

**HAINES TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
June 21, 2018**

On June 21, 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 Vice-Chair. Marlin Fultz, HTPC Secretary Kim Greeley, SEO & Zoning Officer Pamela Winter, HAMA Secretary Patricia Valentine, PVEMS representative Bari Deaven, residents Dawn & Lester Vonada, Robin Hanselman, Thomas Kobb and special guest Rod Stahl, principal of Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, LLC.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None were given during the allotted time period.

**REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Resident Robin Hanselman asked to address the Board of Supervisors and submitted a written statement to the Township office, which the Board received in advance of this meeting. Mr. Hanselman read from his prepared comments and gave his interpretation of events that led to him being denied a zoning permit to place a shed in his front yard. Mr. Hanselman said that if the zoning ordinance definition for a "front yard" was interpreted literally he would not be in violation of the ordinance because the placement area would not technically be in his front yard. (This addresses the definitions found in Article II, section 51.2.2, page 40 of the zoning ordinance.) Mr. Hanselman was denied a zoning permit by CKCOG and no appeal was made and his application was also denied by Pamela Winter and no formal appeal was made. Chairman Schafer stated that the Board was aware of deficiencies within the definitions of the zoning ordinance and they hope to revise the ordinance in the near future. Another area of the zoning ordinance to be reviewed is Article XII, General Regulations, section 51.12.2, page 91 for accessory structure and uses. As currently written in any district for a non-attached structure excluding some structures for farmsteads, phone booths or bus shelters; no accessory structure can be built within a front yard unless approved by the Board of Supervisors as a conditional use. Chairman Schafer stated that he had a conversation with the Township's solicitor on the legal implications of the zoning ordinance and other pending legal matters. Chairman Schafer called for an executive session of the Board to follow the closure of this regular meeting to relay the information he garnered from solicitor Timothy Schoonover.

**INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Rod Stahl, a principal of the State College corporate office of Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, LLC. gave an overview of the engineering firm, which is a multi-discipline civil and structural engineering firm specializing in building design, rehabilitation, surveying, land development, construction inspection, transportation engineering and asset management. Land development services include site feasibility studies and site design. Their firm could perform a small feasibility study to determine if a new township building could be placed on the existing parcel. The Board of Supervisors would need to determine the uses of the building, the number of people using the structure and the amount of equipment or records to be stored in the building. The feasibility study would include a review of the

proposed site, its topography, geology, utilities needed, setbacks, coverage, height, zoning requirements, floodplain, environmental concerns, landscaping, site suitability, etc. If sketches or renderings are requested it would increase the price of the study. A small feasibility study would likely cost in the range of \$2500 to \$12,000. The Board will need to make a list of needs and wants. The study will determine if the existing size of the township property is adequate to meet their needs. The township parcel is 1.52 acres.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Delmer Homan moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented for May 17, 2018. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Daryl Schafer motioned to accept Treasurer’s Report #6 for 06/21/18 as presented and file for audit. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

The Township received pledged securities reports from JSSB and MBTC dated 05/31/18.

#### **ROADMASTER REPORT**

Mark Hosterman gave the Board an overview of all work activities and routine maintenance performed since the last Board meeting. The west side of Bower Hollow Road has been milled and filled in preparation of the detour route. Tomorrow the east side will be started. There is a problem with the culvert that runs under Bower Hollow road just south of Eli Drive. It was recommended that a repair be done to the culvert before the Township paves Bower Hollow Road. Suit-Kote plans on completing the bid project on Middle Road at the end of July. The Dodge truck was taken to Beaver Motors for repairs.

#### **PERMITS REPORT**

CKCOG Building Permits: May (0), Pamela Winter Zoning Permits: May (2)

#### **SEO**

Copies of the SEO’s correspondence were provided to the Board.

#### **HTPC**

Kim Greeley informed the Board of Supervisors that the planning commission with the assistance of Centre County Planning Director Robert Jacobs, is developing a draft burning ordinance that is primarily directed to the V-1 and V-2 zoning districts. Their goal is to stop irresponsible garbage burning within the villages.

\*Resident Lester Vonada asked if the Board could do anything about the deteriorating condition of the Osterman house at 319 Pine Creek Road. No one has lived in the house for approximately four years and as neighbors, they have concerns about snakes and rats on the property. The last known address for Mr. Osterman was in Harrisburg. The Board asked the Township Secretary to talk to our BCO, Rod Neitz and see if the house can be declared structurally unsafe or dangerous due to its current condition. The Board needs to know if they have a legal recourse to solve this issue.

## **PVRPC**

The last meeting of the PVRPC was on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Jacqueline Fuge, Director of the Centre Tax Agency gave the membership information and estimated earnings from instituting a LST (Local Services Tax) in all Penns Valley municipalities. The earnings reflected the differences between a \$52 per year LST with a \$12,000 earnings exemption versus a \$10 per year LST with no low income exemption. With the current employer base in Haines the Township would generate approximately \$3,644 of gross tax income utilizing the \$52 per year LST and generate approximately \$6,672 gross tax income utilizing the \$10 per year LST tax. For several municipalities a LST could generate as much or more than the ½ mill property tax that was requested by PVEMS, Inc. The current agreement to give the PVEMS the equivalent dollar amount of ½ of a mill of property tax was only for 2018.

There were comments made questioning the transparency and accountability of the PVEMS. PVEMS representative Bari Deaven said they are working hard to raise money with their new auxiliary, they are trying to increase membership, develop a budget and saving money where they are able. The Board acknowledged that the EMS shortfalls are a state wide issue and more legislative measures need to be passed.

The Township Secretary was asked to add the continued discussion of a LST under “Old Business” on the July 19<sup>th</sup> agenda.

## **HAMA**

Patricia Valentine reported having problems with their billing agency. HAMA is not receiving timely payments of collected monies.

## **HWMA**

A copy of HWMA’s 04/09/18 meeting minutes were given to the Township.

## **PVEMS**

Bari Deaven provided the Board with a copy of the PVEMS meeting minutes dated 05/09/18.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The correspondence listed on the agenda was acknowledged. The Board received a letter from the Aaronsburg Civic Club requesting the Millheim Fire Police, the closure of N. West Street from S.R. 45 to W. Plum Street and parking around the Township buildings during their fall festival scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Daryl Schafer motioned to approve their request as stated. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2018 adopted PSATS Resolutions from the April Conference.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Daryl Schafer motioned to adopt Resolution No. 09-2018, a resolution providing for a signature block for zoning approval on any future subdivision or land development plans. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

Daryl Schafer moved to adopt a Component 1 Sewage Facilities Module for the Samuel T. (Jr.) & Ruth E. Swarey Minor Land Development Plan. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Fred Lingle motioned to adjourn the 06/21/18 Board of Supervisor’s meeting at 8:00 P.M. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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