

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2019 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Supervisors Bechtel, Bruner, Paul, Schreffler and McBurney are present along with Secretary Wendy M. Wentzel. Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky, Engineer Tim DeWire, and Roadmaster Tim Belk were absent.

RECORDING MEETING – No one other than the Secretary was recording the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – **Todd Etzweiler** stated that he felt that a professional audit by a CPA should be performed on the Halifax Fire Department since it has not been audited by a professional in the past. **Sgt. Wolfe** of the Pennsylvania State Police gave a report for the upper end of the County. There were over 476 incidents – 100 criminal, 26 crashes, 350 citations and 10 DUI's. PSP had a Commercial truck detail and performed 40 truck inspections and placed 10 trucks and 8 truckdrivers out of service due to violations. He also noted that it's illegal for 53-foot tractor trailers to come over Peters Mountain. He stated that there are signs in various places displaying this. Sgt. Wolfe shared that PSP is trying to make changes in recruiting. National Night Out in 2018 was a success and this year's National Night Out will be held August 7th, 2019.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Paid Interim Bills – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor McBurney to approve the paid interim bills thru February 11, 2019. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Current Unpaid Bills** – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Paul to pay the unpaid bills through February 11, 2019. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Minutes – January 7, 2019 Reorg** - **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the meeting minutes of the January 7, 2019 Re-Org meeting. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Minutes - January 14, 2019** – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the meeting Minutes of January 14, 2019. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Financial Report** – Placed on file for audit at a later period.

EMC REPORT – No report

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – The Planning Commission held its meeting on February 4, 2019. **Nightwine Subdivision** – The Planning Commission recommended approval contingent upon addressing Tom Wilson's comments of February 1st, 2019. **Farhat New Building** – The Planning Commission decided that this building did not require a land development plan since it was similar in use to the other existing structures on the property. **Ty and Lana Shoop** – The Planning Commission accepted their plans for a side yard addition. **Sign Ordinance** – Discussion took place. Research into other municipality sign ordinances is taking place and along with ideas by the Township for future meetings.

ENGINEER REPORT – Engineer Tim DeWire submitted K & W's report dated January 25, 2019 for services in January. The report was placed on record.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated February 7, 2019 for services during January. The report will be placed on record. Bold text items are on the agenda.

ROADMASTER REPORT – Roadmaster Belk submitted his report for work performed during the month of January. The report will be placed on record.

SEO REPORT – On record as submitted.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX – Submitted their report for the record. No action taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Permit fees – No action taken. On next month's agenda.

Green Light Go Grant – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to seek quotes for the upgrades outlined in the Green Light Go Grant. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Keypad Quotes for Building – No action taken. On the agenda for next month.

SALDO Ordinance Revisions – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the SALDO Ordinance revisions with an effective date of February 21, 2019. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Nightwine Subdivision Plans – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor Bruner to approve the waivers 1 – 6 of Section A of Engineer Tom Wilson's report dated February 11, 2019. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to conditionally approve the plans subject to the General Comments under Section B. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor Bruner to waive the \$200 application for the Nightwine Subdivision plans. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Clean Up Day Dates – No action taken. On next month's agenda.

Farhat Land Development Plan Exemption – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to not require a Land Development Plan for a 6000-foot structure since it was similar in use to the other buildings on the property. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Halifax Time Capsule – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor Schreffler to allow the Township Roadcrew assist with excavating the Time Capsule on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, which was buried during the 1994 Bicentennial Celebration and to assist with reburying the new time capsule at a later date in September 2019. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Rocket Launches at Fort Halifax – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor McBurney to allow the Southern n PA Area Association of Rocketry permission to fly rockets at Fort Halifax Park on May 4th, August 3rd and September 21, 2019 provided a Certificate in Insurance is provided to the Township. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Key Pad Quotes

Permit Fees

Clean Up Days

Farhat Stormwater Management Plan Exemption

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 12th and 26th – Senator John DiSanto's Office – 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Township Building

March 4, 2019 – Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

March 11, 2019 – Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy M. Wentzel
Secretary

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