

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 21, 2024**

On March 21, 2024, 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 337 E. Aaron Square 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, Zoning Officer Chris Dobson, Tax Collector Andrea Vonada, PVEMS Representative Bari Deaven, HWMA Chair Tonia Witmer, HWMA Vice-Chair/Twp. Road Crew Julie Shaffer, HWMA Secretary-Treasurer Peggy Huey, Christine Zoerner w/ Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP, Surveyors Fred and Kathy Henry, Resident Tom Kobb, Resident Patricia Valentine.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Andrea Vonada, Tax Collector gave an update on the new real estate tax bill vendor that was selected solely by the Centre County Tax Office. Andrea also mentioned that the yearly fee to have bills printed may go up with the new vendor. More information to follow as Andrea receives it.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Kathy Henry, Henry Surveying presented a Subdivision Plan for Troy and Lori Dinges for Board approval. Delmer Homan moved to approve the Subdivision Plan for Troy and Lori Dinges. Randy Ream seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

Kathy Henry, Henry Surveying presented a Sewage Planning Module for Eli B. Hostetler for Board approval. Daryl Schafer moved to approve the Sewage Planning Module for Eli B. Hostetler. Randy Ream seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

Kathy Henry, Henry Surveying presented a Subdivision Plan for Scott Swartz for Board approval. Randy Ream moved to approve the Subdivision Plan for Scott Swartz. Delmer Homan seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

No action was required for the Amos and Ben King Subdivision Plan.

Christine Zoerner with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP presented the 2023 audit to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Zoerner said her firm gave the Township an unmodified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance that they give. There were no issues or findings, all expenditures were approved, and all revenues were assigned properly. The audit was conducted per auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). The DCED report was in compliance with statutory reporting requirements. Ms. Zoerner complimented the Secretary-Treasurer for her job performance and ability to resolve accounting issues independently.

BID OPENING RESULTS:

JOHN CLAAR EXCAVATING	BASE BID \$199,608.	FOUNDATION BREAKOUT \$62,204.	TOTAL: \$261,812.00
BIG VALLEY CONSTRUCTION	BASE BID \$174,496.	FOUNDATION BREAKOUT NONE GIVEN	TOTAL: \$174,496.00
BLAIR CONSTRUCTION	BASE BID \$315,170.	FOUNDATION BREAKOUT \$99,670.	TOTAL: \$418,840.00
MARTIN’S CONSTRUCTION, LLC	BASE BID \$292,471.	FOUNDATION BREAKOUT \$76,919.	TOTAL: \$369,390.00

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Daryl Schafer moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented for 02/15/24. Randy Ream seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Daryl Schafer moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented for 03/21/24 and file for audit. Delmer Homan seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

Daryl Schafer motioned to accept the 2023 audit and the DCED Financial Conditions Report as presented by Christine Zoerner. Randy Ream seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Mark Hosterman reported that College Township agreed to a purchase price of \$28,000 for the 2014 dump truck and they will let us know when it is ready for pick up. Mr. Hosterman also mentioned that roughly \$236.00 was spent to get several pieces of equipment ready to send to Fraley’s auction on March 23rd. There will be an additional cost for AM Logging to transport several of those items. The items being sent to the auction are a roller, belt loader and 94 dump truck.

PERMITS: For February: Bureau Veritas (1) and Zoning (5)

REPORTS:

Zoning Officer: No Report

Haines Township Planning Commission – No report.

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission – No report.

Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority – Kimberly Claar reported that on April 1st HAMA is offering a tour to the Supervisors and any HAMA Board member that would like to attend.

Haines-Woodward Municipal Authority – Tonia Witmer reported that their current system operator resigned on 2/29/24 and the Board has taken action to keep in compliance by hiring Justin Kerstetter temporarily to train a new operator. Ms. Witmer also reported that the DEP inspection went well.

Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. – Bari Deaven reported that things are going well with a stable staff. Ms. Deaven also reported that because of a good return on their investments they can give the staff raises.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board of Supervisors received and reviewed an email regarding a proposed one-day detour on SR 2018 for a pipe replacement. The Board unanimously agreed to there was no objection to this proposal.

OLD BUSINESS:

Daryl Schafer moved to adopt the Haines Township Nuisance Ordinance 2024-1 amending and superseding Chapter 83A of the Code of the Township. Randy Ream seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

The Board unanimously agreed to postpone codification of ordinances until all current ordinances including zoning have been reviewed and any changes are brought forward for approval.

After reviewing all Salt Cinder Shed bids Delmer Homan moved to award Big Valley Construction the Base Bid of \$174,496.00 and John Claar Excavating, inc. the Foundation Breakout Bid of \$62,204.00. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Daryl Schafer donated a flag and pole for the meeting room. Thank you, Daryl.

ADJOURNMENT:

Randy Ream moved to adjourn the March 21, 2024, monthly meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors at approximately 7:47 p.m. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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