

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 15, 2021**

On July 15, 2021 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, a moment of silence and Board introductions. In attendance: Chairman Daryl Schafer, Vice-Chairman Delmer Homan, Supervisor Fred Lingle, Secretary-Treasurer Susan Wenrick, Township Solicitor Timothy Schoonover, SEO & Z.O. Pamela Winter, Roadmaster Mark Hosterman, HWMA Secretary Tracy Ridenour, PVEMS representative Bari Deaven, HAMA Secretary-Treasurer Patricia Valentine, HAMA System Operator Charles Valentine, Residents: Tom Kobb, Robert Alpago, Nancy Alpago, Kim Greeley, Kathy Shimp, Nicole Andrus and Deborah Schafer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Woodward resident, Kathy Shimp expressed her concern over a number of issues including: junk vehicles, burning of plastic, parking along S.R. 45 which creates sight obstructions and speeding through Woodward. Ms. Shimp stated it is dangerous to pull out of her property and showed the Board a photo. Aaronsburg resident, Kim Greeley commented on the speeding within Aaronsburg on S. R. 45. Mrs. Greeley stated that due to the recent fatality in front of her home, people speeding and trying to pass Amish or kids on scooters it is time to take this seriously and it needs addressed. Daryl Schafer commented that signs and speed board displays don't seem to have much of an affect on speeding. The Township by itself cannot afford its own police force and the Pennsylvania State Police have limited resources. Our Code Enforcement Officer is Gilbert Stull and he will be able to file citations for violations of the burning and abandoned vehicle ordinances. Mr. Alpago suggested contacting PENNDOT for traffic calming procedures. Daryl Schafer asked Mr. Schoonover to investigate procedures to regulate parking and asked the Secretary-Treasurer to contact PENNDOT for information on traffic calming techniques.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Fred Lingle motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented for 06/15/21. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: F. Lingle – Yes D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan - Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Daryl Schafer motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for 07/15/21 as presented and file for audit. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

As noted on the agenda, the PUC 2020 Act 13 Impact Fees were deposited in the General Fund and then transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund per the 2021 Budget.

ROADMASTER REPORT: The Roadmaster reported the road crew had installed four culverts along Cemetery Road between the Houser property and the Case property. The crew used the new backhoe and it works very well. Two thirds of Bower Hollow Road was graded using the new scraper blade. A number of storm cleanups took place but no major issues occurred, only downed branches and culvert clean outs. The crew has started their second round of mowing. Penn Township has asked to borrow our mower. Ingleby Road is holding up nicely.

PERMITS: For June: CKCOG (2) and Zoning (6).

HTPC: No report, no member in attendance.

PVRPC: Daryl Schafer said he was confirming attendees for the planned informal gathering of water authorities and operators for July 26th. Derik Dressler with RCAP Solutions will be one of the speakers. So far, Mr. Schafer has confirmations from Potter, Millheim, Spring Mills and the Woodward water authorities. Patricia Valentine said she would consider attending for the Aaronsburg water authority if she did not have to speak.

HAMA: HAMA Secretary-Treasurer, Patricia Valentine stated that HAMA was awarded a CDBG grant of \$128,500. Mrs. Valentine also said that they accepted a bid from Detweiller Lumber, LLC for timber harvesting.

HWMA: HWMA Secretary, Tracy Ridenour reported that the authority did not receive CDBG money but they did ask the Centre County Commissioners for assistance through any available ARPA or infrastructure funding. The authority is asking for \$180,000 to cover the overage on their bid project.

PVEMS: Township representative Bari Deaven was present and reported things are going well. There is approximately \$120,423 left to pay on their ambulance. The PVEMS received an OSFC grant for \$8,993.20 which will be applied to the principal of the ambulance loan and the Chief reported that the PVEMS received a total of \$9,303.55 from Centre Gives online contributions. There were 15 crashes in the Penns Valley area in June of this year. Staffing is good and they are getting ready for Grange Fair.

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence listed on the agenda had been reviewed by the Board. The Aaronsburg Civic Club, Inc. made a request for fire police, road closures and parking for the Dutch Fall Festival on October 2nd and 3rd. Daryl Schafer moved to request the fire police from Millheim Borough on behalf of the ACC and approved the requested closures and parking for the Fall Festival. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

The SEO was asked to explain the review letter concerning the Final Plan Lot Modifications to Lands of Daryl & Deborah Schafer. Three lots are being reconfigured into two lots. One lot for Schafer and the second lot for Hutchinson Companies, LLC. This modification was needed in the preparation of a Component 2 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for DEP. No actions were taken on the rest of the items listed under correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board discussed portions of several draft ordinances prepared by Timothy Schoonover. In reference to the ordinance on outside burning, it was clarified that the burning of “burnable” materials shall be permitted in all Township Zoning districts except for (V-1), Village Mixed Use and (V-2), Village Residential. The ordinance regulates outside burning by setting time limits, types of materials to be burned and the conditions under which burning may be permitted. The ordinance for regulating the storage and disposal of solid waste was revised but there were no comments on the draft. Mr. Schoonover did ask for some clarification on the scope of non-operational vehicles that would be included in the ordinance to replace Chapter 83, a junk vehicle ordinance. There was discussion on whether or not the ordinance would be township-wide or if it would be primarily addressed to the V-1 and V-2 zoning districts. It was asked if the Township would have the Code Enforcement Officer troll the Township looking for violations or if the Board would wait to process and investigate written complaints. The Township currently asks for all complaints to be in writing signed by the complainant. The Board discussed regulating licensed vehicles versus non-licensed vehicles. The Board wants to avoid having to address neighbor disputes and would need to follow up on items that were actual violations that cause health or safety issues.

Fred Lingle asked where the Board was with plans for building renovations. Delmer Homan said that the Board would need someone else to create the blueprints. Timothy Schoonover said he would be willing to contact John Sepp with PennTerra Engineering, Inc.

Fred Lingle also asked what the status was with the proposed meeting with the Amish bishops. The original meeting was to discuss the damage on municipal roads due to steel wheeled conveyances and equipment. Mark Hosterman commented that the meeting needs to be setup.

NEW BUSINESS:

Daryl Schafer motioned to adopt a Proclamation designating September 2021 as “Haines Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month” and September 10, 2021 as “Haines Township Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day.” Delmer Homan second the motion and the motion was carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Fred Lingle motioned to adjourn the July 15, 2021 monthly meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors at approximately 8:15 P.M. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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