

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 19, 2021**

On August 19, 2021 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-Chairman Delmer Homan, Supervisor Fred Lingle, Secretary-Treasurer Susan Wenrick, 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, Pat Ward w/UNI-TECH, PC Chairman, Marlin Fultz, Tom Kobb, Andrea Vonada, Fred Henry P.L.S. and Jeff Kreger, P.L.S.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Andrea Vonada introduced herself and explained that she moved back into the area and was going to run as a write-in candidate for the position of Tax Collector. Ms. Vonada said she had the support of Candace Ream and looked forward to serving the community.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Fred Henry, P.L.S. presented a plan and Component 1 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Subdivision of Lands of Rufus C. Guisewhite, Trustee of the Rufus C. Guisewhite Trust. The module was previously approved by the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer and the Planning Commission. Mr. Henry asked the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Fred Lingle motioned to approve the Component 1 for the Subdivision of the Rufus C. Guisewhite Trust. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: F. Lingle – Yes D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes

Fred Henry presented a plan and Component 1 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Consolidation of Lands of Fred R. & Stephanie L. Ironside. The module was previously approved by the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer and the Planning Commission. Mr. Henry asked the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Delmer Homan motioned to approve the Component 1 for the Consolidation of Lands for Fred & Stephanie Ironside. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Schafer – Yes

Jeffrey Kreger, P.L.S presented a plan and Component 1 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the Subdivision of Lands of Mervin J. & Julia L. Rohrer. The module was previously approved by the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer and the Planning Commission. Mr. Kreger asked the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Daryl Schafer motioned to approve the Component 1 for the Subdivision of Mervin & Julia Rohrer. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

MINUTES APPROVAL: Delmer Homan motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented for 07/15/21. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Homan - Yes D. Schafer - Yes F. Lingle - Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Daryl Schafer motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for 08/19/21 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

The Treasurer requested the release of the 2021 budgeted contribution for PVEMS, Inc. in the amount of \$15,683. Daryl Schafer motioned to release the 2021 budgeted contribution for PVEMS, Inc. in the amount of \$15,683. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Schafer – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes

ROADMASTER REPORT: The Roadmaster reported that the road crew had been cleaning up branches and washouts after a number of storms. Next week he plans on laying geotextile, 3A stone and 2A stone down on a section of Cemetery Road from Patchwork Farm to the Houser property. Mr. Hosterman reported that he had ordered approximately 400 ton of cinders from Con-Stone, Inc. The road crew will also be mowing and placing crack sealant

ROADMASTER REPORT (Continued)

on Cemetery Road. The Roadmaster is gathering information on the cost of having a 3 stall storage building erected to house salt, cinders, and a mix of salt and cinders. Mr. Hosterman reported that Pine Creek Township could repair the damage that was done on Fox Gap Road by Jacob Y. Zook. They estimated the repair to be approximately \$1,498. The total repair area is 120 feet in length by 17 feet in width. Mr. Zook will be billed for an area that is 75 feet in length by 17 feet in width or 62.5 % of the total repair.

There was a brief discussion on the need to advertise for another part-time employee. The Board will meet with the current part-time employee in executive session to discuss extending her hours until another PT employee is hired. Once it is determined how many work hours will be offered to a new PT employee, the position will be advertised.

PERMITS: For July: CKCOG (2) and Zoning (3).

REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer – Mr. Stull was absent due to a death in the family. He will either email or drop off his report for the Board.

Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority – Patricia Valentine gave the Township a copy of their approved 2020 Financial Statements, a copy of their July meeting minutes and their July Treasurer’s Report. Mrs. Valentine reported that last week lightning struck near the plant and caused a surge and the following day downed trees caused a power outage. UNI-TECH representative Pat Ward was present and asked the Board of Supervisors to support the refinance of HAMA’s RUS loan. MBTC has offered a 2.13 % fixed rate for 10 years. Their current rate with USDA is 4.125%. Mr. Ward estimated a significant savings of approximately \$110,000 for HAMA if they are able to refinance. MBTC would require the same security as the USDA, which would involve using a bond counselor at HAMA’s expense. The Board was asked to make a decision immediately because the refinance offer from MBTC was only for a limited amount of time and the required approvals and documentation would need to be executed at the Board’s next meeting on September 16th. After some discussion, Delmer Homan stated he would only approve it with the stipulation that the Supervisors receive a copy of HAMA’s revenues to expenditures over the period of the last year. Daryl Schafer motioned to support the refinance of HAMA’s RUS loan. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Schafer – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes

Haines-Woodward Municipal Authority - Tracy Ridenour reported that the Authority’s 2020 audit was still not completed. Ms. Ridenour stated that the regional water systems and operators meeting held by the Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission was very productive. The speaker Derik Dressler w/RCAP Solutions Inc. was very helpful HWMA at the suggestion of Elizabeth Lose (CCPCDO) has made a request to the Centre County Commissioners for additional funding to complete their Well #2 project. The funding would be part of the County’s American Rescue Plan Funds.

Planning Commission - Marlin Fultz reported that the zoning draft was still being revised, the tables formatting had been removed by Timothy Schoonover. Mr. Fultz stated he and the planning commission had concerns over the proposed location of the Dollar General store due to traffic issues on S. R. 45. Mr. Fultz was worried about the tractor-trailers used by D.G. suppliers. He feels the trucks would be too large for the unloading area and the trucks-trailers could cause issues along S.R. 45 while waiting to unload. It was mentioned that the CCPCDO and Corporate D. G. have already had discussions concerning supply deliveries. It will be mandated that the Dollar General receive deliveries before store hours. It is believed that the space provided will be adequate.

Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. - Bari Deaven had given the Township copies of their July meeting minutes, August Chief Report, August Manager’s Report and financials. The PVEMS received a generous estate donation in the amount of \$87,291. Things are going well.

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission – Daryl Schafer reported that their picnic on July 26 was well attended and well received. Five out of the seven systems in PV were represented and the speaker Derik Dressler, who is a PA Regionalization Specialist with RCAP Solutions, did a good job and gave advice on future things for systems to consider. Participants were encouraged to share information and resources.

Sewage Enforcement Officer- Pamela Winter had nothing new to report. Ms. Winter did suggest to the Board that in 2022 they should consider appointing Laron Horner as SEO and she could be the Alternate SEO until September 30th when her certification expires.

Zoning Officer – Pamela Winter reported the she had met with Ray Stolinas (CCPCDO Director) and they are close to finishing the draft zoning ordinance. Ms. Winter expressed her frustration with people finishing their permitted projects but neglecting to notify her for a final inspection. Ms. Winter stated she would serve as Zoning Officer until June 30th of next year.

CORRESPONDENCE: After reviewing the Final Subdivision Plans for the Rufus C. Guisewhite Trust and Mervin & Julia Rohrer, Daryl Schafer motioned to notify the Centre County Planning Office that the Board of Supervisors has no comments to add to their municipal response request forms. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

The Board had no further comments to convey to the Centre County Planning Office in reference to the proposed Preliminary/Final Aaronsburg Dollar General Land Development Plan.

As requested by Hannon Engineering, P. C., Delmer Homan motioned that the Board submit a letter of acknowledgment for D.G. Aaronsburg, LLC’s HOP application and to give permission for the Township Roadmaster to sign as the Municipal Traffic Representative on the Transportation Impact Study (TIS) scoping meeting application for D.G. Aaronsburg, LLC. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Schafer - Abstain

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Daryl Schafer motioned to formally acknowledge and accept the resignation of PT employee Ethan Hull. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

Daryl Schafer motioned to adopt Resolution No. 09-2021, a disposition resolution for specific non-permanent records of Haines Township. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Schafer –Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes

Delmer Homan motioned to accept a DGLVR grant in the amount of \$84,000 for Phase II of the Ingleby Road Project. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Homan – Yes D. Schafer – Yes F. Lingle – Yes

Daryl Schafer motioned to execute the DGLVR contract and sign the prevailing wage statement. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: D. Schafer – Yes F. Lingle – Yes D. Homan – Yes

ADJOURNMENT: Fred Lingle motioned to adjourn the August 19, 2021 monthly meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors at approximately 7:50 P.M. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Vote: F. Lingle – Yes D. Schafer – Yes D. Homan – Yes