

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 19, 2023**

On October 19, 2023, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Vice-Chairman Delmer Homan 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 and a moment of silence. In attendance: Vice-Chairman Delmer Homan, Supervisor Randy Ream, Roadmaster Mark Hosterman, Secretary-Treasurer Kimberly Claar, Tax Collector Andrea Vonada, HAMA Secretary-Treasurer Patricia Valentine.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Delmer Homan moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented for 09/21/23, 10/10/23, 10/12/23.

Randy Ream seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Homan – Yes R. Ream – Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Delmer Homan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for 10/19/23 and file for audit.

Randy Ream seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Homan – Yes R. Ream – Yes

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Mark Hosterman reported the mowing is done for the year and the equipment has been winterized. Mr. Hosterman also reported that they have been trimming trees and installing the new ATV signs. There have only been two complaints so far regarding the ATV ordinance. Mr. Hosterman mentioned that CMT Labs came and dug 4 test holes at the possible location of the new Salt/Cinder Shed. We will receive results and recommendations in a week or so.

Lastly, Mr. Hosterman stated he will be on vacation from November 10-17 and that leaf collection will be from November 6 – 22.

PERMITS: For September: Building (0) and Zoning (4).

REPORTS:

Haines Township Planning Commission – No Report

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission – No Report

Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority – Patricia Valentine reported they will hold their next meeting at their new office located at 337 E. Aaron Square. Mrs. Valentine also reported that they will be opening bids on November 1st for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Mrs. Valentine stated the board may elect to sell the company truck and she is working on getting an emergency water shut-off key to keep at the township building.

Haines-Woodward Municipal Authority – No Report

Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. – No Report

Zoning Officer – No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Dutch Fall Festival Update – Received very positive feedback that the festival was much improved from the previous few years. I am happy to report there was an improvement in every area of the festival. Starting with securing liability insurance, 26 Sponsors totaling \$6,140.00 in addition to the use of a UTV, 50 vendor spots reserved, doubled the amount of Quilt Raffle Tickets sold, and the return of old-time demonstrators, along with the addition of Youth Vendors. We also had an improved entertainment schedule. The non-profits sold out of food on both days. We will continue working with the ACC board to improve the festival. The ACC has a new board (Pres.-Andrea Vonada, VP-Kim Brindle, Treas.-Sherry Braucht, Secy.-Nancy Parks). Recommendation to retain \$1,000.00 of any festival profit as start-up money for the 2024 festival and any additional excess should be put back into the Wert Memorial Park building repair and maintenance. Also, the Boy Scouts have been contacted for possible Eagle Scout projects at the park.

Salt/Cinder Shed – CMT Lab results were received two days prior to this meeting. These results state that an extra step must be taken when installing building footers to ensure the proper compaction and meet building code requirements. Discussion ensued to put this extra step out to bid and complete it as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed setting the date and time for Trick or Treat within Haines Township. The Board unanimously agreed to Tuesday, October 31st, 2023 from 6 to 8 P.M.

Randy Ream moved to tentatively adopt the 2024 Annual Budget for Haines Township. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Homan – Yes R. Ream – Yes

The public inspection period for the proposed budget will be advertised and made available to the public. The proposed 2024 budget does include a half-mill tax increase. The formal adoption is set for Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

Randy Ream motioned to adjourn the October 19, 2023, monthly meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors at approximately 7:17 P.M. Delmer Homan seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Vote: R. Ream – Yes D. Homan – Yes