

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – Supervisors Bechtel, Bruner, Paul, Schreffler and McBurney are present along with Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky, Adam Davis for Engineer Tom Wilson, Roadmaster Corey Stazewski and Secretary Wendy M. Wentzel.

RECORDING MEETING – The Township Secretary is the only person recording this meeting.2

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Chairman Bechtel noted that there was executive session held prior to the meeting which took place from 6:05 – 6:55 pm. to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – **Jeff Enders** spoke and asked about the sidewalk project and asked where Halifax Township stood in the process. Jeff also mentioned that the Fire Department met with the elected Township auditors, stating that it was a positive experience. He also shared that the Fire Department went to Sunbury Motors with their diesel pickup truck (utility truck) and are trading it in for a gas model and other add-ons which totaled out of pocket expenses for the vehicle of \$6,000.00. They are expecting delivery in April. Jeff also shared the Borough's opinion on the closing of the swimming pool. **Flo Mallonee** deferred comment. **Norma Shearer** spoke of Fort Halifax Park as a gift. She stated that the Township has it and that the Township should use it. She stated that there are lot of resources through the Friends of Fort Halifax and noted lots of volunteers.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Paid Interim Bills – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the paid interim bills. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0. **Current Unpaid Bills** – **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul to pay the current unpaid bills. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting to adopt the 2015 budget dated December 15, 2014. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2015 Re-Org Meeting. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to approve the Minutes of Board of Supervisors Regular Business Meeting of January 12, 2015. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

Financial Report - The Board reviewed the Financial Report and had no comments. The Report will be placed on file for audit at a later time.

EMC REPORT – No report submitted

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – **Janet Strohecker Subdivision** – was accepted for review by the Planning Commission. **Long/Rode Subdivision** – Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve waivers being requested. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to accept final approval of this plan with contingencies which have all been met. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

ENGINEER REPORT – Adam Davis read Engineer Tom Wilson’s report which was submitted February 4, 2015. Engineer Wilson met with PennDOT on January 8, 2015 and developed a base mapping for the Sidewalk grant.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report of February 4, 2015. **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to have Solicitor Warshawsky follow through with the Stewart remediation. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0. **Kolva – Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to proceed with the next course of action if there is no appeal. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to direct the Planning Commission review and consider changes to Stormwater Provisions/Act 167 – sign, lighting, cell phone tower and alternative energy for the next SALDO modification. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

ROADMASTER REPORT – Roadmaster Stazewski read his monthly report. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to set the Township Cleanup dates for May 8th and 9th. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to advertise the cleanup day in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel and the Township’s website. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0. **Market Street and Riverview Drive** – The residents contacted Joe Gaughn and voiced their opinion on the decision to change the name.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Polling Place – Chairman Bechtel announced a letter received by the Township alerting a temporary change of polling place from the Halifax Fire Department to the Word of Life Chapel on Fellowship Drive effective for the upcoming primary election in May.

SEO REPORT – Report by Light-Heigel & Associates was submitted on February 9, 2015 and made part of these Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting – Senator Teplitz/Funks – Meeting was held at the township building with Senator Teplitz, The Funks, Solicitor Warshawsky, Chairman Bechtel and Supervisor McBurney. Minimum research will be conducted based upon this meeting.

Computer for the Public – An internet policy was drafted and presented for review and discussion.

Payroll Outsourcing – After discussion it was decided to table and will be reviewed for a later date in the year.

U.C. Trust Ordinance – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded Supervisor Paul to waive the reading of the Ordinance. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to adopt the U.C. Trust Ordinance. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Violation – Snow – **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to have the Township Secretary do a press release to the residents and publish it in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel reminding them of the Nuisance Ordinance and the Snow and Ice ordinance. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

Swimming Pool Committee – Emily Hoffman, a resident of Halifax Township and member of the Volunteer Swimming Pool Committee, spoke on behalf of the swimming team that accessed the swimming pool on a regular basis. She presented a proposal on how to reduce expenses and raise profits in order to keep the pool open and also stepping up fund raising efforts. They were asking for the Township’s help in determining how to keep the pool open.

FoFHP – Request for Permission to construct two primitive trails – Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul to give permission to have two primitive trails constructed on the grounds of Fort Halifax. Vote called. Motion carried 3-2 in favor.

FoFHP – Request to set up Progressive Geocaching course on Park property – Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul to allow a progressive geocaching course be set up on the grounds of Fort Halifax. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

FoFHP – Approve Resolution for limited exception to Township Rules Prohibiting Alcohol – Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Bruner have the Solicitor research wine vendors who are licensed under the LCB to be able to sell corked bottles of wine at the Saturday event held at Fort Halifax in May. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

HARA Resignation – Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to accept the resignation of Tracy Cox as a representative of the Township at the HARA meetings. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to advertise the vacancy on the HARA Board. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Computer internet Policy
Market Street
HARA Board Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting – February 12, 2015
Planning Commission Meeting – March 2, 2015
Township Meeting – March 9, 2015

ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 pm. Vote called. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy M. Wentzel
Secretary