

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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

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

RECORDING MEETING – Besides the Secretary recording the meeting, one person from the public announced that they will be recording the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An Executive Sessions was held this evening from 6:00 until 6:40 for matters regarding real estate.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No one spoke under public comment.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Paid Interim Bills – Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Paul to approve the paid interim bills thru March 9, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0. **Current Unpaid Bills – Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Paul to pay the unpaid bills through March 9, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0. **Minutes – February 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0. **Financial Report** – Placed on file for audit at a later period.

EMC REPORT – EMC Neiter was present to update the Board. He brought up the Coronavirus to remind people to wash their hands and follow the protocol to help from getting the virus. He also covered his fire chief's report that was sent to the Township. The fire department responded to a house fire on Saturday, March 7th, and it was noted that two dogs and a cat were rescued. The Fire Marshall visited the site and noted that the fire was electrical in nature.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – A written report was submitted. Please see under Old Business for the actions taken.

ENGINEER REPORT – Engineer Tim DeWire submitted and provided an overview of K & W's report dated February 28, 2020 for services in February 2020. The report was placed on record.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated March 6, 2020 for services during February. The report will be placed on record. Bold text items are on the agenda. **Camp Hebron Tax Assessment – Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Schreffler to contribute to the fee of an appraisal in the amount of \$228 which represents 3.012%. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

ROADMASTER REPORT – Roadmaster Belk provided an overview on his report for activities during the month of February. The Report is placed on record. Tim Belk presented an overview of the roads that needed either tar and chipped, paved or base repairs.

Tar and Chip – Galli Road, Lauren Lane, Fellowship Drive, Upper Middle Road, Cornfield Drive, Round Top Drive, Hill Top Drive; Sycamore Avenue, Oak avenue, Elm Street, Maple Avenue and Ridge Road from set point to Hershey Road

Paving – Maple Street, Dunkel School Road from Seiders Road to Cornfield Drive

Base Repairs – Pawnee Lane

Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Paul to conditionally approve the 2020 road projects with leaving a cushion for line painting and another \$30,000 in the Liquid Fuels account. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

Roadmaster Belk met with representatives of the Dirt and Gravel program to inspect Scholl Road. It was determined that Scholl Road will need to be done in phases. The middle section of Scholl Road is questionable for dirt and gravel. The Board asked that Upper Paxton Township be reached out to and determine if they are vacating Woodside Station Road which meets up with Scholl Road.

SEO REPORT – Submitted and placed on record.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX – No report submitted. Frank Wilmarth reported that Joe Baker is working with them on the grant. The railroad crossing is currently on the back burner. There will be a work party next weekend around the Fort Halifax Park area. There is a concern regarding an ash tree near the wigwam site. It is close to wires. The roadmaster will check it out and Chad Lebo will check it out as well.

Chairman Bechtel discussed the estimate involving paving of the road entering the park from State Route 147. He noted that the sides of the road leading to the railroad crossing will have to be dug out and base material be placed on each side and compacted before putting blacktop of the road. The road will be 16 feet wide with 2 feet shoulder on each side. He was not in favor of doing any other paving due to the potential demolition of the barn and the farmhouse on the site.

NUISANCE REPORT – Nothing to report

ADMINISTRATIVE

Tax Claim Parcels – No action taken

OLD BUSINESS

Floodplain Permit Application – Engineer DeWire presented his memo. After discussion, Engineer DeWire will return the application to the applicant, which needs to be completed with more information.

Sweigard Subdivision Extension Request – **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the waivers requested for the Sweigard Subdivision. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Paul to conditionally approve the Sweigard Subdivision Plans with B2, B4, B5, C2, C3, D1 and D2 as conditions set forth in Township Engineer DeWire's memo dated March 6, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

Harteis Subdivision – Upon granting seven waivers of the SALDO at last month's meeting, a **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Paul to approve the Harteis Subdivision Plan with B1-6 and C1-2 as conditions set forth in Engineer DeWire's memo dated March 2, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

Nuisance Ordinance Revision – Tabled until April.

Kieffer Road Turnback – Tabled until April.

NEW BUSINESS

Rocket Flying Dates – **Approval** – Motion was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Paul to approve the Southern PA Association of Rocketry's request to fly rockets at Fort Halifax on May 2, 2020, August 1, 2020 and September 19, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Kieffer Road Land Turnback
Nuisance Ordinance Revisions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 10, 2020 and March 24, 2020 – Senator DiSanto’s Office – 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Township Building

April 6, 2020 – Planning Commission – 7:00 p.m.

April 13, 2020 – Board of Supervisors Monthly Business Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

May 8th and 9th, 2020 – Cleanup Days

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Paul to adjourn at 8:58 pm. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy M. Wentzel
Secretary