

Hamiltonban Township
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
December 3, 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 December 3, 2024 in the Hamiltonban Township Meeting Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Announcements:

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

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2024 by Supervisor Woerner, second by Supervisor Spence. Motion passed unanimously.

Also Attending: Roadmaster Herr & Secretary Noel. In addition, Mike Spielman from QRS at Buchanan Valley Fire Department, Cheyenne Foltz & Kyle Vaughn from Mt. Alto Fire & EMS, Bill Jacobs from Fairfield Fire Department & Brian Wheeler from AREMS.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Battersby stated that he has been in touch with Engineer Erik Vranich in regard to the two roads that the township wants to abandon. The process is in the works and we are waiting for Erik to get out there to survey them.

A motion to approve the Solicitors report made by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business:

A Discussion was executed with Mt. Alto Fire Department, Adams Regional Emergency Medical Service & Buchanan Valley Fire Department about South Mountain coverage and Quick Response Service. Supervisor Reamer started the discussion stating that she had talked to Nick Cook at Adams County Emergency Services and he gave her the center box mileage and as we know in a rural area center box mileage is not always compute to who can get there the fastest. Supervisor Reamer said she was trying to figure out who could get there the fastest it was somewhat confusing as to why it was set up the way it currently is to begin with. With that said that is the reason all companies were invited to this meeting to help us determine who is going to come to our aid first to that we can help the residents in South Mountain. When Supervisor Reamer set this up, she made Box Card 16-10 as Mount Alto first due same with 16-11 and 16-12 would be AREMS 1st Mont Alto second. After that we got the communication from Buchanan

Valley about the QRS service so we then wanted AREMS backed up with Buchanan Valley. Supervisor Reamer stated that she is still unsure if this is how it should be and want input from the departments. Fairfield Fire Chief Bill Jacobs stated that it should really only be 2 boxes as it all kind of splits at Naugles hollow. He determined that it should be Mont Alto at the top and Fairfield/AREMS at the bottom and QRS can help anywhere in the area of Newman Road and Carbaugh road areas. Distances were driven and a lot of it is very desolate area. It was determined that the township would have to contact the county and tell them what we have come up with and ask them could you work with whomever to get this accomplished Supervisor Reamer stated that she would make an appointment with the county office and go in and discuss what we have come up with and see if they can work something up for us.

Supervisor Deardorff made a motion to designate Supervisor Reamer to take care of this matter with the county. Second by Supervisor Woerner. Motion passed unanimously.

- Reminder of DEP Meeting 12/4/2024 at 11:00 in Harrisburg
- Reminder of Township compliance meeting with Gettysburg National on December 18th at 10:00 in the township office.
- Police jurisdiction situation was discussed about Carroll Valley constantly in Hamiltonban Township in the area of Bullfrog Road. Supervisor Reamer stated that they are just making a loop and not patrolling our area.
- Listing Contract for Lightning Trail Properties. Supervisor Woerner made a motion to list the lots for sale. Second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Roadmaster's Report:

The Roadmaster was absent however he did supply the Board with his written road report.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

- Financial Reports were provided to the board for their review.
- Proposed Budget was advertised on 11/22/2024 with an adoption date of 12/17/2024.
- 2023 Audit update: in final review by RKL.
- Final District III Septic Pumping letters went out on 11/20/2024 with a deadline of 12/11/2024. Many phone calls were received from residents stating they had pumped and they had to go back to the pumper to get the pumping slip for record.

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

Planning Commission Items:

- 11/26/2024 120-day extension request from Alpha Space for the Monastery. A motion to grant the extension for the Monastery was made by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Picarelli Motion passed unanimously.
- 11/26/2024 90-day extension request from Lee Royer for Blue Ridge Sportsman's Association. A motion to grant the extension for Blue Ridge Sportsman's Association was made by Supervisor Reamer. Second by Supervisor Woerner Motion passed unanimously.
- Ag Security Seven Year review approved by Adams County Planning & Development. Supervisor Deardorff made a motion to approve the 7-year Ag Security review from the Adams County Planning & Development. Second by Supervisor Woerner. Motion passed unanimously.

- Fine Line Trim and the Solar Ordinance were not properly advertised within the county guidelines so they are having to be readvertised and readopted on February 4, 2025.

Code Officer:

- Citation Books: The secretary indicated she was able to find and print the citations online so they do not need to be ordered.

Zoning/Building/UCC (PMCA):

- 4105 Fairfield Road Zoning Violation- Short Stay motel is deemed an acceptable use by our ordinance but they do have to remove the individual mailboxes.

Parks and Recreation:

- Christmas Tree Lighting scheduled for 12/8/2024 from 5-7pm providing cookies and hot chocolate.
- Donation from Hamiltonban Township made 12/2/2024

FREMA: None

Fire Company Reports:

Burn Ban lifted 11/25/2024

ACCOG and ACATO:

\$100 Lowes Gift Card won at ACATO convention was discussed and the Board decided to give it to the Roadmaster for expenses at the shop.

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-December 10, 2024
Board of Supervisors Meeting -December 17, 2024
Planning Commission Meeting – December 26, 2024
Board of Supervisors Meeting- January 6, 2025

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Edward Deardorff / Chairman

Lynda Noel / Secretary