

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
Halifax, PA 17032
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
January 9th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY BE AN ACTION ITEM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors Bechtel, Bruner, Paul, and McBurney, are present along with Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky, HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly, Roadmaster Tim Belk, and Secretary Sara Glace. Supervisor Schreffler was present virtually.

RECORDING MEETING:

Halifax Township secretary is the only person reportedly recording the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was an executive session held this Monday evening, January 9th, 2023, from 6:10 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. to discuss matters dealing with personnel and litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No person spoke under public comment.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

Paid Interim Bills: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the paid bills through January 9th, 2023. Vote called. The **Motion** carries 5-0.

Current Unpaid Bills: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to approve the unpaid bills through January 9th, 2023. Vote called. The **Motion** carries 5-0.

Meeting Minutes:

December 12th, 2022, Meeting Minutes: A **Motion** was by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to approve the December 12th, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Vote called. The **Motion** carries 5-0.

Financial Report: Place on file for audit later.

EMC REPORT:

Chief Tim Neiter was present and did submit a report for December 2022. Chief Tim Neiter reviewed the year-end report submitted to Halifax Township. There will be an EOC activation exercise on Thursday, April 20th, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All EMA staff are asked to attend.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

A report was not submitted for the Planning Commission meeting that was held on January 4th, 2023. Chairman Bechtel advised that the Planning Commission Chairs stayed the same at the Reorganizational Meeting held January 4th, 2023. Jake Gruver is the Chairman, Randy Paul is the Vice-Chairman, and Dwight Hoffman is the Secretary.

Matthew A. & Chandra F. Morgan Land Development Plan: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the Time Extension Agreement for Matthew A. & Chandra F. Morgan Land Development Plan. Vote called. The **Motion** carries 5-0.

ENGINEER REPORT:

HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly covered his report dated January 6th, 2023, for services during December 2022.

Small Bridge Program Report: The Board of Supervisors previously voted to not be part of the Small Bridge Program Report and questioned Engineer Alex Greenly why Halifax Township received a report from Dauphin County Small Bridge Program. Engineer Alex Greenly advised that he investigate why.

Christy Lepore Stormwater: An Easement Agreement would be sufficient to meet the separation requirements for Section 508-10.d.1.b.vii and would lift the denial.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated January 5th, 2023, for services during December. The report will be placed on record. Bold text items are on the agenda.

U & Me Property at the corner of 147/225: This was discussed in Executive Session.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Roadmaster Tim Belk was present and submitted a report for December 2022. The report will be placed on record. Roadmaster advised the Board of Supervisors that Jackson Township would like to store the Boom Mower here until they are able to come pick it up. Discussion came up about what roads to consider for paving, about the missing stop sign that seems to be disappearing at Baddorf Road and Dirt and Gravel Road Grant.

SEO REPORT:

A report was submitted for the work was done in the month of December 2022.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX REPORT:

Bruce Henry, member of the Friends of Fort Halifax, was present and submitted a report for December 2022. Bruce Henry, member of the Friends of Fort Halifax introduced Robert Brightbill who works for Dauphin County Vo-Tech School to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Robert Brightbill made a request to the Board of Supervisors to bring a group of students to Fort Halifax for a week-long historical building restoration student encampment in late June 2023. The building restoration project would include light carpentry and painting restoration primarily on the wagon shed, granary, and the milk house if time and weather permit. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to approve the week-long historical building restoration student encampment in late June 2023. Vote called. The **Motion** carries 5-0.

NUISANCE REPORT:

Mr. Larry Casner: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to send a pre-nuisance letter to Mr. Larry Casner about the totaled 8 derby cars stockpiled on the property. Vote called. The **Motion** carries 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Advertising of Auditors: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the advertisement that Halifax Township intends to appoint a certified public accountant firm to replace the Halifax Township's elected auditors with performing an examination of all the Halifax Township accounts for the 2022 fiscal year and to determine the compensation of the appointed accounting firm for such purpose. Vote called. The **Motion** carries 5-0.

Lake Tobias's Donation: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to accept the donation made by Lake Tobias. Vote called. The **Motion** carries 5-0.

Auditor Minutes: Auditor Meeting Minutes were submitted for the Auditor Reorganizational Meeting held on January 4th, 2023, held by the appointed Auditors, minutes will be placed on record.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andrew Hoover-Building Permit: No action or discussion occurred.

Zeigler's Nuisance Complaint: No action or discussion occurred.

Keiffer Road: No action or discussion occurred.

Small Festival for 2023: Mr. Michael Culp proposed dates September 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2023 for the Small Festival of 2023. Board of Supervisors expressed concern about advising the Small Festival of 2023.

Fort Halifax Farmhouse & Barn Quarterly Report: HRG, Inc. did a property inspection and Shermeyer did a feasibility study.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christina Warfel: No action or discussion occurred.

Jo Etta Miller: Hill Crest Road is a private road. There are questions came up about who is allowed to use the road and will Halifax Township take the road over.

Halifax Fire Department: A Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul approve the use of Halifax Township's Engineer Alex Greenly time to do some investigative work to see if Halifax Fire Department will be able to level out the dirt mount that sits on the property to make the parking lot bigger. Vote called. The Motion carries 5-0.

PennDOT Winter Traffic Services Supplemental Agreement & Resolution: A Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to dispense with reading of the PennDOT Winter Traffic Service Supplemental Agreement & Resolution. Vote called. The Motion carries 5-0. A Motion was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to approve the PennDOT Winter Traffic Services Supplemental Agreement & Resolution. Vote called. The Motion carries 5-0.

Southern Pennsylvania Area Association of Rocketry: A Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the dates: April 29th, July 29th, and September 16th, 2023, submitted by Southern Pennsylvania Area Association of Rocketry to use Fort Halifax Park Field. Vote called. The Motion carries 5-0.

Sycamore Ridge: The Board of Supervisors gave their approve for Sycamore Ridge to apply for NPDES Permit.

Fiber Optic-Frontier: Question came up about what kind of permits that Frontier would need to install Fiber Optics. Halifax Township does not have any permits for Frontier.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Keiffer Road

Casner Nuisance

Funds into CD's

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February 6th, 2023-Planning Commission Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

February 13th, 2023-Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Vote called. The Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sara M. Glace
Secretary**