

**HALIFAX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 10, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Supervisors Bechtel, Bruner, Schreffler and McBurney are present. Supervisor Paul is absent. Solicitor Bruce Warshawsky, Engineer Tom Wilson, Roadmaster Corey Stazewski and Secretary Carolyn Nye are present.

RECORDING MEETING: The Secretary is the only individual recording the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: **Mike Snody** asked if there is an update on Middle Road. Chairman Bechtel indicated Corey met with individuals from the conservation district and a grant will be processed. The grant money will not be available until next year. **Flo Mallonee** defers comment at this time. **Norma Shearer** asks if the sound system is not working. Chairman Bechtel stated the batteries need to be replaced.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT: **Paid Interim Bills** – Supervisor McBurney made a motion to approve the paid interim bills, seconded by supervisor Schreffler, under discussion Supervisor Schreffler commented about the salt bill and the Roadmaster explained, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Current Unpaid Bills** – Supervisor Schreffler made a motion to authorize payment of the current bills, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Minutes** – Supervisor Bruner made a motion to approve the minutes with the spelling correction of the name “Schlegal” to “Schlegel”, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Financial Report** – The Board reviewed the financial report and had no comment.

EMC REPORT: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Flo Mallonee gave the report. The Halifax School District Land Development Plan was reviewed. The school engineer will be working on Tom Wilson’s comments as well as Dauphin County’s comments. They will be back next month.

ENGINEER REPORT: The Engineer read his report of March 4, 2014. Bob Christoff of the Dauphin County Conservation District was contacted about the Storm Water Management Plan Options. He indicated to the Engineer that the Township is under no immediate obligation to act on the options due to having already complied with the Act 167. Flo Mallonee cautioned the Board about making a rash decision on the options because once you make a decision you are obligated to that decision.

SOLICITOR REPORT: The Solicitor went over his report dated March 5, 2014. **UDITO** – Powells, Rogers & Speakes handed over hard drives which need to be reviewed. **Geoffrey Brothers Nuisance** – The Township will continue to monitor the progress of the cleanup. **1059 North River Road** – The SEO will send a second letter to Revelation Reality regarding the septic system. If no response is received, the SEO will begin legal process with District Justice. **Bordner Nuisance Issue** – Mr. Bordner removed the cement block which was the issue due to it being placed on the Township’s right-of-way. He replaced it with a plastic reflector. The Board sees no problem with this since it is not on the right-of-way. **Quail Commons** – The Letter of Credit is in place. There has been no response from Mr. Yoder regarding the two lots. **Noise Ordinance** – Jeff Enders asked about the noise ordinance. The Solicitor explained the Township got approval from the Liquor Control Board to enforce its own noise ordinance which will need renewal in October. Norma Shearer mentioned in the Solicitor’s report to correct Slagle to Schlegel.

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ROADMASTER REPORT: Corey provided his report. **Spare Truck Parts** – Les Kiner donated about one hundred dollars worth of Mac Truck parts to the Township. **Building Permit** – Corey asks if the Board would waive another building permit fee to John and Margaret Lower who previously submitted a building application and paid the fee but the contractor who applied for them omitted the deck for the same project. **Motion:** Supervisor Schreffler made a motion to waive the fee for the second permit, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Kieffer Road** - Corey indicated a resident living along the road asks the Board to pursue this issue. Chairman Bechtel stated that the Solicitor will be looking into this issue a little more and eventually an executive session will be necessary for the Board to discuss the legalities of the issue. **92 Ford Truck Status** – Corey reported this truck needs extensive costly repairs and asks the Board to think about this and whether it would be more feasible to buy a newer truck.

PARK COMMITTEE: A park committee meeting was held February 17, 2014. **Flintlock Demonstration** – The Friends of Ft. Halifax would like to have a flintlock live ammo demonstration for students who are interested in the historical aspect of these types of rifles. Frank will consult with the school and come back to the Board with the school's response. Chairman Bechtel stated he will look into this and come back to the Board next month with information from the insurance company. **Friends of Ft. Halifax Support Letter to IRS on Non-Profit Status** - The Solicitor reviewed the draft and approved. **Motion:** Supervisor McBurney made a motion to authorize sending the letter to the IRS via Representative Lou Baretta's office, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Wedding at Park** – Supervisor McBurney expressed his concern about cleanup and feels a fee should be charged for this type of function. This issue can be further discussed at a future meeting. **Liability Insurance for Pesticide Spraying** – Chairman Bechtel spoke with Tom Troutman who indicated the premium would be \$250.00 per person. Frank Wilmarth from the Friends of Ft. Halifax would like to obtain a license to spray at the park. Per Tom Troutman an insurance rider would be needed for this and to get the license the Township would have to sponsor this. The Board discussed the issue and feels at this time the Roadmaster should get the certification and license to do this. **Motion:** Supervisor McBurney made a motion to pursue the business license application and name Corey as insured, seconded by Supervisor Bruner, vote called, motion carried 4-0.

FIREWORKS COMMITTEE REPORT: There was a committee meeting held March 7, 2014 with the Attivo brothers, who want to set up the fireworks at the park, Jeff Enders of the Borough and Supervisor Schreffler to go over the idea of fireworks in the community. After much discussion Chairman Bechtel said he would consult with the insurance agent. Supervisor McBurney indicated he would like to see a proposed plan as to the location with specifics. This issue will be discussed at the April meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Liquid Fuels Distribution for 2014 –Chairman Bechtel announced the Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2014 is in the amount of \$139,986.21. **Computer Updating** – Supervisor McBurney spoke about the firewall quote. He will continue to move ahead with this project.

SEO REPORT: None submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: Quail Commons – Supervisor Bruner went to the school board meeting and discussed with them about the pilot program. It was suggested the school attorney and township attorney be included in the meeting to discuss the program. **Motion:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to authorize the solicitor to attend the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Lake Tobias – The issue to put a crosswalk to the field for the over-flow parking was discussed. The township engineer will check free of charge to the township into the vehicle code for any requirements. He will provide results to the township.

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Police Consolidation Survey – A survey was sent from the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee pertaining to police consolidation. Chairman Bechtel will fill out the survey and the secretary will send it back.

Ag Security – Bob Christoff of the Dauphin County Conservation District sent a request to have Halifax Township approve a property owned by David and Tina Kieffer located both in Jackson Township and Halifax Township to be added to Jackson Township Agricultural Security Area. **Motion to Waive Reading of Resolution:** Supervisor Bruner made a motion to waive the reading of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor McBurney, vote called, motion carried 4-0. **Motion to Approve Resolution:** Supervisor Schreffler made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor McBurney, vote called, motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Flintlock Demonstration, Crosswalk at Lake Tobias, Fireworks and Park Regulations.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Planning Commission Meeting April 7 at 7 p.m.

Township Meeting April 14 at 7 p.m.

Township Cleanup Day May 9 and 10

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Bruner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Schreffler, vote called, motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nye
Secretary