

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Public Meeting and by Virtual Conference

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 Adam Whalen, Secretary Wendy M. Wentzel, and Roadmaster Tim Belk.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An executive session was held this evening from 6:05 pm until 6:55 pm regarding land.

BID OPENING – Bids were accepted for base repairs for McClellan Road, Upper Middle Road and Lower Middle/McClellan Road. Bid results are as follows: **Meckley’s Limestone Products - \$24, 960; and New Enterprise - \$22,560.** Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to award the bid to New Enterprise with the bid of \$22,560. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Brian Schmitt – See Under New Business. **David Hause** – See below at the end of the meeting.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Paid Interim Bills – Motion was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor McBurney to approve the paid interim bills thru September 14, 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 September 14, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Minutes – August 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor Bruner to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Financial Report** – Placed on file for audit at a later period.

EMC REPORT – EMC Tim Neiter reported that he collected three bundles of sandbags that were stored at the Township to help replenish PEMA’s inventory.

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 September 8, 2020, for services during August and placed on record. **Hershey Road Culvert** – The bid for the culvert replacement will be going out for bid in early October.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated September 10, 2020, for services during August. The report will be placed on record. Bold text items are on the agenda.

ROADMASTER REPORT – Written report was submitted for August Activity. Roadmaster Belk requested permission to purchase a road widener attachment. The Board approved the purchase. **Tree Trimmings** – After discussion, the Board recommended that the Roadmaster book the vendor for late December/early January.

SEO REPORT – No report submitted.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX – Report was submitted. **Brick House Designation** – this has been tabled. **Visitor Parking Car Stops** – After discussion regarding this request, decision was made to try lines first before car stops be considered.

NUISANCE REPORT – 1207 N. River Road – Grass was mowed but the pool cover was not addressed. Another letter will be sent. **Farhat Vacant lots, S. River Road** – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to deem the nuisance of high weeds and grass to be abated. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE

LGUDA Application – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to approve the signing of the documents for the financing of the Sewer Plant upgrade. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

A to Z Construction – Permitting – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor McBurney to have the Solicitor send a formal letter. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

North Country Unlimited – A Writ of Summons was reported as filed. There was no response. The Board instructed the Township Solicitor to proceed with Injunction Complaint.

2845 Peters Mountain Road – Paul Morris, the Manager at this address, was in attendance and presented to the Board pictures of the parcel showing how and where stormwater runoff occurs upon the complaint received at the Township. After a brief discussion, no action was taken.

Fireworks Ordinance – A draft Ordinance was presented by the Subcommittee formed at last month's meeting. Discussion took place to determine what the penalties for violations should be. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to have the subcommittee come back to next month's meeting with the final draft of the Ordinance with the changes discussed. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Fuller SWM – The Township Engineer is waiting for more information. On the agenda for next month.

Sommerville SWM Exemption Request – The Township Engineer is waiting for more information from the applicant. On the agenda for next month.

Fort Halifax Park Use Requests – Brian Schmitt asked for permission for use of Fort Halifax Park on September 26th to hold a party with up to 100 people in attendance to celebrate the graduation of their twin sons and Eagle Scouts Tanner and Tim Schmitt. Tanner and Tim Schmitt will be camping September 25th and 26th as well. **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Paul to grant the request for use of Fort Halifax Park on September 26, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Paul to waive the camping fees. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. Cub Scout Pack 156 requested the use of the upper part for their annual rocket launch on October 4th. Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Paul to grant permission for the use of the upper part of Fort Halifax Park on October 4th. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

2021 Budget Workshop Dates – The Board of Supervisors have set the 2021 Budget Workshops dates and times as follows: October 19 at 6:00 pm, October 26th at 6:00 pm and November 2nd at 6:00 pm (If needed).

David Hause – of Summer Drive, who is in opposition to the concept of a housing development that was presented to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, shared his idea for a by-pass which he would like to see go through the parcel adjacent to the Halifax High which will be owned by Ricker Construction. Concerned about the safety of students, he stated that his idea would take the bypass through several parcels and coming out across from the entrance of the middle school/high school with a traffic signal erected.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A to Z Construction, North Country, Fireworks Ordinance, Fuller SWM, Sommerville SWM Exemption Request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 5, 2020 – Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 pm

October 12, 2020 – Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to adjourn at 9:40 pm. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy M. Wentzel
Secretary