HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
Halifax, PA 17032
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 12th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA AND/OR REPORT 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 were present along with Solicitor Joseph Kanfer, HRG, Inc. Alex Greenly, Roadmaster Matt Roland, and Secretary Sara Glace.

RECORDING MEETING:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no executive sessions held in the last month.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No person spoke under public comment.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

Paid Interim Bills: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the paid interim bills through Monday, October 12th, 2026. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Current Unpaid Bills: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the unpaid interim bills through Monday, October 12th, 2026. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Meeting Minutes:

Monday, September 14th, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor McBurney and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the meeting minutes for Monday, September 14th, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Financial Report: Placed on record for audit later.

EMC REPORT:

Chief Tim Neiter was not present and did not provide a report for September 2026.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

A Planning Commission Report was not submitted. The regular meeting was held Monday, October 5th, 2026. The discussion focused on accepting the David & Tammy Blain & Jacob Everett for review, Tony & Angela Laudenslager Subdivision Plan, private roads, solar ordinance, data centers, and Sara Markel Estate Subdivision.

Laudenslager Subdivision Plan: The Planning Commission member approved Request Waivers SALDO Section 404: Preliminary Plan Procedure and SALDO Section 407.1.a: Drawing Scale.

Private Roads/Shared Driveways: A definition needs to be developed for private road and shared driveways. Easement and maintenance agreements need to be included.

Solar Ordinance: Pennsylvania passed Senate Bill 349 relating to decommissioning of solar energy facilities and requirements of financial security. The Planning Commission made a Motion to recommend to the supervisors to revise the Halifax Township's Solar Ordinance to incorporate the decommission act, Senate Bill 349.

ENGINEER REPORT:

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HRG Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly was present to cover his report dated Friday, October 9th, 2026, on services that occurred during the month of September 2026. Engineer Alex Greenly advised the Board of Supervisors on the agenda items listed below.

165 Black Shoulder Lane: An Enforcement Letter was sent to the property owner requesting Stormwater and Floodplain permit applications and accompanying documents be submitted to Halifax Township within 30 days of receipt. The property owner submitted an appeal of the enforcement action to Halifax Township requesting a time extension of 12 months. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to accept the time extension of 12 months. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Hale Lane Solar Construction Modification Request: The applicant no longer intends to construct solar array in the 5.84 acre leased area of parcel 29-009-090 as proposed on the approved Land Development Plan. The request includes not installing the vegetative screening and security fence associated with the solar array. No exception is taken to the Construction Modification request. If the applicant should wish to construct the array in the future, submission of a Construction Modification Request to Halifax Township would be required. The planting of the associated vegetative screening and installation of the security fence will be required should the solar array ever be constructed. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the Hale Lane Solar Construction Modification Request to no construct solar array in the 5.84 acre leased area of parcel 29-009-090 as proposed on the approved Land Development Plan. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Harner Pavilion & Summer House: Mr. Harner submitted a building permit application proposing to build a pavilion with a summer house on top of the pavilion. However, there is no location map depicting where the structure is proposed, especially to determine if it is in a floodway. The summer house would entail sewage, plumbing, and electrical, if permitted, based on location would need to follow the requirements of Section 506 (Floodplain Ordinance) of the Halifax Township's SLDO as the application notes that the site is in a Flood Zone. The summer house does not qualify as an accessory structure. An accessory structure should not be designed or used by human habitation. Accessory structures are not permitted to have electrical, sewer, heaters, appliances, and such in a Flood Zone. The Board of Supervisors denied the building permit.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Joseph Kanfer submitted a report dated Friday, October 9th, 2026, on services that occurred during the month of September 2026. All items in bold are for discussion.

Taylor School Road Issue: Solicitor Joseph Kanfer advised that he is working on preparing the Complaint and it should be filed before the next meeting.

Members 1st: Solicitor Joseph Kanfer advised that he reached out to Members 1st about the left turn signal but has not heard anything yet.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

A report was submitted for September 2026 by Matt Roland, Ryan Malone, and Colton Warfel. Roadmaster Matt Roland advised that line painting was done to intersection of 147/225, road mowing was completed in Reed Township, the third round of road mowing is happening in Halifax Township, and crack sealing was done to Parmer Drive, Seiders, and Dunkel School Road. The diamond road mower now has a new clutch and PTO shaft. The upcoming projects planned for October 2026 will be tree trimming through out Halifax Township, boom and road mowing, and fixing up dirt roads before winter starts.

SEO REPORT:

A report was submitted on the work that was done in Halifax Township for September 2026.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX REPORT:

Scott Theurer, president for Friends of Fort Halifax, was not present and there was no report submitted for September 2026.

NUISANCE REPORT:

3371 Peters Mountain Road: Solicitor Joseph Kanfer advised that the Writ of Summons has been prepared and filed another lawsuit against Mr. Krause. Currently waiting for the Writ of Summons to be served then Solicitor Joseph Kanfer will send him a letter.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

2026 Volunteer Fire Relief Money: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor McBurney to donate $23,028.55, 2026 Volunteer Fire Relief Money to Halifax Fire Department. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Norfolk Southern Notice of License Fee Adjustment: Solicitor Joseph Kanfer advised he reviewed the rate increase notice from Norfolk Southern, however he is not clear what the legal basis is for them to request an increase. Solicitor Joseph Kanfer advised the Board of Supervisors to inquire Norfolk Southern about the rate increase.

Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority Complaint: A letter was received from Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority about a complaint that was made by Tricia Hammaker about the excessive noise coming from a manhole. A formal Notice of Defective Work has been issued on HAWASA's behalf, requesting prompt corrective action from the contractor. Under the construction contract, the contractor is responsible for making the necessary adjustments to ensure the manhole frames and covers meeting the required specifications.

OLD BUSINESS:

Keiffer Road-Lot Consolidation: Solicitor Joseph Kanfer advised that he is currently working on getting the legal description together and hopes to have the legal descriptions together by next meeting.

Fort Halifax Farmhouse & Barn/Public Railroad Crossing/CPC Quarterly Report: No discussion or action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Halifax Girls Softball League Letter of Support: The Halifax Girls Softball League is seeking support from Halifax Township for grant funding in the amount of $55,000.00 to make significant improvements to their athletic facilities with primary focus on field upgrades and improvements-in particular, fence installation and upgrades and the purchase of a new storage shed. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Paul to provide a letter of support to the Halifax Girls Softball League. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

2845 Peters Mountain Rd.-Impervious Coverage: Freedom Motors would like to build a proposed 2,500 square foot garage on existing impervious coverage. The Board of Supervisors approved the proposed 2,500 square foot garage based on the location, which is impervious coverage existing.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Taylor School Road Issue
Members 1st
Keiffer Road-Lot Consolidation
Fort Halifax Farmhouse & Barn/Public Railroad Crossing/CPC Quarterly Report
Norfolk Southern Notice of License Fee Adjustment

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday, October 19th, 2026-2027 Budget Workshop at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 26th, 2026-2027 Budget Workshop at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 2nd, 2026-2027 Budget Workshop at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 2nd, 2026-Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 9th, 2026-Board of Supervisor Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Vote called. **Motion** carries 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara M. Glace
Secretary/Treasurer

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