

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

On September 17, 2020 at approximately 6:31 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, a moment of silence and Board introductions. In attendance: Chairman Daryl Schafer, Vice-Chair. Delmer Homan, Supervisor Fred Lingle, Secretary-Treasurer Susan Wenrick, Roadmaster Mark Hosterman, HWMA Secretary Tracy Ridenour, Jerome Klena w/Penns Valley Park & Recreation Association and resident Tom Kobb.

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of PA has mandated that the public maintain social distancing measures and wear masks or other facial coverings in public spaces.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jerome Klena a member of the Penns Valley Park and Recreation Association asked the Board of Supervisors to consider making a contribution to the PVPRA. The contribution will be used to continue maintaining and upgrading areas of the park and swimming pool. Mr. Klena was told that a copy of the Township's guidelines for budget requests would be emailed to him and he was informed that the cutoff for submission is October 1, 2020 for the fiscal year 2021.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Fred Lingle motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented for 08/20/20. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes D. Schafer – Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Daryl Schafer motioned to approve Treasurer's Report #9 for 09/17/20 as presented and file for audit. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Schafer – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes
The Township also received a Pledged Securities Report from JSSB dated 08/31/20.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Mark Hosterman reported that the tar and chip project was completed on 09/15/20. Suit-Kote still has to apply the fog seal and they were given a deadline of 09/22/20. The road crew has been grading, widening and putting some stone down on Ingleby Road. The work has been on the front side of Ingleby, they are trying to keep water off the road. Work on the Dirt & Gravel project may begin in early October. Chris Myers with the Centre County Conservation District will be working on securing a DEP permit for part of the project. Mr. Hosterman stated he had ordered bulk deicing salt from T. C. Transport for \$90.00 per ton. The salt agreement is for 100 tons. Photos of damage to Middle Road done by steel wheeled equipment were given to the Board. The Roadmaster obtained a copy of a Miles Township ordinance that addresses road damage done by metal-cleated vehicles and non-rubberized wheels. The Board will review the ordinance and discussion on the ordinance will be added to the October meeting agenda.

PERMITS:

For August: (5) Zoning and (1) CKCOG.

SEO/ZO:

Current correspondence issued by Pamela Winter as the SEO and Zoning Officer was listed on the agenda and previously reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. No actions were necessary.

HTPC:

No report. Due to the lack of a quorum there was no meeting on 09/09/20.

HAMA:

No report. Due to the lack of a quorum there was no meeting on 09/16/20.

HWMA:

The HWMA Secretary Tracy Ridenour was present and reported that a storm had taken down number of trees near the wellsite and took out their power. The authority operator reported that even with the outage their chlorine levels stayed the same. It was suggested by Tibben Zerby that they consider putting their powerlines underground. Tonia Witmer has taken over the role of Chairman and Jeremy Witmer will be their maintenance person. Ms. Ridenour reported that they are doing much better financially and are paying down their outstanding debt to John Miller.

PVEMS:

The Township received various reports from Bari Deaven and Cindy Foust. The PVEMS is looking at buying an ambulance. The PVEMS seems to be running smoothly and the Supervisors appreciate being kept “in the loop.”

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence listed on the agenda had been reviewed by the Board. No actions were necessary.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Daryl Schafer reported that the Geisinger Health Insurance monthly premium would be increasing by 28%, however; rates will decrease when S. Wenrick is eligible for Medicare coverage next year and a renewal with Geisinger would allow M. Hosterman to stay in our employer plan and not fall under individual coverage. Geisinger will allow one person in the employer plan but UPMC and other providers require more than one participant. Daryl Schafer moved to renew the Geisinger plan. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

Our Planning Commission currently has three vacancies and the Board received a volunteer application from Robert Conklin to serve on the Planning Commission. Daryl Schafer moved to appoint Robert Conklin to the Planning Commission to fulfill an existing term that expires at the end of 2023. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

Kevin Sims representing the Aaronsburg Civic Club requested the assistance of the Township in demolishing an old basketball court at the Don Wert Memorial Park. The Roadmaster told the Board that he believed it would only take a couple of hours to demolish the court and remove the debris. Daryl Schafer motioned to allow the road crew to assist the ACC in demolishing the basketball court. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

There was a presidential memorandum authorizing the deferment of payments of the employee portion of Social Security taxes from 09/01/20 through 12/31/20. This IRS clarified that implementing the deferral was optional for employers but employees must be given the option to participate if the employer decides to offer the deferral.

Daryl Schafer motioned that the Township not offer the deferral to employees. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

Pamela Winter offered to act as a backup for several office functions when the Secretary-Treasurer is out of the office for \$15.00 per hour. Tasks would include: checking phone messages, checking emails, picking up and sorting regular mail several times a week and taking the meeting minutes if requested by the Board. Daryl Schafer motioned to pay Ms. Winter \$15.00 per hour with a cap of 5 hours per week. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: D. Schafer – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes

Reminder: the 2021 budget meetings are scheduled for 5:30 P.M. on October 6th and October 8th. Worksheets will be emailed to the Board by October 2nd.

ADJOURNMENT:

Fred Lingle motioned to adjourn the September 17, 2020 monthly meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors at approximately 7:30 P.M. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Vote: F. Lingle – Yes D. Schafer-Yes D. Homan – Yes