

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 17, 2018**

On May 17, 2018 at approximately 6:33 p.m., Chairman, Daryl Schafer called the regular monthly meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors to order. The meeting was held in the Haines Township Building located at 153 S. Rachel's Way in Aaronsburg, PA. The call to order was followed by the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence and Board introductions.

In attendance: Chairman Daryl Schafer, Vice-Chairman Delmer Homan and Supervisor Fred Lingle, Secretary-Treasurer Susan Wenrick, Roadmaster Mark Hosterman, HTPC Chairman Charles Valentine, HTPC Vice-Chair. Marlin Fultz, HAMA Secretary Patricia Valentine, Tibben Zerby w/Nittany Engineering & Assoc., Jeffrey Kreger P.L.S., Penn Twp. Supervisor & PVEMS President David Braucht, Mark Swope w/Suit-Kote, residents Thomas Kobb, Kathy Shimp and Sarah Depasquale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman, Daryl Schafer announced that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session on May 9, 2018 for matters relating to personnel issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Braucht asked to address the Board and thanked them for the 2018 donation and for their support of Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Braucht is now the President of the PVEMS Board. Mr. Braucht reported that the auxiliary that was created is off to a good start and has raised approximately \$13,000. The PVEMS hopes to continue fund raising and has a goal to double their membership.

Daryl Schafer stated that at the April PSATS conference a resolution was approved asking the governor to address funding issues and problems facing fire and emergency services statewide. Some of the issues that needed addressed are changes to insurance laws and looking at possible user fees versus taxes. No one really wants to increase property taxes. A LST (Local Services Tax) may offer a possible solution. Mr. Braucht estimated that a Local Services Tax for the Penns Valley region could generate between \$70,000 and \$80,000.

Resident Kathy Shimp said that the slope coming into Woodward exceeds the 4% downhill grade, which is part of the criteria for PENNDOT approval of signs to prohibit engine brake retarders. Daryl Schafer mentioned that the Township had looked into this same issue several times. Even if all the criteria is met and signs were installed they would not be enforced by State Police. Jake brakes are considered a safety feature and increase braking capacity.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jeff Kreger, P.L.S. presented a Component 2 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Payne Minor Land Development Plan and an Operation & Maintenance Agreement for their Community Onlot Disposal System. The sewage module and land development plan have been approved by the Township's SEO, Zoning Officer and Planning Commission.

Daryl Schafer motioned to approve the Component 2 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Payne Minor Land Development Plan via Resolution No. 07-2018. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

Daryl Schafer motioned to execute the Operation & Maintenance Agreement for the Community Onlot Disposal System for Rebecca & Joe Payne. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes

The executed O & M Agreement must be filed with the Recorder of Deeds office by Payne's or their agent and an original returned to the Township Office.

Tibben Zerby w/Nittany Engineering presented a Component 2 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Powdr-Woodward Pa LLC Land Development Plan, Phase VIII. The sewage module has been approved by the Township's SEO, Zoning Officer and Planning Commission. Fred Lingle motioned to approve the Component 2 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Powdr- Woodward as presented via Resolution No. 08-2018. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: F. Lingle – Yes D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes

PENNDOT PROPOSAL

The Board of Supervisors were asked to consider a proposal from PENNDOT that would change the existing detour route for cars and light trucks during the S. R. 45 bridge replacement project. PENNDOT has proposed using Bower Hollow Road as part of the detour route when safety issues were raised over using their previously established detour route. The State would have Plenary Walsh mill and fill a three foot section on both sides of the road for its entire length. This would make the surface better when we add the scratch and top coat. Daryl Schafer motioned to approve the PENNDOT proposal pending receipt of their acknowledgement of liability in written form and pending approval by the Township's solicitor, Timothy Schoonover. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

BID LETTING / AWARD FOR PAVING PROJECT

Results from opening bid proposals: Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. \$135,595 HRI, Inc. \$138,274

D. Gutelius Excavating, Inc. \$163,126 New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. \$166,853.41

The lowest bidder was Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.

Daryl Schafer motioned to accept the low bid from Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. for \$135,595. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

Daryl Schafer motioned to add a stipulation that the project be completed after August 13th or after the completion of the S. R. 45 bridge replacement project, with a possible extension. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

BID LETTING / AWARD FOR TAR & CHIP PROJECT

Results from opening bid proposals:

Suit-Kote \$42,854.40

Hammaker East LTD. \$44,466.84

The lowest bidder was Suit-Kote.

Daryl Schafer motioned to accept the low bid from Suit-Kote for \$42,854.40. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes

MINUTES APPROVAL

Daryl Schafer moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented for April 19, 2018. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

TREASURER’S REPORT

Daryl Schafer motioned to accept Treasurer’s Report #5 for 05/17/18 as presented and file for audit. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes

The Township Treasurer reported that the State fund Certificate of Deposit matures on 05/19/18 and will be redeposited into the JSSB account to pay for this year’s projects.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Mark Hosterman gave the Board an overview of all work activities and routine maintenance performed since the last Board meeting, which included: taking the Dodge Truck to Beaver Motors for diagnostic and repairs, mowing Cemetery Road, prepping two thirds of a section on Middle Road for placement of geotextile material, receiving the grader window from Five Star Equipment, looking at roller rental prices for Middle Road and using Penn Twp. employees to assist when laying the geotextile.

The Board discussed the open PT position. To date there is only one applicant. Notices were placed at various sites throughout the area. D. Schafer placed the job notice on Facebook and several County sites. The Board agreed to run the job ad on ¼ of a page in the June edition of the Grape Vine.

PERMITS REPORT

CKCOG Building Permits: April (3), Pamela Winter Zoning Permits: April (5)

SEO

No report.

*Thomas Kobb asked for clarifications on a letter he received from the Township’s solicitor concerning the accumulation of refuse on his property. He was asked in the letter to remove offending refuse, including, but not limited to tires, rims, vehicle parts and unused building materials. Mr. Kobb stated that the building material is not refuse and it will be used for a future project. The materials include insulation and steel roofing. Mr. Kobb has tried to relocate the material so it is not so visible. Mr. Kobb disputes any claims of a rat infestation and said it is a chipmunk problem. Mr. Kobb also stated that he has a licensed antique vehicle on the property.

D. Schafer said the Board was willing to work with Mr. Kobb. The Board will reexamine the property before their June 21st meeting.

HTPC

The Planning Commission approved the sewage planning modules for Payne and Powdr- Woodward.

PVRPC

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018.

HAMA

Patricia Valentine reported that HAMA had another meeting with DEP and Unitech; they discussed Well #8 and the Interconnect Project. Plant Operator, C. Valentine said it is increasingly harder to purchase chemicals because vendors don't want to sell to small water companies. It was suggested that they see if they could collectively buy chemical supplies with other small authorities in the area.

HWMA

A copy of HWMA's 03/12/18 meeting minutes were given to the Township.

PVEMS

Bari Deaven provided the Board with a copy of the PVEMS April meeting minutes and financial reports.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence listed on the agenda was acknowledged. The Board received notification from the Millheim Fire Company of their annual June parade, which involves the Fire Company applying for a special event permit through PENNDOT. The Fire Company needs the Board's approval in order for PENNDOT to process their application. Daryl Schafer moved to give approval for the event. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

The agenda item under Old Business was discussed under Public Comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Daryl Schafer reported on the April PSATS conference. One of the big topics of discussion was the lack of internet services in rural areas.

Fred Lingle initiated a discussion on allowing Supervisors to miss one meeting a year and still receiving compensation for that same month. The Board unanimously agreed that the compensation ordinance for Supervisors should be altered to allow for one missed meeting within a year. The Township solicitor will be contacted to draft an amendment to the existing ordinance.

The Board discussed and agreed to invite Stahl Sheaffer Engineering to a meeting to give a presentation of their services and to discuss having a small feasibility study done for a new municipal building.

Charlie Valentine asked if the Board would allow the planning commission to review existing township ordinances to determine if any of the ordinances need to be rescinded, amended, and so forth. The Board expressed no opposition to this request.

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Lingle motioned to adjourn the 05/17/18 Board of Supervisor's meeting at 8:25 P.M. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: F. Lingle – Yes D. Schafer – Yes