

**HALIFAX TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
April 8, 2013**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisors Bechtel, Bruner, Hoover, Paul and Shultz are present. Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky, Engineer Adam Davis sitting in for Tom Wilson, Corey Stazewski Roadmaster and Carolyn Nye Secretary are present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** **Steve Boyer** has no public comment. **Michael Snody** wants to follow-up on the storm water runoff but will defer to later on the agenda. **Flo Mallone** has no public comment. **James Bittner** voiced a complaint regarding trash on a property located in Halifax Township along Rte. 147. Corey stated he knows the individual and spoke to him about this issue. **Motion:** Supervisor Hoover made a motion to send a pre-nuisance letter to Rodney Seiler, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:** **Paid Interim Bills – Motion:** Supervisor Shultz made a motion to approve the interim bills, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Current Unpaid Bills – Motion:** Supervisor Hoover made a motion to authorize payment of the current bills, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Minutes – Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Financial Report –** The Board reviewed the March Financial Report and had no comments or questions.

**EMC REPORT:** Charles Bisking was present but had no comments or updates.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** Flo Mallonee gave the report from the March 4 meeting. She stated Rahn and Ann Cooper requested a waiver to the storm water management application they submitted. Flo indicated the Planning Commission Board unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve the waiver.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Adam Davis sitting in for Tom Wilson presented the April 2 report. No action taken.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** The Solicitor went over the report. **HARA –** Chairman Bechtel stated he attended the HARA meeting and submitted a copy of the Township's letter to HARA. The original letter was sent via mail. He stated HARA voted to continue with the pool opening for 2013. There is a steering committee looking for volunteers to help deal with the pool issues. **Wells Fargo property –** Chairman Bechtel talked to Todd Etzweiler who stated the contractor is looking at alternatives regarding the storm water problems. **Bruner SWM Plan –** Tony Trost the Engineer for the plan submitted five waiver requests. **Motion:** Supervisor Hoover made a motion to approve the Storm Water Management Plan waivers 508.8.b.1(8), 508.8.b.II (3), 508.8.b.II (4), 508.8.b.II.(8) and 508.14, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 4-1 abstention.

**ROADMASTER REPORT: Snody/Lebo Water Issue –** Corey stated that he met with Mike Snody and Chad Lebo separately about this issue. He feels that the Township could grade the road and put in pipe to help alleviate some of this problem. Mike. Snody thought maybe some diversions could be put in place. Chad Lebo said a pipe was installed years ago to aide in

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preventing water from going down Middle Road. He said now the water comes onto his empty lot. Mike Snody said he would cooperate with the Township in this endeavor. Chad feels the problem escalated due to someone clearing some of the mountain land above his property. It was stated that maybe the Township Engineer may have to look at this first. **Quote for Guide Rail Installation – Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the installation of the guide rail with the quote mentioned along Ridge Road and Mountain Road, under discussion Supervisor Hoover mentioned culverts collapsing along Matamoras Road near where the timbering is being done, Chairman Bechtel thinks this may be where the Township is trying to get permits to replace some of the pipe, Corey said he received a call from a resident wandering if the company timbering out has to have a bond because of using the township road, Chairman Bechtel stated no, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Mowing at Park** – Corey indicated if no volunteers are found to mow, he and Raymie will have to do the mowing. Frank Wilmarth who represents the Friends of Ft. Halifax will try to find a volunteer among that group. **Paving** – Corey gave a report on what roads he thinks need paved this year, i.e. Camp Hebron Road, Kieffer Road and Taylor School Road which is the worst. He and Raymie feel that Price Road at the Matamoras Road end should be worked on to improve that end.

**PARK COMMITTEE REPORT:** Supervisor Paul gave a report based on meeting with Frank Wilmarth and Dane Harman on March 25. The issue of painting and clean up of the property was discussed in the committee. It was stated that both Supervisors Shultz and Paul want to survey the area before any authorization is given. The plowing of the upper field is approved and on April 26 students are coming to participate in a dig at the park. June 25 Ned Smith people are coming to park. The township is asking for indemnification from the Ned Smith people. Supervisor Paul will take a look at the area mentioned by Frank Wilmarth regarding a drain pipe. Chairman Bechtel stated he will plow the upper field this week. The Board is in agreement for Dane to use the brick house for a shelter facility during the activities.

**ADMINISTRATIVE: Outstanding Check** – The Secretary stated there is an outstanding check since February pertaining to an owner of a home in Matamoras for SEO work done on the property. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to send a Certified Letter to the individual to seek collection for the SEO service, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Liquid Fuels** – A check came in that was higher than what was expected at \$129,958.06.

**SEO REPORT:** No report received.

**OLD BUSINESS: Bruner SWM Plan** – Previously addressed under Solicitor Report.

**Rahn and Ann Cooper SWM Plan – Motion:** Supervisor Hoover made a motion to approve the submission which includes a request for a waiver of the requirements identified in Mr. Wilson's March 19 correspondence, seconded by Supervisor Paul, under discussion the Solicitor stated the O & M is not required, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**Hoffman SWM** – The Solicitor talked to Mrs. Hoffman and she agrees to submit a SWM application to deal with removal of the pond. However, she asked if the fee could be waived. The Board decided that the fee should be included with the application submission.

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**Tobias Road** – Chairman Bechtel stated he called Mr. Tobias to talk to him about the road but he was not available. Chairman Bechtel did talk to the Matters who stated they do not want the road closed.

**Sycamore Trees Resolution/Permit – Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve a \$25.00 fee for the permit, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**Motion to Waive the Reading of the Resolution:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to waive the reading of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**Motion to Approve the Resolution and the Application:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to approve the resolution and permit application, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**J. P. Harris Contract – Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**EOP Resolution – Motion to Waive the Reading of the Resolution:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to waive the reading of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion to Approve the Resolution:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Paul, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**Kline Nuisance – Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to send a letter to the Kline's to give them 45 days to cleanup and put things in an orderly fashion, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS: James Rittner Regarding Complaint** – This was addressed under Public Comment.

**Recycling Area – Cost Sharing Request: Motion** – Supervisor Paul made a motion for the Township to pay 50% of the cost and to help with distributing the stone at the recycling area at Deppen Park, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**LST Appeal** – An appeal was received from Pastor Kristine Heckard. **Motion:** Supervisor Paul made a motion to not approve the appeal due to the type of request not being authorized in the ordinance, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Sycamore Tree Ordinance and Tobias Road.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Planning Commission Meeting May 6 at 7 p.m., Township Meeting May 13 at 7 p.m. and Cleanup Day May 10 and 11.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to adjourn at 9:48 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nye, Secretary