

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2021 7:00 p.m.
Public Meeting and by Virtual Conference

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 are present in addition to Secretary Wendy Wentzel, Roadmaster Tim Belk, Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky and Engineer Marc Kurowski.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No person spoke under public comment

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Paid Interim Bills – Motion was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Paul to approve the paid interim bills thru July 12, 2021. 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 July 12, 2021. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **June 14, 2021, Minutes – Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Bruner to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2021, meeting. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. **Financial Report** – Placed on file for audit at a later period.

EMC REPORT – EMC Tim Neiter provided a written monthly report for his EMC Activities since the last Board of Supervisors' meeting which outlines the drone mission for the Fort Halifax Park Archeological dig on June 23rd. Also, inventory was purchased for the drone using the monies budgeted for the EMC in 2021. Tim also represented the Halifax Fire Department providing an update on the Brush truck which will be arriving in the beginning of August. The old Brush Truck will not pass inspection due to rust issues and brake issues. Since the Brush truck is not owned by the Fire Department, it is going back to its owner, Federal Excess. There were 540 manhours for the month. An awards picnic will be held, and an invitation was extended to the Board. Fireworks are scheduled for August 21, 2021, at dusk.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – There was no meeting held in the month of July.

ENGINEER REPORT – Engineer covered his report dated July 7, 2021, for services during June and placed on record. **Sponsler -**

SOLICITOR REPORT – Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated July 8, 2021, for services during June 2021. The report will be placed on record. Bold text items are on the agenda. **Konchar** – Waiting on information as soon as the end of this week.

ROADMASTER REPORT – Roadmaster Tim Belk discussed his report submitted for activities during the month of June. Curbs are painted on Boyer Street and signs will be erected tomorrow. No news yet on dates for paving or tar and chipping. Waiting on a date to get asphalt from the Quarry to finish Fourth Street. Third Street is completed. Meeting with Mr. Wright for the inspection of the Hershey Road Culvert tomorrow.

Electronics Recycling – No contact was made with Dauphin County as of meeting time.

SEO REPORT – Report submitted for the record. – Taylor Agreement – The Solicitor will draft an agreement for next month’s meeting with holding the Township harmless and require submitted receipts showing that the system is getting pumped on a regular basis. On agenda for next month.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX – Report was submitted. **Action Item** – The Board gave approval for the Friends of Fort Halifax to erect a sign along the east and west entry roads into the park reminding visitors that metal detecting and digging for artifacts is prohibited in the park.

Bruce Henry discussed the different phases of the renovation of the Yeager House. With Phase I complete, Phase II will consist of installing a heat pump to make the structure usable year around. Cost estimate for Phase II is \$10,000+. They are hoping to be able to use the brickhouse for boy scouts, and Friends of Fort Halifax meetings.

It was reported that the archeologists think they found the footprint to the fort. Plans are being made to have archeologist back next year for more digging.

Porta Potties will be provided for the Fireworks.

NUISANCE REPORT – Nothing new to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE

American Rescue Plan – The application was submitted. It takes a couple weeks to get the money from the state.

Financial Audit – The Audit Report was received by the Township with no findings and the audited financial report was filed with DCED.

Chairman Bechtel shared the information that Mr. Hause brought in at the last meeting regarding the Right to Farm”. The Secretary will distribute to the Board and Solicitor for review.

OLD BUSINESS

A to Z Construction – Elliot Shibley was present on behalf of A to Z Construction. Most of the items on the Township Engineer’s report have been addressed. Once the issue of the perc and probes have been taken care of, and the NPDES issues have been resolved, the plans will be ready for recordation. On the agenda for next month.

North Country Unlimited – The Settlement Agreement between Halifax Township and North Country has been sent to Mr. Decker. Mr. Decker was present and noted that a permit was granted for the shed. The carport will need to come down. A Settlement Agreement with changes to be sent to Mr. Decker for signature.

Kieffer Road – K & W Engineers waiting on the lot consolidations. On the agenda for next month. The Solicitor will have the deeds ready for the next month’s meeting.

Railroad Crossing – No response was received as of meeting time. On agenda for next month.

Fort Halifax Barn and Farmhouse – A meeting was held on June 23rd at 1:00 pm with Carl Dixon, formerly with DCED, the PA Conservancy, two Board members, the Roadmaster and Representatives from the Friends of Fort Halifax. At this time, it was decided to make improvements to the road leading into the park bringing it up to standard as a public roadway. They want to improve the railroad crossing to make it safe for regular use into the park as well. A grant proposal was discussed in the amount of approximately \$100,000 and make application for the gaming monies to improve that roadway. Another proposal as part of the grant application would be to do an engineering study on the buildings to see what is needed to bring the structures up to standard of what the Friends of Fort Halifax’s vision. A pre-gaming grant meeting is scheduled on the 15th for them to share what is required as part of the gaming grant application. An Engineering firm was contacted to see what it would cost for an inspection of the structures. The fee is \$500. **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Schreffler to have Dunstun Taylor come to Fort Halifax and look at the structure for a price of \$500. Vote called. Motion carries 4-1 with the “No” vote coming from Supervisor Paul.

NEW BUSINESS

Sponsorship Letter for Fort Halifax with Gaming Monies – After discussion, a **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and second by Supervisor Bruner to approve the letter of support being written and given. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A to Z Construction, North Country Unlimited, Fort Halifax Railroad Crossing, Kieffer Road, Electronics Recycling, Bob Swope – Sycamore Trees, Yeager House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2, 2021 – Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 pm

August 9, 2021 – Board of Supervisor Regular Monthly Meeting – 7:00 pm

August 21, 2020 – Fireworks at dusk.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and second by Supervisor Schreffler to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy M. Wentzel
Secretary