

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING  
June 9, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Shearer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisors Shearer, Ruff, Eppley, Hoover and Shultz are present. Solicitor Steve Dzuranin, and Engineer Mark Kurowski sitting in for Tom Wilson are present. Roadmaster Dale Shoop and Secretary Carolyn Nye are present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chairman Shearer announced an executive session held from 5:30-6:50 p.m regarding personnel matters. Another session will be held August 11 before the regular meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Robert Lego inquired about the Scheidler property status and if the Township has ever looked into an impact study on water quality pertaining to Aumiller's salvage yard. Melinda Warfel appreciated the cleanup day and asked about the liabilities to be put on the financial report under balance sheet and also inquired about painting of the garage doors. Flo Mallonee asked if the new tenant lease is signed. The Solicitor stated the committee meeting has to be set up to discuss some comments from Mrs. Manning. Also, the Solicitor stated they are still under the old lease. Bonnie Freeman presented a \$1,000 check to Halifax Township on behalf of the Friends of Fort Halifax Inc.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:** Bills of June 9, 2008 – Motion - Supervisor Eppley made a motion to approve the bills amounting to \$27, 637.59, seconded by Supervisor Ruff, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of May 19, 2008 – Motion – Supervisor Eppley made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Financial Report of May 2008 – Chairman Shearer stated she was not able to get a meeting set to discuss the liability issue on the balance sheet.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Eppley is not in attendance tonight but the matters needing the Board's attention are listed in the Solicitor's Report.

**ENGINEER REPORT:** The engineer read the report dated June 5, 2008 (see attached).  
Motion – Supervisor Ruff made a motion to advertise the notice for the Public Review Period on the Act 537 Plan, seconded by Supervisor Eppley, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** The Solicitor read his report of June 6, 2008.

Halifax Plaza Final Land Development Plan – Motion - Supervisor Ruff made a motion to grant the extension to September 9, 2008, seconded by Supervisor Eppley, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

B2 Partners Land Development Plan – Motion – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to grant the extension to September 9, 2008, seconded by Supervisor Eppley, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Nuisance Property of Amy Weiss in Matamoras –Dale will check with Light-Heigel the UCC inspectors for the township to see if they have any kind of regulation on this particular problem with this house. Motion – Supervisor Eppley made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to proceed with the legal filing, seconded by Supervisor Ruff, under discussion Supervisor Shultz commented about using a fungicide or herbicide to kill/control the mold and not have the township get into the demolition of the structure, Supervisor Ruff said she will contact Senator Piccola’s office and Representative Helm’s office to get some resource information on the health issues, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Patton Tire Company Property Tire Issue – Motion – Supervisor Eppley made a motion to authorize the secretary to send a nuisance notification letter to Patton Tire Company because of the accumulation of tires, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, under discussion Supervisor Hoover suggested in the meantime maybe the tires should be covered with a tarp, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Ft. Halifax Conservation Easement Violations – Motion – Supervisor Ruff made a motion to authorize the secretary to send the notification letter to the individual property owners which has been provided by the Solicitor, seconded by Supervisor Eppley, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

Plan Review Document – This is an internal tracking document for submitted subdivision/land development plans. The Township will start using this document.

ROADMASTER REPORT: Monuments for Boundary at Park - Dale reported there are 15 monuments to be placed on the southern boundary of the park property. He will be helping Bill Burch to place these monuments. Signs for Sycamore Trees – Dale reported Fast Signs gave him an estimate of \$934 for two signs which are 4’x 4’. They require a 50% deposit before making the signs. Supervisor Ruff would like to see a sketch of the signs before a decision is made to purchase these. Ft. Halifax Sign – Supervisor Eppley made a motion to authorize Dale to secure a two sided sign for the Future Site of Halifax Park with a ceiling cost of \$1,000, seconded by Supervisor Shultz, vote called motion carried 5-0. Sycamore Trees – The trees have some kind of fungus or blight. Dale will meet with the state forester next Monday at 1:30 p.m. who will do an evaluation of the trees.

Casner Property Complaint – The Solicitor will check owner’s whereabouts and inform the township so a nuisance letter can then be sent.

Electronic Dropoff – Dale reminded the Board of the dropoff this Saturday from 7 a.m -12 noon.

Purchasing Tables for Meeting Room – Motion – Supervisor Ruff made a motion to authorize the purchase of two tables, seconded by Supervisor Eppley, vote called, motion carried 5-0. Dan Shearer is authorized to pick these up at COSTO’s.

SEO REPORT: Mike Brown faxed a partial report due to technical problems with his computer. A full electronic report will be provided in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS: Buffalo Park Road – The Board has not yet received a report from Jim Eppley.

Park Update/Philadelphia Trip – Supervisor Ruff provided a report based on a presentation given at a meeting with a Federal group in Philadelphia regarding the future Ft. Halifax Park.

Sign Update – Supervisor Ruff reported that trucks are driving slower on 147 South due to the sign that was placed for trucks to curtail the use of the engine retarders.

NEW BUSINESS: Mountain Road Weight Limits – Motion – Supervisor Eppley made a motion to authorize K & W Engineering to do a cost study on weight limit restrictions, seconded by Supervisor Ruff, vote called, motion carried 5-0. Supervisor Ruff will contact Reed Township to see if they will consider a joint study.

Eagle Scout Tribute – Supervisor Ruff reported on Cody Snyder who provided the picnic tables at the park as a project to get his eagle scout badge. She will do a letter to the editor about this and send a letter to Cody from the Township commending him on his project and accomplishment.

Philadelphia Trip – previously reported.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nothing reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: June 11 at 7:00 p.m. Act 537 Briefing, Regional Comprehensive Plan Meeting Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Planning Commission Meeting July 7 at 7:00 p.m., Township Meeting July 14 at 7:00 p.m., July 19 Music Festival at Ft. Halifax Park.

Regional Comprehensive Plan Meeting - Motion – Supervisor Eppley made a motion to authorize the Secretary to attend the Regional Comprehensive Plan Meeting to take the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Ruff, vote called, motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Eppley made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Ruff, vote called, motion carried 5-0.