

Hamiltonban Township
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Board of Supervisors Workshop
April 30, 2015

At 7:00 PM Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. He announced that the meeting is being recorded for the sole purpose as a review aid in compiling the written minutes.

Supervisors Present: Chairman Robert L. Gordon, Vice-chairman Doug Woerner, Coleen N. Reamer, LuAnn M. Dille, and J. Edward Deardorff.

Staff Present: Secretary/Treasurer Deborah K. Feiler, Roadmaster John A. Harbaugh, Jr., and EMA Coordinator Don Wills, Jr.

Public Present: Mary T. Kirby; Jim Izer; Doreen Premo; Charles Mickley; Eugene Starbuck; Matt McClure; Ken Walton; Timothy Weston; Merle Shultz; Amy Kaufman; and Jeff Widmer of the *Gettysburg Times*.

Township Business: The following Township business was discussed:

The Board invited Ken Walton of Specialty Granules, Inc. (SGI) to express his thoughts regarding the petition that is being submitted by the Watershed Alliance of Adams County to the Environmental Quality Board petitioning to upgrade the value of Tom's Creek from a High Quality Cold Water Fishes to Exceptional Value Cold Water Fishes through the Chapter 23 process. The Board has been asked to join the petition and submit a letter of support. Mr. Walton stated that supporting the petition could have consequences not just for SGI but also for land owners. Timothy Weston of K & L Gates who practices environmental law and works for SGI as a consultant outlined what SGI currently does to protect the quality of Tom's Creek, the anti-degradation standards that are required, and the consequences that will follow if the value of Tom's Creek is changed. He stressed that if the value of Tom's Creek is upgraded then it will be hard to obtain necessary permits from the Department of Environmental Protection Agency for any land use or development. Mr. Walton recommended that the Board abstain from supporting the petition.

The Board contemplated establishing a Mining Committee with two Board members to act as liaisons with SGI. Due to the Sunshine Law, Mr. Walton suggested the Board speak to the Township Solicitor before acting on this matter. He also stated that he is always available to speak with regarding any concerns the Township may have.

Amy Kaufman of GMS Funding Solutions spoke of the funding opportunities that Dave Sites, developer of the Iron Springs Plaza, has received and is applying for. A PennDOT General Reimbursement Grant Agreement for Non-Federal Aid Highway Projects has been awarded to Mr. Sites in the amount of \$700,000. A second grant application will be submitted to Commonwealth Financing Authority for up to one million dollars. The two grants require a Municipal Sponsor which Hamiltonban Township will act as. The Township will administer the grants that are to be used for infrastructure costs. Funds needed upfront will be supplied by the developer. There will be no cost to the Township.

The Board discussed the various options for replacing or repairing Reids bridge on Mount Hope Road spanning Tom's Creek. The bridge has been found to be structurally deficient and has been closed until repairs can be made. The Township Engineer submitted an inspection report for the bridge and included an options to replace the whole bridge with a precast box culvert. Road Coordinator Deardorff suggested in an effort to save money that instead of replacing the whole bridge the individual beams could be replaced.

The Board discussed contacting Land and Sea Services to see what kind of code enforcement options they provide and possibly dropping Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, Inc.

A Scope of Services was received from D.E. Gemmill, Inc. for implementation of their Traffic Sign Management, Reflectivity and Assessment Program. Over a twenty-one year time period, the program will cost over \$300,000. The Board discussed administering their own plan and to contact the Adams County Council of Governments to see if they could help implement this state mandated plan.

Roadmaster Harbaugh stated that there are some leaks in the roof at the maintenance building. He will get a quote for the repair.

Due to more pressing matters in the Township, the fueling station canopy project will be put on hold until further notice.

Roadmaster Harbaugh submitted a spreadsheet outlining the summer road projects that include paving sections of Cold Springs Road, eliminating the dirt roads in the BB section, and have an outside contractor seal coat certain areas along Cold Springs Road and Baker Road.

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

At 8:37 PM the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved to adjourn the workshop.

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is May 5, 2015 at the local prevailing time of 7:00 PM.

Deborah K. Feiler, Secretary/Treasurer

Robert L. Gordon, Chairman