

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2019 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Supervisors Bechtel, Bruner, Schreffler and McBurney are present along with Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky, Secretary Wendy M. Wentzel, Engineer Tim DeWire, and Roadmaster Tim Belk. Supervisor Paul was absent.

RECORDING MEETING – No other person is recording the meeting other than the Secretary for transcription purposes only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Held on June 3, 2019 from 7:05 until 7:45 to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Emily Hoffman – Deferred her comments until later in the meeting.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Paid Interim Bills – Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the paid interim bills thru June 10, 2019. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0. **Current Unpaid Bills – Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor McBurney to pay the unpaid bills through June 10, 2019. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0. **Minutes – May 13, 2019 - Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Bruner to approve the meeting minutes of the May 13, 2019. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0. **Financial Report** – Placed on file for audit at a later period.

EMC REPORT – EMC Tim Neiter was present to report that the May 29, 2019 thunderstorms produced an F1 tornado that came through Halifax Township affecting Camp Hebron. This tornado took down approximately 200 trees. There were 10-12 other instances of property damage reported. Tim thanked the Township along with the Fire Department and Wayne Township and those that volunteered to assisted with clearing roads of debris.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – There was no Planning Commission held this month.

ENGINEER REPORT – Engineer Tim DeWire submitted K & W's report dated May 31, 2019 for services in May. The report was placed on record.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated June 6, 2019 for services during May. The report will be placed on record. Bold text items are on the agenda. **Hoover-Brown:** Solicitor Warshawsky notified the Hoover's attorney and requested that the old cesspool needs to be closed by the next meeting.

ROADMASTER REPORT – Roadmaster Belk submitted his report for work performed during the month of May. The report will be placed on record. **T-Tag** – Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor McBurney to have the Roadmaster purchase the F550 T-Tag at the cost of \$81,860 which includes the plow. **Oak Avenue Paving** – Letters will be sent to the property owners notifying them of the paving project and explaining the right of way issue where the existing portion of the road will be widened and meet up with the rest of Oak Avenue.

SEO REPORT – Submitted and placed on record.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX – Submitted their report for the record. Discussion took place regarding political signs being placed along State Route 147. The Township does not have an ordinance for signs. Political signs were removed without consent by the Friends of Fort Halifax. The request was made by the owner of the signs to be

reimbursed by the Friends of Fort Halifax in the amount of \$90. Sycamore Tree Replacement – The Board granted the request for assistance by the Roadmaster with the planting of the new trees and the removal of the old stumps.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Township Dumpster – After a discussion regarding illegal dumping occurring with the Township’s dumpster, the Board agreed to have the dumpster moved into the gated area and to notify the vendor of the change of location.

Volunteer Insurance Coverage – Chairman Bechtel stated that the Township clarified through the insurance broker a volunteer under the direct supervision of the Township is covered under the Township’s insurance coverage in a case of emergency

225th Anniversary Parade – Discussion took place about how the Township wanted to be represented so that the entry form could be completed.

Halifax Swim Club – Chairman Bechtel read the thank you letter the Township received for the donation of \$1,290 from the Township.

OLD BUSINESS

134 Kinsinger Road – Placed on the agenda for next month.

Smokey Bros – Stormwater Management – After a discussion, **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to have the Township Solicitor to send a letter to the owners. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

Thompson Stormwater Management – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor McBurney to grant exemption for Stormwater Management under the following conditions: that the Township would be allowed to confirm during construction that the existing impervious cover to be removed will, in fact, have been removed with the rollback of impervious coverage be at least 208 Sq. feet and that he voluntarily provides to the Township the Stormwater Management measures being intended so that they can be placed in the parcel file. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

Nuisances - Buffalo Park Road – On agenda next month. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor McBurney to send a formal nuisance letter after checking the property once the adjoining property is mowed. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

Kinsinger Road – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to have Solicitor Warshawsky move forward nuisance violation proceedings. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

Quail Commons – Letter of Credit Release – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor McBurney to send a letter to Mr. Yoder along with Engineer Wilson’s memo dated June 7th explaining why the Letter of Credit could not be released at this time. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

Onlot Septic Ordinance – There was a discussion and it was decided to place this on the agenda for next month and in the meantime, gather some more onlot septic ordinances from other municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS

Holding Tank Ordinance - There was a discussion and it was decided to place this on the agenda for next month and in the meantime, gather some more holding tank ordinances from other municipalities.

Camp Hebron Request – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor McBurney to send a letter to the Dauphin County Gaming Board in support of Camp Hebron’s request for gaming monies to rebuild cabins at Camp Hebron. Vote called. Motion carries 3-1 with Chairman Bechtel voting no.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Holding Tank Ordinance
Buffalo Park Road Nuisance
Kinsinger Road Nuisance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 11th and June 25th – Senator John DiSanto’s Office – 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Township Building
July 1, 2019 – Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
July 8, 2019 – Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor McBurney to adjourn at 9:23 pm. Vote called. Motion carries 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy M. Wentzel
Secretary