

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
Halifax, PA 17032
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
September 12th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY BE AN ACTION ITEM

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, HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly, and Secretary Sara Glace. Roadmaster Tim Belk was absent.

RECORDING MEETING:

Halifax Township secretary is the only person reportedly recording the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was executive session held Monday evening, August 8th, 2022, from 10:00 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. to discuss matters of litigation and another executive session held this Monday evening, September 12th, 2022, from 6:15 p.m. to 6:40 p.m. to discuss matters of litigation and land purchase.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Halifax Swim Club: Representative Scott Cornitz publicly thanked Halifax Township Board of Supervisors, Halifax Borough, Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority, and Lake Tobias for supporting Halifax Swim Club over the years since his involvement in 2017.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

Paid Interim Bills: **Motion** made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the paid bills thru September 12th, 2022. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Current Unpaid Bills: **Motion** made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to approve the unpaid bills thru September 12th, 2022. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Meeting Minutes:

August 8th, 2022, Meeting Minutes: **Motion** made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the August 8th, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Financial Report: Place on file for audit later.

EMC REPORT:

Chief Tim Neiter was present and did submit a report for August 2022. Advised that there will be a Hazard Mitigation Plan Annual Review meeting being held on November 17th, 2022, at Dauphin County Conservation District Building near Detweiler Park in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

SALDO: HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly finished separating the Stormwater Ordinance, provided a draft copy to Halifax Township Board of Supervisors to review and provide comment.

Camp Hebron Cabin Project: The planning commission gave recommendation of approval.

ENGINEER REPORT:

HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly covered his report dated September 9th, 2022, for services during August. The report will be place on record. Updated the Board of Supervisors on the progress made on icing/ponding issue at Route 147 and Tourist Park Road.

Members 1st Credit Union Letter of Credit: HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly recommended a full release of Financial Security in the amount of \$190,066.00. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded Supervisor Paul to approve full release of Financial Security in the amount of \$190,066.00. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Hornung True Value Letter of Credit: HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly recommended to reduce the financial security from \$37,503.40 to \$17,242.50. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded Supervisor Paul to approve the recommendation to reduce the financial security from \$37,503.40 to \$17,242.50. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Flight Source Letter of Credit: HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly advised no reduction recommended. HRG, Inc. will be issuing a Notice of Violation.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated September 8th, 2022, for services during August. The report will be placed on record. Bold text items are on the agenda.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Roadmaster Tim Belk was not present but submitted a report for August 2022. The report will be placed on record. Discussion pertained to large pipe that is filled with debris on Konick Road. Recommendation was to bring in a vacuum truck, but the Board of Supervisors question the cost. The matter was table to next Board of Supervisor meeting in October.

SEO REPORT:

Report submitted for the record.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX REPORT:

Frank Wilmarth, member of the Friends of Fort Halifax, was present and submitted a report for August 2022. No action items this month. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the fundraising event being held by John Esch, member of Friends of Fort Halifax Park, on September 17th, 2022, Float your Boat for a Cause. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

NUISANCE REPORT:

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hoover: Halifax Township Board of Supervisors sent two letters to Mr. Andrew Hoover, no response received from either letter. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded Supervisor Schreffler to move forward on enforcement action. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Mr. Roger Lehman: No action from the Board of Supervisors since there has been action taken in removing the structure without a permit.

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Zeigler: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded Supervisor Schreffler to send Mr. & Mrs. Mark Zeigler a letter stating that they are in violation of not obtaining a permit. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Mr. & Mrs. Indra Kharel: A Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded Supervisor McBurney to send a Pre-Nuisance letter about the mowing grass and removing the trash. Vote called. Motion carries 5-0. Halifax Township Board of Supervisors advised that person making the complaint about goats to contact Mr. Jim Daniels.

Mr. & Mrs. Enos Beiler: Halifax Township Board of Supervisors will be notifying Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania of the structure that was built without a permit. No action necessary currently.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Parcel: 29-004-126: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the address suggested by Dauphin County of 160 Black Shoulder Road for Parcel 20-004-126. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fort Halifax Farmhouse & Barn Local Share Municipal Grant Feasible Study: No action or discussion occurred.

Konchar Property Purchase: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded Supervisor Schreffler to add Konchar Property Purchase to the agenda. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor

Bruner and seconded Supervisor Schreffler to approve the purchase of Konchar Property in the amount of \$3100.00 plus expenses totaling in \$13.39 and the agreement of sale. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0. Later amending, the **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to submit for reimbursement from the Gaming Grant for the purchase price of the Konchar Property and expenses. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Traffic Signal Contract: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve Signal Services as the new contractors to maintain and make repairs to the traffic lights. Signal Service was the only telephone bid that Halifax Township received. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Keiffer Road: No action or discussion occurred.

Camp Hebron Road Culvert Replacement Proposal: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded Supervisor McBurney to accept and approve the Camp Hebron Road Culvert Replacement Proposal made by HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Bus Stop on Dunkel School Road: Halifax Township received a letter from Michelle Bisking requesting school bus stop signs from Halifax Township for Dunkel School Road. The problem is that there are existing school bus stop signs posted and to post anymore school bus stop signs requests a traffic study which would cost Halifax Township \$4,700.00. Supervisor McBurney advised of the problem of the school bus stopping on a blind turn at the top of the hill. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to send a letter to Halifax Area School District and to Rohrer Bus Company stating that there are already two school bus stop signs ahead in that area, more signs will not keep anyone from slowing down. We think that more consideration should be given to that we are putting "No Parking Signs within Cul-de-sacs" and reconsideration should be given for the safety of the children by going back in where the Cul-de-sacs are and staying off the main road as much as possible. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Sycamore Ridge Land Development Plan: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the five waivers that were approved at the August 1st, 2022, Planning Commission meeting which are SLDO 502.3.a: Private Streets Prohibited, SLDO 606: Curbing, SLDO 607: Sidewalk on both sides of the street, SLDO 707: Street Lighting, & SLDO 513.5.a.III: Street Tree at a spacing of 50'. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded Supervisor Schreffler to give conditional approval to the preliminary plans subject to the satisfaction of the Engineer Review Comments dated September 9th, 2022. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robert Swope: No action or discussion occurred.

Vernon Rothermel: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to waive building permit fee since he already paid for a building permit earlier in the year. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Beehives at Fort Halifax Park: Halifax Township Board of Supervisors requested that Beehives at Fort Halifax Park be placed on the agenda for October Board of Supervisors Meeting. Advised Nicole Ditty that she would need to provide Halifax Township Board of Supervisors with better answers and a clearer plan as well as whether the sale of honey would be allowed at Fort Halifax Park since it is part of the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, and the sale of farm products is prohibited. A question was raised if Halifax Township allowed one resident to place beehives at Fort Halifax, how many others would want to put beehives at Fort Halifax?

Cub Scout Pack 156-Launch Model Rockets at Fort Halifax Park: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to approve Cub Scout Pack 156 to launch Model Rockets at Fort Halifax Park on September 25th, 2022. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Fort Halifax Disc Golf Proposal: Board of Supervisors advised Todd Gearhart that he would need to find grants to fund his disc golf proposal at Fort Halifax and come up with a group of volunteers to maintain the course before the Board of Supervisors would approve the proposal.

2023 Workshop Meeting Dates: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded Supervisor Schreffler to approve the advertisement of 2023 Workshop Meeting Dates as follows: October 17th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., October 24th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. and November 1st, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. (if necessary) in the Citizen Standard. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Beehives at Fort Halifax Park

Keiffer Road

Fort Halifax Farmhouse & Barn Local Share Municipal Grant Feasible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September 15th, 2022-COG Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

October 3rd, 2022-Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

October 10th, 2022-Board of Supervisors Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to adjourn at 10:06 p.m. Vote called.

Motion carriers 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara M. Glace
Secretary