

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 18, 2024**

On April 18, 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, PVEMS Representative Bari Deaven, HAMA Representative Ian Smith, Resident Patricia Valentine, Resident Curt Stover, Resident Melissa & Corby Stover.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Curt Stover stated concern over the wording in a section of the Zoning Ordinance. C. Stover also asked about needing a permit for fences. Chris Dobson, Township Zoning Officer explained the wording in great detail and provided C. Stover with options.

C. Stover recommended a newsletter to let everyone know permits are required.

Mr. Corby Stover made a recommendation for the Board to revisit the entire Zoning Ordinance. Corby and Melissa Stover purchased the Woodward Inn to renovate. They shared frustrations with the Zoning Ordinance and Building Code.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Daryl Schafer moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented for 03/21/24 & 3/27/24. Randy Ream seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Delmer Homan moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented for 04/18/24 and file for audit. Randy Ream seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Mark Hosterman stated they have been working on storm cleanup, cold patching and grading on Ingleby Rd. Mr. Hosterman also reported that a Dirt & Gravel Road grant application was submitted. Mr. Hosterman mentioned the Burm Filler is scheduled for May and suggested to the Board to mill and fill Bower Hollow Rd and Apple Butter in 2025.

PERMITS: For March: Bureau Veritas (0) and Zoning (3)

REPORTS:

Haines Township Planning Commission – No report.

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission – Chairman Schafer reported that at the most recent meeting, rolled out a Transportation Survey to develop a long-term plan.

Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority – Ian Smith reported the Boil Water Notice is still in effect until lifted.

Haines-Woodward Municipal Authority – No report.

Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. – Bari Deaven reported they received a positive message on Facebook. Centre Hall Borough still has not signed the agreement. Ms. Deaven was also very happy to report that PVEMS has not had to go dark in over 3 years.

PSATS CONFERENCE UPDATE: Daryl Schafer and Kimberly Claar attended. Mr. Schafer gave a summary of what he learned regarding Solar Farms, how to support and maintain Fire & EMS and Inquik Bridge replacement. Mr. Schafer also reported that it was recently passed that 2nd Class Townships that hold meetings via Zoom as well as in person can have a supervisor attend via Zoom and still count to have a quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board of Supervisors had previously reviewed the listed correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Daryl Schafer moved to pass the EMS Week Proclamation, a proclamation designating the week of May 19-25, 2024, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Haines Township. Randy Ream seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Vote: R. Ream – Yes D. Homan – Yes D. Schafer – Yes

Kimberly Claar presented a mass notification system from two different companies. Ms. Claar requested that the Board move to investigate and implement one of the two systems presented to keep residents informed more quickly and efficiently. HAMA will be the first to utilize this service and they will incur the cost of sending out messages informing their water customers of important information regarding the ongoing Water System Improvement Project.

Delmer Homan moved to pursue the implementation of an automated response system. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Vote: R. Ream – Yes D. Homan – Yes D. Schafer – Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Randy Ream moved to adjourn the April 18, 2024, monthly meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors at approximately 8:53 p.m. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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