

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Public Meeting and by Virtual Conference

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Halifax Township resident Cheryl Hoover presented to the Board a petition signed by 50 residents asking that the Township take an action about the fireworks nuisance occurring at any time in the Township. There are concerns for children, people with pacemakers and defibrillators, veterans with PTSD and the elderly in the immediate area. She shared that the Halifax Borough is currently working on a fireworks ordinance. The topic is on the agenda for this evening.

David Hause, of Summer Drive, addressed his concerns and is in opposition of Ricker Construction's sketch plans for a residential development on the land situate across from the Halifax School.

Suzy Blough, a Halifax Borough resident, expressed her concern about the fireworks occurring near residents' homes and how it affects people and pets. She also shared that Halifax Borough is working on a Fireworks Ordinance. Being a landlord, she wanted to see how Halifax Township handles landlord-tenant issues.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Paid Interim Bills – Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Paul to approve the paid interim bills thru August 10, 2020. 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 through August 10, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Minutes – July 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Paul to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Financial Report** – Placed on file for audit at a later period.

EMC REPORT – No Report

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – The Planning Commission had no representation for Flight Source present at the meeting. Engineer Kurowski went over his comments regarding Flight Source.

ENGINEER REPORT – Engineer Report dated August 3, 2020 submitted for July. **Hershey Road Culvert** – Engineer Kurowski is suggested putting the bid invitation out but have the work scheduled for the end of the school year. **Kieffer Road** – The Board is requesting pricing from K & W for the Stormwater Management on Kieffer Road. The Solicitor will provide the cost involved in the lot consolidation. Solicitor Warshawsky was instructed to verify the Deed of Dedication by Charles Funk was recorded for the hammerhead portion of Kieffer Road.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated August 6, 2020 for services during July. The report will be placed on record. Bold text items are on the agenda. An appraisal was received for Camp Hebron. A resolution is being negotiated and the Solicitor will be coming back to the Board in September for approval.

2854 Peters Mountain Road – Stormwater Issue – on the agenda for next month. **Stormwater Management** - Solicitor Warshawsky and Engineer Kurowski talked about working on the separation of the stormwater management from the SALDO. They will return to the Board with an estimate of time and cost associated with the project.

ROADMASTER REPORT – Written report was submitted for July. Roadmaster Belk noted that paving will begin August 20th for Maple Street and Dunkel School Road. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Paul to approve the advertising of bid invitation for the base repairs for McClellan Road, Upper Middle Road and Lower Middle/McClellan Road. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

SEO REPORT – Submitted and placed on record.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX – Report was submitted. There were no action items. Discussion took place regarding running the electric underground versus keeping it above ground. The Board was unanimous in the electric be run above ground as it was in the past.

NUISANCE REPORT – 1207 N. River Road – Grass was mowed, waiting on whether the torn pool cover was replaced. On agenda for next month. **201 Kinsinger Road** – making progress.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mancini Building Permit – **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Bruner to waive the Township's permit fee application of \$45.00 for a permit to replace the house that burnt on the property. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Coverage – Fort Halifax – After a discussion took place regarding the safety and integrity of the Barn structure and the old farmhouse, a **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Paul to have the roadmaster obtain quotes to have the barn and the old white farmhouse demolished. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Smokey Bros (Paul Morgan) - Stormwater Management – Paul Morgan was present and shared drawing with the Board showing what he was proposing to address the stormwater management issues.

A to Z Construction – Permitting – Solicitor Warshawsky reported that counsel representing A to Z Construction is currently working on an As Built and will be submitting it before the end of the month.

North Country Unlimited – A Writ of Summons was filed.

NEW BUSINESS

Trees – Tim Miller – Tim Miller was present to express his concern regarding the trees hanging over the township roads. After discussion, the Board directed the Roadmaster to determine the worst of the trees and get some quotes for trimming of the trees.

Neely SWM – After discussion of the Engineer's memo, **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the exemption request submitted by Dan and Lisa Neeley. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Maple Street Driveway Request – Upon reviewing the request submitted for a driveway at 401 Maple Street, the Board granted the request under the condition that the stormwater runoff has to stay in the yard or curb line. If it crosses the street, a stormwater management plan will be required.

Fireworks Ordinance – Discussion took place regarding the petition received (See Public Comment). The Board formed a subcommittee and come back to the next meeting with items to be part of the ordinance.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A to Z Construction, North Country, 2845 Peters Mountain Road, Fireworks Ordinance, Dead Trees

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 15, 2020 – Fireworks – at dusk, Rain date: August 16, 2020

September 9, 2020 (Wednesday) – Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 pm

September 14, 2020 – Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to adjourn at 10:32 pm. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy M. Wentzel
Secretary