

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

On September 16, 2025, 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, Roadmaster Mark Hosterman, PV EMS Bari Deaven, Residents Margie Ross, Julie Shaffer & Christ L. King.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Middle Road Improvements Christ L. King thanked everyone for the successful work on Middle Road. It was repaved, rebuilt, and is now in good condition. There was general agreement that the contractor's performance was acceptable.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Delmer Homan moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented for 08/28/25. 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 09/16/25 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 reported that the third round of mowing along township roads is nearly finished.

New Enterprise exceeded its contract completion deadline for Middle Road by four days, at a penalty rate of \$975 per day, totaling approximately \$3,900. Discussions covered whether to enforce the penalty or waive it, due to holidays, plant breakdowns, and short delays beyond the control of the township. Ultimately, the decision was to wait for the final invoice, subtract the four-day penalty, and see if New Enterprise challenges it.

The township discovered road damage along Fox Gap from logging trucks. The Roadmaster and PennDOT engineer, Matt Knepp, measured two damaged sections requiring about \$7,804 in repairs. The township will contact J.C. Lumber (operator John Zook) to seek reimbursement for those listed amounts. Actual repairs will likely be deferred until next year's maintenance budget. The township also continues to monitor small road damages unrelated to bonded roads. The objective is to keep roads safe until full repairs or maintenance projects can be scheduled in the next season. The Roadmaster is gathering proposals for addressing trouble areas like Apple Butter Road, Bauer Hollow, and Jackson Hill. Ongoing methods include fiber mat, slurry seals, or partial milling to address alligator cracks and worn surfaces.

PERMITS: For August: Bureau Veritas (1), PV Code (0), and Zoning (6)

REPORTS:

Haines Township Planning Commission – No report.

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission – No report.

Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority – No report.

Haines-Woodward Municipal Authority – No report.

Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. – Bari Deaven reported that contracts are finalized, and the updated 911 system now works seamlessly with neighboring counties (Mifflin, Union, and Clinton). Call volume increased during the Grange Fair. The main issues were heat related. A longtime employee is retiring after 20 years of service. The EMS team plans to honor her despite her wish to keep quiet. The new ambulance is operational but faces an automatic shutoff after 10 minutes of idling, a result of newer diesel emission regulations.

Zoning Officer – No report.

Tax Collector – No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Dutch Fall Festival Update – There are 10 youth vendors, 17 single-booth vendors, and several multiple-booth vendors. New activities include a free craft tent, face painting, games, a petting zoo, corn shelling, and collaborative demonstrations by local FFA students. Festival benches have been repurposed into picnic tables for children, and the old post office (now the “Haines Building”) is undergoing a fresh coat of paint. Tractor drivers are still needed to help with people-moving wagons. One tractor and driver from the township may assist if volunteer drivers with classic tractors cannot be secured.

NEW BUSINESS:

All Present Board members agreed to set the 2025 budget meeting dates for October 13th & 14th, beginning at 3 P.M.

The Board discussed setting the date and time for Trick or Treat within Haines Township. The Board unanimously agreed to Friday, October 31st, 2025, from 6 to 8 P.M.

The Township Supervisors are exploring potential changes to full-time employee health insurance, aiming to offer a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) with a \$4,000 deductible. The township would possibly pay from \$1,000 to \$4,000 of that deductible in-house.

Options include a Geisinger plan with level funding or seeking out Highmark if it can manage in-house HRA administration. A final decision will be made at the upcoming budget meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Randy Ream moved to adjourn the September 16, 2025, monthly meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors at approximately 7:20 p.m. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

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