

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Public Meeting and by Virtual Conference

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 – **Mike Gensemer** of Building Inspection Underwriters of PA was present to introduce himself to the Board of Supervisors and to thank them for the appointment as the primary UCC Inspectors for Halifax Township. **Robb Wentzel** – addressed a concern regarding turning onto Boyer Street off State Route 147. With on-street parking, it is difficult to see any oncoming vehicles while negotiating the turn onto Boyer Street, thus creating a safety issue. What should be a two-lane street has become a one lane street. There are times when the side is parked back to the stop sign making it even more difficult to pull off for oncoming traffic on Boyer Street.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Paid Interim Bills – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the paid interim bills thru October 12, 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 October 12, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Minutes** – **September 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes** – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor McBurney to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Financial Report** – Placed on file for audit at a later period.

EMC REPORT – None

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – Chairperson Mallonee reported that Ricker & Ricker presented a second sketch plan with some recommended changes for the land across from the High School. Mr. Hause was present to address his concerns regarding the concept development. The Planning Commission began discussions regarding the separation of Stormwater Management from the SALDO.

ENGINEER REPORT – Engineer Report dated October 7, 2020, for services during September and placed on record. **Hershey Road Culvert** – Bids are due on November 2, 2020 and will be opened that evening at the next Board of Supervisors

SOLICITOR REPORT – Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated October 7, 2020, for services during September. The report will be placed on record. Bold text items are on the agenda. **Camp Hebron Tax Appeal** – Solicitor Warshawsky shared with the Board the new proposed assessment and tax rates for Camp Hebron. **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Paul to approve the new assessment and tax rates for Camp Hebron conditioned upon the Halifax High School's approval. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Kieffer Road** – Supervisors McBurney and Bruner along with Solicitor Warshawsky met as a committee with the Shoops on September 29, 2020 and discussed what the Township would do as far as turning back the properties on Kieffer Road. Two options were discussed. The first option was the Township to give them road frontage and turn the road back the way it was prior to the road being moved and construct their driveway, or the Township would convey the land to them and they would be responsible for the construction of their driveway. **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and

second by Supervisor Paul to agree to the second option and assuming the cost of the stormwater management. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

ROADMASTER REPORT – Written report was submitted for September activity. Bids were received for the demolition of the Barn and the white farmhouse at Fort Halifax. After a discussion, a **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and second by Supervisor McBurney to advertise for formal bids of the demolition of the barn and farmhouse. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Tree Trimmings** – After a discussion, a Motion was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Paul to have an arborist inspect the identified Sycamore trees for verification that they are dead. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

SEO REPORT – Report submitted for the record.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Bruner to officially identify the brickhouse as the “Yeager House”. Vote called. Motion carries 3-2 with “no” votes casted by Supervisor McBurney and Supervisor Paul.

Railroad Crossing – Meeting was held on October 2nd at the Railroad Crossing with the PUC, Norfolk Southern, Chairman Bechtel and Supervisor McBurney along with Roadmaster Belk to look at the crossing becoming a public crossing instead of being a private crossing. Having it a public crossing allows for the ability to apply for grant funding of upgrades and crossing gates. Norfolk Southern would like to see an existing crossing or two given up before this could become a public crossing. Reed Township has agreed, in principle, to close the public crossing south of Inglenook. The Parcel owner that owns the house where the crossing exists has agreed to donate the property for a cul-de-sac. Norfolk Southern will pay for the cost of the cul-de-sac needed to close the crossing. Sunbury Borough is considering closing a railroad crossing as well. Supervisor McBurney has reach out to Sunbury Borough and is waiting for a response. The road leading into the building envelope of Fort Halifax will have to be built up to public road standards so it can become a Township road. The Board gave the Roadmaster to go-ahead to start that process.

NUISANCE REPORT – 1207 N. River Road – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to abate the nuisance complaint since a new pool cover was installed. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Nothing to Report

OLD BUSINESS

A to Z Construction – Permitting – As Built plans were received. There are some deficiencies. Solicitor Warshawsky is waiting to hear from A to Z Construction’s counsel.

North Country Unlimited – The Injunction Complaint is being finalized. Josh Decker was present and informed the Board that he has hired Bill Burch to assist with the flood plain permitting. He is waiting to hear from Burch’s office for further action. The Injunction Complaint is placed on hold.

Fireworks Ordinance – Solicitor Warshawsky will present the final draft of the Fireworks Ordinance at the November Board of Supervisors meeting for adoption in December.

Fuller Stormwater Management – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the Stormwater Management Plan based on Engineer Cathy Lee’s review memo dated September 29, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Sommerville Stormwater Management Exemption Request – **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the Stormwater Management Exemption request based upon Engineer Cathy Lee’s memo dated September 25, 2020. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Relief Monies Allocation – Motion was by Supervisor Schreffler and second by Supervisor Bruner to distribute Fire Relief Monies in the amount of \$20,061.23 to Halifax Fire Company. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Flight Source – Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor McBurney for the Township to sign an extension agreement for the land development plans submitted to January 11, 2021. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Graceful Acres – LOC Release – Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to release the Letter of Credit to Mid Penn Bank. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A to Z Construction, Fireworks Ordinance, Kieffer Road, Railroad Crossing, Boyer Street, Demolition Bids

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 19, 2020 – 2021 Budget Workshop – 7:00 pm

October 26, 2020 – 2021 Budget Workshop – 7:00 pm

October 29, 2020 – Trick or Treat – 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm (Rain date October 30, 2020 6:00-8:00 pm)

October 31, 2020 – 6:00 pm – Halloween Parade

November 2, 2020 – 2021 Budget Workshop – 6:00 pm (If Necessary)

November 2, 2020 – Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 pm

November 9, 2020 – Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Paul to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy M. Wentzel
Secretary