

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
Halifax, PA 17032
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
Monday, July 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA AND/OR REPORT 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, Schreffler, and McBurney were present along with Solicitor Warshawsky, HRG, Inc. Alex Greenly, Roadmaster Matt Roland, and Secretary Sara Glace.

RECORDING MEETING:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no executive sessions held in the last month.

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 July 8th, 2024. 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 July 8th, 2024. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Meeting Minutes:

June 10th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the June 10th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Vote called. **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 June 2024.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

A report was submitted for the Planning Commission meeting that was held on Monday, July 1st, 2024. Chairman Bechtel advised that the Planning Commission continued discussing the SALDO, Sign Ordinance, Flag Lot and Anderson Phase 2 was accepted for review.

Rowe Subdivision: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to grant the three Waivers of SALDO: Section 404: Preliminary Plan Procedure, Section 405.1.a: Plan Scale, and Section 508.8.b.i.20: Upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Halifax Township will not require immediate compliance with Sections 606/607: Curbs/Sidewalks of SALDO, conditioned upon the placement of a Note on the Plan (which condition has been satisfied) that should Halifax Township require curbs and/or sidewalks in the future, such will be installed in accordance with the SALDO then in effect; the Note has been placed on the Plan which shall satisfy this requirement. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Paul to give conditional approval with the following conditions/contingences to be satisfied as set forth in the attached June 7th, 2024, letter from HRG: Subdivision and Land Development Comment 2 and Administrative Comments 1-3. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

ENGINEER REPORT:

HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly was present to cover his report dated July 3rd, 2024, on services that occurred during the month of June 2024.

RockSTART Daycare: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul to release the remaining Financial Security of \$2,310.00. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated July 3rd, 2024, on services during June. The report will be placed on record.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

A report was submitted for June 2024 by Matt Roland, Ryan Malone, and Colton Warfel. Roadmaster Matt Roland advised that New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc. would be working on McClellan Road on Wednesday, July 10th and Thursday, July 11th, 2024, if the weather holds. New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc. will be working on Matamoras Road dirt on Monday, July 15th, and Tuesday, July 16th, 2024.

SEO REPORT:

A report was submitted for the work that was done in the month of June 2024.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX REPORT:

Stephanie Hoover, member of the Friends of Fort Halifax was present and submitted a report for June 2024.

NUISANCE REPORT:

194 Kinsinger Road: Solicitor Warshawsky advised the Board of Supervisors that the Zeigler Case was transferred from the Magisterial District Judge to the Courts. Discovery was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Zeigler. It was advised that Nuisance at 194 Kinsinger Road is getting worse. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Paul to send another Nuisance Letter to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Zeigler. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

CD 1: CD 1 is up for renewal. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul to renew CD 1 for another six months at 5.00% APY. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Keiffer Road: No discussion or action taken.

Public Railroad Crossing/CPC: Solicitor Warshawsky advised that he spoke with DCNR and was advised that a 30-day notification is required to CPC prior to subdivision/deed approval.

Fort Halifax Farmhouse & Barn: Supervisor McBurney advised there would be a meeting Wednesday, July 10th, 2024, with Dauphin County to discuss Fort Halifax Farmhouse & Barn.

Doli 24" pipe: No discussion or action taken.

Building Extension: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to approve Gene Nye's Building Extension Bid of \$13,840.00. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

SEO Inspector: The Board of Supervisors discussed who would be responsible for scheduling the inspections and if Halifax Township is responsible for scheduling the inspections, what does the reimbursement fee look like?

Garam Farhat-Sycamore Tree: No discussion or action taken.

Melissa Barrick: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to grant Mrs. Melissa Barrick an exemption from the requested sewer line connection pursuant to her Certification from the Department of Agriculture. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Halifax Borough Spring Cleanup Bill Contribution: The Board of Supervisors requested tallying up all the residents that show up for the Spring Cleanup. Divide up the residents by the Borough and Township to figure out what percentage of residents are from the Borough and Township.

495 Buffalo Park Road: Item tabled at this time.

HAARA PowerPoint: Frank Klinger representing Halifax Ambulance presented the financial concerns and future support ideas to Halifax Township Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors agreed to pay the increased amount of \$ 3,643.00 of Workers' Compensation for the Halifax Ambulance with the condition to shop for a better rate.

Sycamore Tree Removal Process: Lance Chubb had a Sycamore Tree come down in a storm on North River Road that is protected by the Sycamore Tree Ordinance that was enacted years ago. The question was raised as to who is responsible for the removal of the Sycamore Tree. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler for Halifax Township to hire Billows Landscaping to remove the Sycamore Tree for \$1,250.00. Vote called. **Motion** carries 4-1. The Nay vote was Supervisor McBurney as he disagreed that Homeowner Insurance should pay for the removal of the Sycamore Tree as it is property damage during a storm.

Terry Stormwater Management Billing: The Board of Supervisors requested HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly to adjust Mr. Robert Terry Stormwater Management billing to equal \$1,500.00 that was initially escrowed instead of requesting Mr. Robert Terry pay additional engineering fees that total over \$1,500.00.

Halifax Drama Club Donation: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to make a one-time donation to Halifax Drama Club in the amount of \$500.00 with the two tickets going to a township employee. Vote called. **Motion** carries 4-1. The Nay vote being Supervisor Schreffler.

Camp Hebron Culver Replacement Payment: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the payment of \$96,691.10 to Farhat Excavating, LLC instead of the Original Contract Price of \$93,705.60 of the Change Order. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

194 Kinsinger Road

Keiffer Road

Public Railroad Crossing/CPC

Fort Halifax Farmhouse & Barn

Doli 24" Pipe

SEO Inspector

Garam Farhat-Sycamore Tree

Melissa Barrick

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

July 8th, 2024-HAWASA starts to Detour Peters Mountain Road from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

August 5th, 2024-Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 10th, 2024-Fireworks at dusk at Fort Halifax Park

August 12th, 2024-Board of Supervisors Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara M. Glace
Secretary/Treasurer