

Hamiltonban Township
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2024

Per Resolution 2018-08: Hamiltonban Township Public Comment Policy; Persons may use audio, stenographic recorders, or video recorders to record all or any portion of the meeting. Any person using such recording equipment at the public meeting shall make a general announcement, prior to the operation of recording equipment, that the meeting shall be so recorded.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Edward Deardorff at 7:00 PM on November 6, 2024 in the Hamiltonban Township Meeting Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Announcements: Matt Inskip notified the Chairman that a property in the area of the township's lots were just listed as a 2-acre lot with 2 perc's on it for 29,900. It was suggested that the township hold off on listing their lots for sale due to a pricing difference. The solicitor indicated that there is already a contract on that property so the wait should not be very long. The roadmaster asked if they improve that area that the township would have to put a road in there. A discussion was had with the solicitor and Supervisor Reamer asked if in fact the township could take measures to abandoned those alley type roads up there and he stated yes. When Supervisor Deardorff stated when those roads were taken over it was the township's assumption that these roads would not be extended. The secretary said that she would look into the township records for the Charnita purchase agreement & subdivision and let the solicitor know what is found.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda as stated was made by Supervisor Woerner, Second by Supervisor Spence. Motion passed unanimously.

Attendance: A quorum was achieved with Chairman Deardorff, Supervisor Picarelli, Supervisor Reamer, Supervisor Woerner. Supervisor Spence joined the meeting via telephone.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2024 by Supervisor Woerner, second by Supervisor Reamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Also Attending: Roadmaster Herr & Secretary Noel.

Solicitors Report:

- Advertisements are ready for zoning & solar and the township will have to approve them when they come up on the calendar.
- Zoning Hearing outcome for Blue Ridge Sportsman's Association was everything the township wanted. Supervisor Deardorff stated that Lee Royer had requested a letter from the township stating that we are aware that they are applying for an HOP. Solicitor Battersby said that that is good but they still have to submit a land development plan that has happened yet. Supervisor Picarelli stated that unless they get an HOP there is no need for a Land Development Plan.

- Supervisor Deardorff brought up to the solicitor about a DEP meeting concerning Gettysburg National that is being scheduled and initially it was thought that perhaps Dave Sites should sit in as he is having similar issues with a development he may be building. This has since been retracted as this meeting is solely about the NPDES with the Gettysburg National property. A discussion ensued and it was understood that Dave Sites has no plan or anything as of yet and that this situation does not involve him at all so the determination to not invite him to the DEP meeting is correct as he has no involvement in this situation. A lengthy conversation was had in regard to why we are even going to this meeting with our engineer and paying him for his time when a land development plan is not even in place as of yet. The secretary indicated that any fees associated with this meeting would be deducted from the escrow account that Gettysburg National has paid to the township.
- Letter from Ryan Dick to Don Clapper which was involving the fact that South Mountain FD has disbanded their ambulance service for financial reasons. Ryan Dick had contracted other companies to cover their area when Don Clapper from Quincy township went ahead and made other arrangements. With that happening, Ryan Dick is now not getting his area covered for just one township so we now have to rearrange our boxes with alternative coverage. Supervisor Reamer stated that she has put multiple calls into Emergency Management with no return call to discuss the situation to see where Hamiltonban stands and assure us that South Mountain is taken care of for our residents. Solicitor Battersby suggested that she call Randy Phiel who is the top person who oversees Emergency Management. Solicitor Battersby also said that Warren Bladen should get involved and make sure this situation is handled.
- Supervisor Reamer asked if we could send our current Auditor a letter stating that no more payment will be made until the audit is complete as it has taken them so long to get it done. We will pay all invoices when it has been completed. Solicitor Battersby said yes in regard to the letter and said we should be looking for another auditor for which the township has already initiated.

Old/New Business:

- Fairfield Municipal Authority letter of support request was addressed with the Solicitors report.
- Awareness letter need for Blue Ridge Sportsman's Association
- SEK Auditors Proposal was accepted. A motion to accept the proposal was made by Supervisor Deardorff. Second by Supervisor Reamer. Motion passed unanimously.
- Southwest Adams Joint Comprehensive Plan was reviewed.
- Letter from Ryan Dick to Don Clapper was addressed with the Solicitors report
- Supervisor Picarelli was asking what can be done about someone who lets trash pile up and plays music really loud and he was instructed to contact our code enforcement officer.

Roadmaster's Report:

- Estimate for shop heater replacement was addressed at the budget meeting
- Estimate for Garage remote replacement was addressed at the budget meeting.
- Dave Bancroft CDL Test is next week.
- Road work updates. Working on sign maintenance by cleaning tightening and straightening any and all signs.

- Doing Final mowing for the season and cleaning up.
- Christopher property on Mt. Hope Road has been sited but has not complied. The roadmaster said that needs to be continued because that is a bad place right there.
- Rear tires for the Backhoe proposal received for 1,000 which is able to come out of 2024 expenses. Motion to approve purchase of the tires made by Supervisor Deardorff. Second by Supervisor Woerner. Motion passed unanimously.
- Road master said that he is working on a schedule for his vacation time before the end of the year.
- The John Deere needs a new steel line and the roadmaster is asking for recommendations as to who can build one for him. Supervisor Spence made a recommendation for someone he could check with.

Supervisor Deardorff stated that they are doing a great job and he feels the cleaning of the signs is really important due to the amount of money invested in them

A motion to approve the roadmaster report made by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Spence. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

- Financial Reports were given to the Supervisors for review.
- Proposed Budget- decide to approve and publish. Moved to next meeting.
- The roadmaster took the secretary on a tour of the township to become more familiar with the area.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Supervisor Reamer. Second by Supervisor Woerner. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the secretary's report made by Supervisor Reamer. Second by Supervisor Woerner. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Items: None

Code Officer: Supervisor Reamer suggested that as a board they sit down and talk to Tim as she doesn't think he could handle the zoning as well as code. Due to the fact that he is retired and is only allowed to work a certain number of hours and he is not computer savvy and we would have to possibly assign LaVerne to handle all of his administrative tasks. Supervisor Woerner said he know someone that is already doing code enforcement in Carlisle that may be interested in working for Hamiltonban.

Zoning/Building/UCC (PMCA):

Parks and Recreation: Astronomy Night November 8, 2024 from 7pm – 10pm.

FREMA: None

Fire Company Reports: Burn Ban in effect 11/4/2024

ACCOG and ACATO: November 20th dinner that will be held at SAVES.

YATB: No report

PA State Police: 2nd Meeting

Discussion Items:

Special Notices:

Township Meeting Dates: All public meetings are held at the local prevailing time of 7:00 PM at 23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA. Rescheduled changes of date or time will be advertised via *The Gettysburg Times*. Cancellations will be posted via a notice on the office door:

Parks & Recreation Meeting-November 12, 2024
Board of Supervisors Meeting -November 19, 2024
Planning Commission Meeting – November 26, 2024
Board of Supervisors Meeting-December 3, 2024

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Edward Deardorff / Chairman

Lynda Noel / Secretary