

Hamiltonban Township
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Board of Supervisors Workshop
August 29, 2013

At 7:00 PM Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order. He announced that the meeting is being recorded for the sole purpose as a review aid in compiling the written minutes. He also stated that no public comment is heard at the workshop. This workshop that included a discussion with representatives from the Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Department, Fairfield Fire & EMS, Cashtown Community Fire Department and the South Mountain Volunteer Fire Department was properly advertised in the *Gettysburg Times*.

Supervisors Present: Chairman Robert L. Gordon, Vice-chairman Coleen N. Reamer, Harry Rood and Douglas Woerner. James Grinder was excused from the workshop. There was a quorum.

Staff Present: Secretary/Treasurer Deborah K. Feiler.

Public Present: Steve Fitz, Dave Martin, and Sam Ginn of Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD); Bill Mooney, Jeff Bowling, and Bruce Strausbaugh of Cashtown Community Fire Department (CCFD); Bob Fitez and Kevin Koons of Fairfield Fire and EMS (FF&EMS); Mark Staley and Lane Carbaugh South Mountain Volunteer Fire Department (SMVFD); Mike Cahill; and Jarrad Hedes of the *Gettysburg Times*.

Township Business: The Board along with representatives from FVFD, FF&EMS, CCFD and the SMVFD (Fire Companies) discussed the Adams County Council of Governments Fire Services Study (the Study) which is the first and only study of its kind in Pennsylvania. The Study was prepared to look for equitable funding for the Adams County Fire Companies. The need for a fire tax, financial support and regionalization was stressed. The Fire Companies support the Study and have all voted in favor of a dedicated fire tax of .25 mils except for SMVFD. SMVFD has not taken a stand on the Study as they have not had sufficient time to review it, however, they do stress that they too need additional funding. If a .25 mil fire tax is enacted, it will only help ease the financial burden by covering about 50% of the Fire Companies budget, there would still be a need for fund raising. The Fire Companies pointed out reasons why they are in favor of a fire tax and why residents should be too. A fire tax would show "accountability", each Fire Company would have to justify their spending to each Municipality serviced and currently Municipalities that donate to Fire Companies have to take funds away from other Municipal services. It was also mentioned that Memorandums of Understandings between the Fire Companies and the Municipalities should be prepared.

The Board along with the Fire Companies spoke of the proposed House/Business Numbering Ordinance which when adopted would update and amend Ordinance 1990-09 which is an ordinance requiring all houses and businesses to display street numbers. Enforcement of the proposed ordinance on private lanes was discussed. Each Fire Company received a copy of the proposed Ordinance so that they can forward any comments they may have. Adams County has a similar County Ordinance regarding the same.

Also discussed was a letter received from Gettysburg Hospital/Wellspan and their role in the provisions of Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support services and how it affects the Fire Companies.

The discussion with the Fire Companies ended at 8:10 PM. At this time the Board continued with the Workshop Agenda.

Three proposals for security cameras to be installed at the maintenance facility were reviewed and discussed. Action will be taken at the September Board of Supervisors meeting. There is funds available in the Construction Fund for this purchase.

Preparations for the September 14th open house at the maintenance facility were discussed.

Vice-chairman Reamer updated the Board with the happenings of the Southwest Adams County Committee Study Group for parks and recreations (Peer to Peer Program). The study was conducted to see if the Southwest Adams County area has the need for a Recreational Director. There will be a workshop September 18th at 7:00 PM at the Fairfield Fire and EMS Fire Hall to present the study results. The Carroll Valley Borough Council, Fairfield Borough Council, Fairfield Area School Board and Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors will be attending this workshop and the workshop will be open to the public.

Chairman Gordon went over the items that will be on the September Board of Supervisors meeting agenda.

At 8:40 PM the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved to adjourn the workshop and move into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is September 3, 2013 at the local prevailing time of 7:00 PM.

Deborah K. Feiler, Secretary/Treasurer

Robert L. Gordon, Chairman