

Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320

**Minutes for the Public Comment Session after the Conditional Use Hearing
for Specialty Granules Inc.**

February 17, 2014

Supervisors Present: Robert L. Gordon, Coleen N. Reamer, Douglas Woerner, LuAnn Dille, and J. Edward Deardorff.

Staff Present: Solicitor Matthew Battersby.

Following the Conditional Use Hearing for Specialty Granules, Inc, (SGI) which was held at 7:00 PM at the Fairfield Area High School Auditorium, Fairfield, PA the floor was open for public comment.

Public Comment: The following persons commented on the SGI Conditional Use Application. These statements are not a formal record of the Conditional Use Hearing.

1. Sally Thomas, Fairfield Borough, requested that additional information be accepted from residents on the historical significance of certain features of the Northern Tract area. SGI indicated that they would welcome receipt of any information pointing to exact locations of any historical feature over the next six months.
2. Paul Kellet, Freedom Township and Water Shed Alliance of Adams County Member, impressed upon the Board that Tom's Creek stream monitoring should continue at regular intervals throughout the mining and reclamation of the Northern Tract property. He also inquired about minutes being prepared for this Public Comment session.
3. Steve Sites, Gum Springs Road, Fairfield, requested a tour with the Thaddeus Stevens Society of the old copper mine area located approximately 500 feet from the intersection of Gum Springs and Mt. Hope Roads.
4. Dean Thomas, Fairfield Borough, requested an inventory of the chemicals used in the rock harvesting process. The question was outside the realm of the Conditional Use hearing scope as no chemicals will be used on the Northern Tract site.
5. Kimberly Mellon, Cascade, MD, relayed some past SGI business venture facts and dates.
6. Lionel Whitcomb, Mt. Hope Road, Hamiltonban Township, requested the scope of agents that are tested for in the water during the URS Baseline Tests of Tom's Creek. Mark Pennell of URS, a consultant of SGI, responded with a list of contaminates that are tested for when completing those tests and that they are tested for at nine stream stations. He also confirmed that there will be no wastewater discharge to the tributaries or Tom's Creek from the Northern Tract.
7. Susan deVeer, Iron Springs Road, Hamiltonban Township, asked the Board to consider: the protection of a bat habitat in the Northern Tract Area, diminished well water concerns, increase the buffer along the Tom's Creek tributary, and noted that there are currently NPDES Permits to discharge water into the unnamed Tom's Creek tributary which she felt was contrary to a statement made earlier that she interpreted as "no water will be discharged to Tom's Creek".

8. Brent Walls, West Virginia and Potomac Riverkeeper Group Member, asked for clarification on the effects on the gas pipeline that runs through the mining area and wants to know what year the stormwater controls will be designed.
9. Charles Mickley, Mt. Hope Road, Hamiltonban Township, asked if the Board has any indication that a petition was filed with DEP to downgrade the high quality stream rating of Tom's Creek.
10. Karen Lingal, Blue Ridge Summit, stated that people are asking questions that are not being answered. She asked the Solicitor when will the community be able to make comments and get answers concerning the development of the Northern Tract. She was informed that when the Land Development Plan is submitted to the Township and Engineering Firm to be reviewed it would then be appropriate to ask her specific development questions at that time.

Adjournment: No other speakers presented themselves and therefore the Public Comment session closed and Chairman Gordon adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Coleen N. Reamer
Supervisor

Robert L. Gordon
Chairman