

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 21, 2023**

On December 21, 2023, at approximately 6:30 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 and a moment of silence. In attendance: Chairman Daryl Schafer, Vice-Chairman Delmer Homan, Supervisor Randy Ream, Secretary-Treasurer Kimberly Claar, Roadmaster Mark Hosterman, Tax Collector Andrea Vonada, HAMA Secretary-Treasurer Patricia Valentine, Zoning Officer Chris Dobson, HWMA Vice-Chair/Twp. Road Crew Julie Shaffer, P.C. Chairman Marlin Fultz, Resident Derek Hart, Resident Brian and Trevor Bressler.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Executive session was held on 11/30/2023 at 3:00pm. A phone meeting was had with Architect Robert Lack to gather information on the proposed Salt/Cinder Shed Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Resident and high school senior Trevor Bressler announced he was planning to submit a PSATS Scholarship application and requested a letter of recommendation from one of the Supervisors. Daryl Schafer volunteered to meet with Trevor and write the letter of recommendation.

Derek Hart requested a letter of forgiveness for not having a second fail site on his property located in the town of Aaronsburg. Haines Township Zoning Officer Chris Dobson addressed this request informing Mr. Hart the steps he needed to take before making this request.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Delmer Homan moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented for 11/14/23.

Randy Ream seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Homan – Yes R. Ream – Yes D. Schafer – Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Daryl Schafer moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented for 12/21/23 and file for audit.

Randy Ream seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Homan – Yes R. Ream – Yes D. Schafer- Yes

9 Month CD Matures on 12/29/2023: Daryl Schafer moved to shop other banks for 3, 6, 9 & 12 Month CD rates and discussion at the January 2nd meeting.

Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Homan – Yes R. Ream – Yes D. Schafer- Yes

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Mark Hosterman reported that all trucks are ready for winter weather except for troubleshooting an issue with the left turn signal on the 2019 Chevy. Mr. Hosterman also reported that the Township received 250 tons of anti-skid material and they have been working on trimming trees. A tool request will be submitted at the January 2nd meeting.

PERMITS: For November: Building (1) and Zoning (3).

REPORTS:

Haines Township Planning Commission – Meeting days and times to stay the same as previous years.

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission – No Report

Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority – Patricia Valentine reported that the 2024 budget was approved, 2022 audit was approved. The Township will receive a copy. Mrs. Valentine also reported that they will be raising rates in 2024 and since the project bids came in low the board is looking to use that money to replace 10,000 feet of mainline waterline.

Haines-Woodward Municipal Authority – Nothing to report.

Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. – No Report

Zoning Officer – No Report

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board of Supervisors reviewed the listed correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

Salt/Cinder Shed – Kimberly Claar reported that Robert Lack, the architect is still working on the Spec Book and Bid Documents. Mark Hosterman and Delmer Homan discussed looking into the option of doing the project in phases and possibly bidding the first phase on a time and material basis.

Codification/Review of draft ordinance – Daryl Schafer moved to send the draft ordinance ("Haines Township Nuisance Ordinance of 2024") to the township solicitor for review.

Randy Ream seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Homan – Yes R. Ream – Yes D. Schafer- Yes

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Randy Ream motioned to adjourn the December 21, 2023, monthly meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors at approximately 7:13 P.M. Delmer Homan seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer- Yes D. Homan – Yes R. Ream – Yes