the cleanup area to contribute also. Discussion ensued. The organization plans to clean up the Price Road area. The area also has a tributary to Powell's Creek. Linda Ruff offered to make phone calls to offices which have grant funding. There were additional citizen comments. Carol Eppley motioned to contribute \$1000 to the Twin Valley Conservation Project. Ken Hoover seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Linda Ruff asked where the money is coming from. She was told the general fund. Rudi Erb said if Linda Ruff obtains other funds TVCP will return the Township contribution.

## **New Business**

- A. Subdivision Discussion - Jim Tenaglia: Jim Tenaglia described the lot "add-on" subdivision he proposed to the Planning Commission in July. He has limited access to the rear of his property. His neighbor simply has an awkward situation. He was told last month to follow SALDO provisions. He plans to do so but is trying to determine what his costs may be. He knows he will have surveying costs but hopes his waiver requests will be honored. He is uncomfortable not knowing if the waivers will be approved, because some of them are "deal breakers". Norma Shearer said the Board of Supervisors has no desire to make unreasonable demands. Linda Ruff concurred with Norma Shearer's comments. Solicitor Dzurandin said he understands and normally waivers are granted and sometimes with contingencies. Carol Eppley has no concerns with waivers but said the Board of Supervisors generally takes Planning Commission recommendations. Ken Hoover was concerned due to the cost to Brad Bruner for his plan which had several waivers. Fred Ford said the Planning Commission reviewed Mr.

Tenaglia's plan and did not see a major issue. Discussion ensued.

- B. Secretary Position - Carol Eppley motioned to advertise the position and appoint Norma Shearer and Linda Ruff to oversee the process. Linda Ruff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements**

- A. Norma Shearer said the Dauphin County Music Festival was highly successful with over 1000 people in attendance. She requested that a donation be sent to the Fire Department for its efforts at the festival. Discussion ensued among the Supervisors. No action was taken.
  
- B. Linda Ruff said she received a telephone call from a resident last evening that a prowler was in their yard. When the resident called the PA State Police it took one hour and thirty nine minutes for PSP to respond. Linda suggested sending a letter to the PSP voicing the Board of Supervisors concern regarding the lack of coverage (only two PSP were on duty at the time) in Upper Dauphin County. Linda Ruff motioned to send a letter to PSP voicing the Township's concern. Carol Eppley seconded the motion. Wilbur Prouse voiced his concern about drug users congregating in the Fort Halifax Park in the future when the Park is developed. The motion was carried unanimously.
  
- C. Friends of Fort Halifax will have a Mr. Sticky fundraiser on Friday 9/11/09.

**Adjournment**

Ken Hoover motioned to adjourn at 9:11 PM. Linda Ruff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W Hoover  
Secretary