

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 16, 2021**

On December 16, 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, Twp. Solicitor Timothy Schoonover, HWMA Secretary Tracy Ridenour, HAMA Secretary-Treasurer Patricia Valentine, HAMA System Operator Charles Valentine, Jeff Confer and Clayton Confer w/ Con-Stone, Inc., Kevin Bloom w/Bloom & Associates, Residents Tom Kobb and Andrea Vonada, Land Owner Beth Cowher and Roadmaster Mark Hosterman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Beth Cowher notified the Board that she would like to sell wine and distillery items for off-premise consumption at her new store, "The Old Village Mercantile" located at the former site of Greenland's Store in Aaronsburg. Mrs. Cowher is interested in having a local option referendum to change the current status of Haines Township to allow for bottle sales at her store. Before a referendum may be placed on the ballot, a petition with a number of signatures from registered voters equaling at least 25 percent of the highest vote cast for any office in the municipality in the preceding general election must be acquired and filed with the local board of elections.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Jeff Confer with Con-Stone Inc. in conjunction with his engineer Kevin Bloom informally proposed several addendums to the existing Agreement with Haines Township as it concerns the re-construction of Broad Road. The changes proposed concern the turning radius and elevation of the first turn discussed would actually give the Township more of a Right-of-Way than previously existed. Lowering the elevation of the other end of Broad Road where it meets Chicory Road would allow for a better tie in on the road surface. Con-stone will put in new sub-base on the vacated portion of Broad Road and on the unused portion of Broad, approximately a 600 ft. section in preparation for paving. If the Township provides the culvert pipe they will replace two existing culverts. Con-Stone will paved the reconstructed portion that was vacated and the Township would be responsible for the cost of paving the additional 600 foot section. Kevin Bloom and Eric Cummings will prepare the proposed addendums for the Board's consideration. Since the Township is already planning on paving the open section of Broad Road next summer, it would be beneficial to coordinate the paving of the rest of Broad Road. Timothy Schoonover will contact Stahl Sheaffer Engineering and ask if they would be interested in certifying the road when it's ready to be returned to the Township.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Delmer Homan motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented for 11/16/21. 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 as presented for 12/16/21 and file for audit. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

The Board acknowledged receipt of the November pledged securities reports from JSSB and MBTC. The Treasurer made a request to pay all operational expenses including payroll, taxes and pension obligations through 12/31/2021. Fred Lingle moved to grant the request as stated. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT: Mr. Hosterman began a discussion on how the Township is currently calculating a reimbursement rate for services to the Municipal Authorities. Currently we charge for our labor at cost, FEMA rates for equipment used and our cost for diesel fuel or stone. After multiple viewpoints were given on the topic, it was agreed that the billing would continue as is. Mr. Hosterman reported that he has been comparing diesel prices between Superior Energy Services and American Natural Supply LLC. It was recommended that he also contact Ingram Fuels and get their pricing. The Board agreed to allow the Roadmaster to make the decision on a diesel vendor. Mr. Hosterman

reported that the mud flaps for the '94 were put on and the paint was touched up over the welded areas. The road crew and the road equipment are ready for winter. The Township is stocked with salt and cinders.

PERMITS: For November: CKCOG (2) and Zoning (2).

REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Officer – No report. The agreement addendum has not being executed.

Haines-Aaronsburg Municipal Authority – Patricia Valentine reported that the Authority bought a used Dodge truck, which will be utilized for plant maintenance, system maintenance, meter reading and transporting necessary materials and supplies. The Authority adopted their 2022 budget and their rates will be increased as of January 1st. The permit fee imposed by the State for the injection well is \$7500. The Authority received a grant in the amount of \$180,000 from Senator Corman's office. Mrs. Valentine brought the meeting minutes and treasurer's reports for several months which will be scanned and emailed to all of the Supervisors.

Haines-Woodward Municipal Authority – Tracy Ridenour reported that their audit for 2020 was finished. It was mentioned in the auditor's report that they did not have a full board and other recommendations were made. Their Authority will be working with a State program that gives assistance to low income families to cover outstanding water billings. Their engineer Tibben Zerby sent project spec to SEDA-COG and they were scheduling a preconstruction meeting. Ms. Ridenour gave the Township a copy of their 2022 budget, meeting minutes, etc. which were scanned and emailed to the Supervisors.

Planning Commission – Nothing to report.

Penns Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. – Nothing to report.

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission – Nothing to report.

Sewage Enforcement Officer- Nothing to report.

Zoning Officer – Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board received a letter from Tom Zilla with the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization asking the municipalities within the Penns Valley Planning Region to appoint one representative to the CCMPO Technical Committee and one representative to the CCMPO Coordinating Committee for two year terms. Currently Dick Decker serves on the Coordinating Committee and Joel Myers serves on the Technical Committee. Both gentleman agreed to continue serving in these positions. Daryl Schafer moved to re-appoint Dick Decker to the CCMPO Coordinating Committee and Joel Myers to the CCMPO Technical committee for additional two year terms. Delmer Homan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Timothy Schoonover said he contacted Ryan Collins to discuss the necessary steps in consideration of a parking ordinance. A TE-100 form would need to be completed and Mr. Collins stated that the Township Roadmaster could perform the road study. The study should reveal if the placement of a "no parking" sign or a limited parking sign would meet PENNDOT's criteria. PENNDOT would assist in the placement of the signs but the Township would be responsible for the expense and maintenance of the signs, as well as any cost associated with the creation of an ordinance. Enforcement of the ordinance must be by either a local police force or by the Pennsylvania State Police. The Solicitor did suggest sending a letter to the family that has been causing the parking issue along S.R. 45 in Woodward. The Board agreed to have the solicitor send a letter to see if the problem could be corrected before additional steps are taken.

NEW BUSINESS: Daryl Schafer motioned to approve the 2020 Annual Pension Report as prepared by PA Pension Planners. Fred Lingle seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

The Board discussed a request from the Millheim Fire Company asking Centre County, the Penns Valley Area School District, Penn Township, Millheim Borough and Haines Township to enact a resolution enabling volunteers that qualify a rebate of 100% of their real estate taxes on their primary residences. This request was in reference to Act 91 of 2020, revisions to chapter 79A of PA Title 35, entitled “Incentives for Municipal Volunteers of Fire Companies & Nonprofit Emergency Services Agencies”. Timothy Schoonover was asked to review the legislation and summarize the Act as it pertains to the request by the Millheim Fire Company. No action was taken at this time.

Daryl Schafer motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 68A, a revision of No. 68, an ordinance setting time limits, types of materials to be burned and the conditions under which burning may be permitted. 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 December 16, 2021 monthly meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors at approximately 8:30 P.M. Daryl Schafer seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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