

Hamiltonban Township
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
August 20, 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 August 6, 2024 in the Hamiltonban Township Meeting Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Announcements: None

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

Attendance: A quorum was achieved with Chairman Deardorff, Vice Chairman Woerner, Supervisor Picarelli, Supervisor Spence and Supervisor Reamer all in attendance.

Public Comment: Patricia Smith & Mark Keller representing the Fairfield Municipal Authority came forward in support of the planning module as presented in regard to the Gettysburg National Golf Course. She stated that the module has gone back and forth with their engineer and they have become very comfortable with how it is prepared. There are addendums to it that reference back to chapter 94 and that if something happens at the treatment plant that they understand the project will stop until things are fixed. Mark Keller said that chapter 94 supports the project over a 4 or 5 year period bringing the EDU's up 20-30 per year and if it gets out of hand the DEP with the developers will have the final say. Mr. Keller said they have grant applications that are looking positive for funding to make placements within the system. Mr. Keller gave some insight as to the system issues and how the golf course would not be anymore taxing to the system once provisions are in place. Resident Rusty Ryan asked Mr. Keller that if anyone living near the Golf Course that does not have public water, would they have to tap into the system? Supervisor Deardorff stated that question would be for Erik Vranich the township engineer and the Municipal authority and whether they require it within so many feet. Supervisor Reamer said that Hamiltonban would not be the ones to make anyone tap in as we do not have anything in place that states that. Conversation was back and forth detailing the logistics of the plan. Supervisor Reamer told Mr. Ryan that they were having a meeting the next day with their engineer and would pose that question to him as well as Ms. Smith could look into ordinances in Fairfield to see what they come up with. Mr. Ryan again was asking if this would affect his residence and wanted to know what the distance would be from the end of that line for a resident to have to tap in. Some examples of other situations commonly the same were given and discussion continued. Supervisor Deardorff said the final word will be from the engineer. Ms. Smith then wanted to let everyone know that they have support from multiple legislative leaders for a million-dollar project through community project funding which is looking very positive which requires the developer to pay a 15% match. Ms. Smith said if you want them to come back and answer more questions just let her know.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2024 by Supervisor Woerner, second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Also Attending: Patricia Smith & Mark Keller representing the Fairfield Municipal Authority & resident Rusty Ryan.

Solicitor's Report: None

Old/New Business:

- Trees on Cold Springs Road- Supervisor Deardorff said we have a 33 ft right away and anything in that right away is an obstruction and should be removed. The Roadmaster said that he feels the property owner should get professionals to do it or the township gets a professional to do it as in 3rd party. Conversations took place and it was decided that the Roadmaster would go to the property and stake out the right away with a one foot offset after which a letter will be sent to the property owner allowing them a certain amount of time to have the trees trimmed or the township will trim them in whatever means possible. A motion was made to stake the property line and send the letter by Supervisor Spence. Second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.
- 80 & 90 Lightening Trail Perc testing results. One lot perked and the other on did not so the roadmaster asked what the Board wanted to do with them. It was decided to put the lots together and sell them. Start with getting them combined as one property and then have them surveyed and appraised. Due to the location of the properties, there are usually covenants on the deeds to those properties and those should be looked into
- Carroll Valley Police jurisdiction- Carroll Valley police have been reported to be pulling people over and sitting in many locations in Hamiltonban township which is not authorized. This had been a problem in the past and a letter was sent to no avail. The board decided that an in-person visit would be more suited and Supervisor Spence volunteered to go address the issue. A motion was made for Supervisor Spence to go and talk with the police chief by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Deardorff. Motion passed unanimously.
- Safety concern Harbaugh Valley Rd & Route 16 Intersection. A lot of people do not see the one stop sign and go right through creating a serious road hazard. A discussion recommended a stop ahead sign with lights on it or blinking lights. With it being a state road it will require pen dot approval first, the roadmaster will make the necessary contact to achieve permission.

Roadmaster's Report:

- CDL update for Dave Bancroft- He will take an EDL test and has to pass with an 80% before he can go get his permit. Once he obtains his permit there is no required drive time but he will be drive training with the Roadmaster and when Dave feels he is ready he can take the test. The actual drivers test is at HACC where he would need to make an appointment and the fee is roughly \$350.00
- Trailer Repair was completed for \$300.
- Line Painting is done but had some issues getting it completed in a timely manner. The Roadmaster recommends that we use a different company next year due to constant delays.

- Dirt & Gravel Projects. One is complete and just have to final paperwork. The second one has been delayed by PA One Call as they did not respond yet.

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

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

- Financial reports were supplied to the board for review
- Available funds in F&M are still in F&M waiting for approval from the bank that the funds are still available to withdraw.
- Parks Garbage 1 yr contract extension. Motion to approve the extension made by Supervisor Reamer, Second by Supervisor Deardorff. Motion passed unanimously.
- Parks Garbage complaint is being addressed by Parks and they have been very diligent.
- Secretary was added to vehicle insurance at no cost.
- Escrow account for Gettysburg National Golf Course was discussed and this will be addressed by the engineer as usually an escrow account is only established with a land development plan for which we do not have an official plan submission yet.
- Need an RFP for an auditor- Supervisor Deardorff made a motion to put out an RFP for a new auditor. Second by Supervisor Woerner motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the secretary's report made by Supervisor Spence, second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Items:

- **Monastery of Jesus Mary and Joseph-** 8/15/2024 Erik Vranich is speaking with the Engineer from Alpha Space in regards to significant changes to the plan.
- **Blue Ridge Sportsman's Association-** 8/7/2024 Request from Lee Royer on behalf of Harry Eastman to have BRSA put on the 8/27/2024 Planning Commission Agenda. After discussion it was decided by the board that the Planning Commission can review it.
- **Fitz/Strausbaugh Subdivision-** Letter dated 8/15/2024 from Pat Naugle, Vice President of Watershed Alliance of Adams County. Large areas of plan are located in Swamp Creek & Middle Creek Watersheds.

Code Officer: Code officer Tim McCauslin presented his report to the board and one by one went over each issue and the progress he's been making with violations. Supervisor Deardorff brought up an issue with a lot of township residents not having the green address number signs that are required by emergency personnel to locate properties easily and asked if Mr. McCauslin would be interested in taking on this issue for which he agreed he would.

Zoning/Building/UCC (PMCA):

- 97 Carrolls Tract Road signs- issue was turned over to PMCA.

Parks and Recreation: Borough & Township officials' picnic, invitations went out via email on 8/14/2024 with an RSVP date of September 1st. So far only one RSVP has been received.

FREMA: No Report

Fire Company Reports:

Fairfield- 7 calls in Hamiltonban
Cashtown-2 calls in Hamiltonban

ACCOG and ACATO: Accato105th annual convention Wednesday November 20, 2024 at a cost of \$25.00 per person.

YATB: No report

PA State Police: The following calls were in conducted in Hamiltonban for the month of July 2024- 27 calls Total

Officer Requested-5
Welfare check-1
Vehicle Inspection General Aassist-1
Road Hazzard Animal-1
Noise-1
Cancel-3
Lost Item-1
Robbery-1
Missing Person-1
MVA- non-reportable-1
 w / injury- 1
Domestic-1
School Chk-3
DUI-2
Traffic Stop-1
Drug overdose-1
Corruption of minors-1

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:

Planning Commission- August 27, 2024
Board of Supervisors Meeting – September 3, 2024
Parks & Recreation Commission – September 10, 2024
Zoning Hearing Board Meeting- September 12, 2024
Board of Supervisors Meeting – September 17, 2024

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Reamer.
Motion passed unanimously.

J. Edward Deardorff / Chairman

Lynda Noel / Secretary