

Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, Pa 17320
Supervisors' Workshop
January 09, 2007

Supervisors Present: Chairman James Benner, Vice Chairman William Eckert, Roadmaster J. Edward Deardorff, Police Coordinator Coleen Reamer, Supervisor Robert Gordon

Others Present: Zoning Officer Milton Nicks, Planning Commission Secretary Pamela Wiehagen, Zoning Hearing Board member Dale Premo

Public Attendees: Nathan Hockley representing Hockley & O'Donnell Insurance Company, Douglas Woerner

At 7:30 PM Chairman Benner called the meeting to order. There were no decisions made on any of the agenda items, as this was a workshop to discuss the following issues::

1. Milton Nicks and William Eckert reported on their interview with Land and Sea Building Code Inspection Service. Land and Sea currently subcontracts to Keystone for commercial inspections but are expecting to have an in-house commercial inspector within the next 2 years. Mr. Nicks reported that the fee schedule appears to be slightly higher than MDIA, however, the quality in reporting to the township, the added benefit of Use and Occupancy Permits being handled by Land & Sea and the overall system of communications and organization of the company were very impressive. Mr. Eckert and Mr. Nicks recommended the Supervisors consider contracting Land & Sea given the dissatisfaction of the services of MDIA in the past. MDIA's contract requires a 60 day written notice if any action is to be taken at the next Board meeting.
2. Mr. Nicks and Vice Chairman Eckert also met with a representative from Labor and Industry regarding compliance citings on recently completed commercial construction. It was made clear by the representative that our current Building Code Inspection Service and their Code Enforcement Officer will be liable for any and all adjustments that must be made at those locations. The Township will NOT suffer any liability for this issue.
3. Mr. Nathan Hockley from Hockley and O'Donnell discussed options to the Supervisors regarding the current costs of insurance. The Supervisors have expressed a concern on the rising costs and have been exploring other options and companies in an effort to reduce costs to the Township and yet retain quality insurance coverage. Mr. Hockley is our current insurance broker and wishes to supply new rate and plan information for our review once Mrs. Dille returns from bereavement leave.

4. There was a discussion on what items should be included with the Growing Greener; Conservation By Design Ordinance in the yet to be announced Public Hearing and what types of notification would be needed.
5. Hamiltonban Township is the host of this year's Annual Township Association Convention. A discussion was held on the organization of the event.
6. The Supervisors discussed a recent complaint about deer spotlighting. Currently the enforcement of those infractions falls under PA Game Commission authority.
7. Discussion also ensued on the recent newspaper articles regarding the proposal by Highland Township to form an exploratory committee to seek out the benefits of consolidation with other townships. The discussion included considerations of the benefits to both townships if such a consolidation were to occur with Hamiltonban.
8. Suggested updates to the Personnel Policy
9. Consideration to posting excerpts from the PSATS Twp. Newsletter on our website
10. NIMS 100 training held by Supervisors Bill Eckert and Coleen Reamer
11. Fairfield Planning Commission meeting decisions update on Empire Homes modification requests was given by Coleen Reamer to the Board which prompted a discussion by the Board on the Empire Homes Union Avenue Cross-Section and the effects of the proposed placement of trees near the roadway.
12. Available dates for a site tour of C.S. Davidson municipal facilities.

Chairman Benner adjourned the meeting at 9:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen N. Reamer