

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
Halifax, PA 17032
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
June 12th, 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 7:08 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

RECORDING MEETING:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were three executive sessions held in the last month. One was held on May 22nd, 2023, from 9:00 p.m. till 9:15 p.m. to discuss real estate, one was held, June 8th, 2023, from 8:00 p.m. till 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel, and one on June 12th, 2023, from 6:08 p.m. till 6:51 p.m. to discuss the possibility of litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Gary Lenker, representative of Lenker Estates, spoke about the water basin problem in Lenker Estate and who should be contacted for the engineer billing.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

Paid Interim Bills: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the paid bills through June 12th, 2023. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Current Unpaid Bills: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the unpaid bills through May 8th, 2023. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Meeting Minutes:

May 8th, 2023, Meeting Minutes: A **Motion** was by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to approve the May 8th, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

May 22nd, 2023, Special Public Business Meeting Minutes: A **Motion** was by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to approve the May 22nd, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Financial Report: Place on file for audit later.

EMC REPORT:

Chief Tim Neiter was not present but did submit a report for May 2023.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission monthly meeting was held Monday, June 5th, 2023. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to accept Flo Mallonee resignation from the Planning Commission Board. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Hoover Chicken House Land Development Plan: The Planning Commission approved Timothy Hoover's Land Development Plan. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the four requested waivers listed on HRG, Inc. Review letter dated April 28th, 2023. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul to give conditional approval of Timothy Hoover's Land Development Plan by meeting the requirements of HRG, Inc. review letter dated April 28th, 2023, paying close attention to administrative comment #2 and financial security. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

ENGINEER REPORT:

HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly covered his report dated June 9th, 2023, for services during May 2023.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated June 6th, 2023, for services during May 2023. The report will be placed on record. **Bold text items are on the agenda.** Solicitor Warshawsky advised the Board of Supervisors of new happenings with the John & Sandy Brown/Chris Hoover case. John & Sandy Brown now need to provide proof that cess pool was pumped prior to it being filled in.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Roadmaster Tim Belk was present and submitted a report for May 2023. Roadmaster Tim Belk would like it to go on record that Jeff Grosser gave his permission to pave over the sewer inlet located on State Route 147.

SEO REPORT:

A report was submitted for the work that was done in the month of May 2023.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX REPORT:

Bruce Henry, member of Friends of Fort Halifax, was present and submitted a report for May 2023. No action items this month. The Friends of Fort Halifax would like Halifax Township residents to know that Andrew Frech will be at Fort Halifax Park at the Yeager House on Wednesday, June 21st, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. as a banjo entertainer.

NUISANCE REPORT:

U & Me Properties, LLC. (Parcel #: 29-016-024): A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to send a pre-nuisance letter to U & Me Properties, LLC. because of the unmaintained lot which contains noxious weeds such as Johnson grass and thistle located at the intersection of State Route 147 and Peters Mountain Road has not been mowed yet this year. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Sipe (Parcel #: 29-009-067): A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to send a pre-nuisance letter to Mr. & Mrs. Steven Sipe because of the high grass (more than 12 inches) on your parcel located on Kinsinger Road. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Marks, Jr (Parcel #: 29-028-023): A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to send a pre-nuisance letter to Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Marks, Jr. because of the high grass (more than 12 inches) on your parcel located at 3059 Peters Mountain Road. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Mr. & Mrs. Garam Farhart (Parcel #: 29-016-048 & 29-016-052): A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to send a pre-nuisance letter to Mr. & Mrs. Garam Farhat because of the high grass (more than 12 inches) on both your parcels located on South River Road. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Mr. & Mrs. Galen Snyder (Parcel #: 29-025-037): A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to send a pre-nuisance letter to Mr. & Mrs. Galen Snyder because of the high grass (more than 12 inches) on your parcel located at 3213 Peters Mountain Road. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Roadmaster Advertisement: Halifax Township located in Dauphin County; PA is seeking a full-time Roadmaster. Experience in operating and maintaining various equipment required. Must have CDL License. Experience in dealing with road maintenance and other infrastructure a plus. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience and qualifications. Submit a cover letter along with a resume and references to Halifax Township. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Schreffler to place a Roadmaster Advertisement in The Daily Item and The Citizen Standard. Applications will be accepted until Friday, July 14th, 2023. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Election of Planning Commission Member: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor Scheffler to add Election of Planning Commission Member to June 12th, 2023, Board of Supervisor's Agenda. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to appoint Don Hentz as member of the Planning Commission. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Keiffer Road: No discussion or action taken.

Permits & Fees: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the new building, demolition, and excavation permit forms and setting the fee for the excavation permit form to initial \$150.00 minimum pursuant to engineer fees that may apply. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Halifax Township Partial Guaranty & Ordinance: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to dispense with the reading Halifax Township Ordinance and Partial Guaranty. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the Halifax Township Ordinance and Partial Guaranty. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Solar Ordinance: The Board of Supervisors decided to have the Planning Commission Members review the Solar Ordinance by Solicitor Warshawsky prior to moving forward with approving the Solar Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Halifax Cheer Sponsorship 2023-2024: The Board of Supervisors feels that sponsoring Halifax Cheer for 2023-2024 would require Halifax Township to donate to other local groups. It just would not be feasible to donate to all local groups in the area, so Halifax Township Board of Supervisors decided it was not in the best interest of Halifax Township to donate to Halifax Cheer.

Hidden Driveway Sign: The Board of Supervisors values the relationship between its residents and your concern but decided that there would be no viable benefit for Halifax Township and would incur considerable cost.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Roadmaster Advertisement
Zeigler's Nuisance Complaint
Keiffer Road
Permits & Fees

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June 15th, 2023-COG Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Jefferson Township
July 4th, 2023-Halifax Township Closed to Observe Independence Day
July 5th, 2023-Planning Commission Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
July 10th, 2023-Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara M. Glace
Secretary/Treasurer