

Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Special Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2011

Supervisors Present: Robert L. Gordon, Coleen N. Reamer, James E. Grinder, Harry Rood, and via telephone Douglas Woerner.

Staff Present: Secretary/Treasurer Deborah K. Feiler.

Commission Members Present: Planning Commission and Recreation and Parks Commission Secretary Doreen Premo and Planning Commission member Michael Pastovic.

Public: Lloyd H. Ritter, Jim Izer, Justin Dunlap, Wade Kemp, LeRoy Shelton, Dr. David Paolini, Charles Alexander, Thea Paolini, Caroline Paolini, and Steve Marroni of the *Evening Sun*.

At 9:00 AM Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting is being recorded for the sole purpose as a review aid in compiling the written minutes. This meeting was properly advertised in the *Gettysburg Times*.

Public Comment: There was no time allowed for public comment as the February 15, 2011 meeting served as public comment for this matter.

The Board of Supervisors had an executive session with Solicitor Battersby regarding this matter on February 18, 2011. The Board prepared their comments to DCNR at that session.

Approval of the Minutes: Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to approve the February 15, 2011 Public Informational Meeting Minutes. Supervisor Rood seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The February 15th meeting was with regard to the proposed land swap between the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and ISP Minerals, Inc. (ISP).

The purpose of this meeting is to respond to the Commonwealth (DCNR) on their proposed land swap with ISP. The Board's letter to Mr. Dan Devlin of DCNR has been prepared.

Chairman Gordon quoted the Second Class Township Code Article VI, Section 607 by stating *The board of supervisors shall: (1) Be charged with the general governance of the township and the execution of legislative, executive and administrative powers in order to ensure sound fiscal management and to secure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the township.*

Chairman Gordon affirmed that the Board has no problem with ISP; they have been good neighbors with the Township. He continued by pointing out the main points of the Board's letter to DCNR. The Board feels that this proposed land swap constitutes a misuse of public funds. A large amount of citizens' tax monies went to preserve this land; DCNR (which receives state tax money) was the first to put funds towards this project. The Board questions the value of the

exchange and does not feel the environmental study is complete. They ask in their letter for DCNR not to go thru with the proposed land swap, to hold county wide public hearings on this issue, and add an additional thirty (30) day comment period.

Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to approve the letter as presented and send it to Dan Devlin at DCNR. Supervisor Grinder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The letter will be posted on the Township website.

Adjournment: At 9:11 AM Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Grinder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Deborah K. Feiler
Secretary/Treasurer

Robert L. Gordon
Chairman