

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
102 Fisher Street
Halifax, PA 17032
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
May 9th, 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 7:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors Bechtel, Paul, Schreffler, and Bruner are present along with Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky, HRG, Inc. Engineer Alex Greenly, Secretary Sara Glace, and Roadmaster Tim Belk. Supervisor McBurney was absent.

RECORDING MEETING:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was an executive session held on April 28, 2022, from 7:10 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. with Supervisors, Bechtel, Paul, Schreffler, Bruner, and McBurney present along with Solicitor Warshawsky and Secretary Sara Glace to discuss possible litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No person spoke under public comment.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT:

Paid Interim Bills: **Motion** made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve the paid bills thru May 9th, 2022. Vote called. **Motion** carries 4-0.

Current Unpaid Bills: **Motion** made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the unpaid bills thru May 9th, 2022. Vote called. **Motion** carries 4-0.

Meeting Minutes:

April 11th, 2022, Meeting Minutes: **Motion** made by Supervisor Paul and seconded by Supervisor Bruner to approve the April 11th, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Vote called. **Motion** carries 4-0.

Financial Report: Placed on file for audit later.

EMC REPORT:

EMC Tim Neiter was present to cover his report dated May 9th, 2022, that was submitted for services during the month of April 2022, it will be placed on record.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Plan Recording: Discussion occurred on who handles recording of plans for Halifax Township. A copy of the approved plans and a copy of the recorded plans will need to be kept at Halifax Township. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to approve the applicant's engineer record any plans, addendums, and amendments. Vote called. **Motion** carries 4-0.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Engineer covered his report dated May 6th, 2022, for services during April. The report will be place on record. Engineer reviewed the Beiler Stormwater Waiver that was requested and found that the Beiler Stormwater is an exemption and Mr. Beiler provided sufficient documentation.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Warshawsky submitted his report dated May 5th, 2022, for services during April. The report will be placed on record. Bold text items are on the agenda. Solicitor Warshawsky advised that he try to have the Keiffer Road Project done by next month.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Roadmaster Tim Belk was present and submitted a report for April 2022. The report will be placed on record. Supervisors advised Roadmaster Tim Belk to obtain a quote on the boom mower attachment to trade in for another attachment. Roadmaster Tim Belk was advised to contact Russel Standard after discussion on the quality of work.

Paving Roads: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded Supervisor Paul to approve the advertisement of paving, tar & chip, and base repair bid packets. Vote called. **Motion** carries 4-0.

Responsible bidder is brought into question with the quality of work performed by the lowest bidder.

SEO REPORT:

Report submitted for the record.

FRIENDS OF FORT HALIFAX REPORT:

Bruce Henry, member of the Friends of Fort Halifax, was present and submitted a report for April 2022. No action items this month.

NUISANCE REPORT:

Enrique Buenrostro (Lorrie Adams): Located at 51 Rutter Road, Halifax Township, a complaint was made of dead animals, trash, and vehicles by a gentleman who does the trimmings at Armstrong Winery. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Schreffler and seconded Supervisor Paul that pre-nuisance letter outlining the nuisances. Vote called. **Motion** carried 4-0.

Anonymous Complaint: The Board of Supervisors of Halifax Township have decided to keep the policy of all complaints that are made, the person who makes the complaint must take ownership for the complaint.

Mountain Road: Someone decided to tear down the trailer about a month ago and suddenly stopped and left everything upended. Chairman Bechtel will be providing a phone number to the Roadmaster.

Grass Nuisance: Pre-nuisance letters will be mailed out to residents who have grass over 12 inches high starting in June.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Small Festival at Fort Halifax: Mr. Culp gave a presentation on a potential family-friendly two-day outdoor event with camping and would include local musicians such as Mighty River Band and a bluegrass band, Colebrook Road, arts and crafts, and local food vendors like Hall's Ice Cream. Mr. Culp wants to hold the event at Fort Halifax Park starting September 9th, 2022, by 3 p.m. and ending September 11th, 2022. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Schreffler to approve to hold a Small Festival at Fort Halifax if all conditions are met such as a resolution is provided, and insurance liability. Vote called. **Motion** carried 4-0.

Lindsey Lahr-enclosed carport: Lindsey Lahr located at 49 Pawnee Lane, Halifax Township, enclosed a carport without a building permit and inspections done. The Board of Supervisors request that a letter be sent to obtain a building permit and UCC inspection permit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fort Halifax Farmhouse & Barn Grant: No discussion or action took place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cul-de-sac parking: Concerns about parking in cul-de-sac. Solicitor Warshawsky advised that a resolution will need to be written to post no-parking signs in the cul-de-sac with a justification being to allow emergency vehicles and large delivery vehicles to pass through.

PA PERCS Contract: Board of Supervisors asked Solicitor Warshawsky to review the PA PERCS Contract that Halifax Township has with them.

Beiler Stormwater Exemption: A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded Supervisor Schreffler to approve the Beiler Stormwater Exemption Plan. Vote called. **Motion** carries 4-0.

Halifax Village Mobile Home Distance: Board of Supervisors of Halifax Township request that Land Development Plan be pulled and reviewed.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Cul-de-sac Parking

PA PERCS Contract

Fort Halifax Farmhouse & Barn Grant

Bid Packets for Paving

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June 6th, 2022–Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

June 13th, 2022–Board of Supervisor Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruner and seconded by Supervisor Paul to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Vote called.

Motion carriers 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara M. Glace
Secretary