

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

RECORDING MEETING – In addition to the Recording Secretary, a member of the public was recording from time to time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held this evening from 6:35 pm until 7:00 pm to discuss matters of litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – **Norma Shearer**, of the Friends of Fort Halifax, spoke about the Heritage Days event held at Fort Halifax on May 6th.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Paid Interim Bills – **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Paul to approve the paid interim bills thru May 8, 2017. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Current Unpaid Bills** – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Paul to pay the unpaid bills as of May 8, 2017. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Minutes** – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the meeting minutes of April 10, 2017. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Financial Report** – Placed on file for audit at a later period.

EMC REPORT – There was no report submitted. Tim Neiter was not present but had relayed to Supervisor Bruner that there have been three successful flights with the drone and a training manual is currently being worked on.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – No report was submitted and the meeting for April had been cancelled due to nothing new being submitted for the agenda.

ENGINEER REPORT – Engineer Wilson provided an overview of his report dated April 28, 2017 with the Board of Supervisors for services during the month April. This report has been placed on record.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Solicitor Warshawsky presented his report dated May 2, 2017. All the items in bold are on the agenda. It was noted that the Township has been assigned counsel for the railroad traffic fatality and will be meeting at the end of this month in anticipation of a lawsuit that will be filed.

ROADMASTER REPORT – Roadmaster Stazewski submitted his report for April. He reported that the Freightliner recently purchased from the Federal Surplus has been painted. The Roadmaster received a quote for \$9,000 to \$10,000 for a new plow for the truck. No action was taken.

There was discussion on the literature provided to the Supervisors pertaining to the purchase of a new mower. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor Schreffler to purchase a mower from Diamond for mowing road banks for \$14,000. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

The Roadmaster brought up about campers camping where they should not be. The Board agreed that camping should only be along the river only. Anywhere else has not been approved at this time.

Paving options for 2017 in the Township were discussed. Paving the balance of Camp Hebron road; Paving from 225 up over the hill on Bunker Hill Road to the old House; Hershey Road – tar and chip from the stop sign at Ridge Road down to the first turn; blacktop from there down around and across the bridges; tar and chip on McClellan and Pawnee Lane; tar and chip on Ridge Road from the bridge over by where Marlin Zimmerman used to live to where it was paved; project at Mattis's which is to fill the bank in and taper it to provide stability to that road. A cost analysis will be done to determine what can go out to bid.

SEO REPORT – Report dated May 5, 2017 for April's activities was received and placed on record.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Debit Card – The Township Secretary reported to the Board that BB&T was now charging a service fee of \$12.00 a month due to the lack of spending \$1,000 or more during the month. She mentioned that having a charge card account for the Township would eliminate that charge and provide more security in the use of a charge card. The Board recommended that the Secretary reach out to other banks to see what they offer.

Chairman Bechtel reported that the Township received its letter of collateralization from BB&T. He also reported that the Township received a report showing that the Tobias Road Bridges checked by the Wilson Consulting Group and they do not require a load posting.

OLD BUSINESS

Halifax Village – After a discussion, the Board asked the owners of the Mobile Home Park to email Joe Gaughan of Dauphin County Emergency Management her proposal and come back to the Board at next month's meeting with an agreeable resolution to the address reassignments.

A to Z Construction Complaint – Mr. Auman was present and noted that there are still unlicensed vehicles on the A to Z Construction property. He shared that if A to Z would move everything over the hill, there wouldn't be any issues. Solicitor Warshawsky noted that counsel for A to Z Construction informed him that the vehicles will be registered by June 1st. They are also willing to erect the required screening (buffer plantings) that would be required with his land development plan for his property earlier than when the land development plan would be approved. Mr. Auman is open to this idea.

Brother Nuisance – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to withdraw the nuisance complaint. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Act 537 – This item was tabled after a discussion took place.

Fort Halifax Artifacts – **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** – Tabled until the next meeting.

Electric Rates – After discussion, the Board asked the Township Secretary to check with Co-Stars as to whether they have a contract for electric. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to send a letter to Patriot Energy advising them that the Township will not be renewing their contract. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Scholl Road – Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor McBurney to send letters to parcel owners to come to the net meeting or send correspondence with a suggestion for naming the private access off Scholl Road. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Schreffler – Private Road – Discussion took place involving the naming of the private access off Parmer Drive. The Township had not heard back from the Parcel owner that would be affected by the address change. The Secretary will reach out to this parcel owner and this item will be placed on next month's agenda.

Wilbert Stormwater Management Application and Waiver – Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to waive the Stormwater Management Application per option #3. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Pollinator Plots – Chairman Bechtel stated that Dauphin County Farm Bureau is looking at putting in pollinator plots in different areas throughout the County. He asked if the Board was interested in putting in a quarter or half acre in on the east side of Route 147 on the northern end of Fort Halifax. Planting will be done sometime in the late spring or early summer. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the planting of the pollinator plot. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Kieffer Road – Matt Bixler, a resident of Kieffer Road, was present and addressed his concern regarding the auction of property on Kieffer Road owned by Shirley Tobias. Multiple conversation took place and no action was taken.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A-Z Construction
Halifax Village
PPL - Electric Rates
Act 537
Fort Halifax Artifacts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 13th and June 27th – Senator DiSanto – 9:00 am until noon
July 3, 2017 – Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 pm
July 10, 2017 – Monthly Board of Supervisors' Meeting – 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy M. Wentzel
Secretary