

Hamiltonban Township
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2025

Per Resolution 2018-08: Hamiltonban Township Public Comment Policy; Persons may use audio, stenographic recorders, or video recorders to record all or any portion of the meeting. Any person using such recording equipment at the public meeting shall make a general announcement, prior to the operation of recording equipment, that the meeting shall be so recorded.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Edward Deardorff at 7:00 PM on October 7, 2025 in the Hamiltonban Township Meeting Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Announcements: Budget Meeting 10-21-2025 @ 7pm.
Covered Device Recycling 10-18-2520 at the Maintenance Building 8-11
Hearing for Petrus Map Amendment 11/5/2025 at 6:30.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda as stated was made by Supervisor Woerner, Second by Supervisor Spence. Motion passed unanimously.

Attendance: A quorum was achieved with Chairman Deardorff, Supervisor Reamer, Supervisor Woerner, Supervisor Spence and Supervisor Picarelli all in attendance.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2025 made by Supervisor Woerner, second by Supervisor Reamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Also Attending: Secretary Noel, Roadmaster Herr and Solicitor Battersby were in attendance. Public residents in attendance were Bob Sharrah, Andrew Schulman, Paul Royer & Bruce Strasbaugh.

Executive Session: The Supervisors and Solicitor Battersby excused themselves for a short executive session and left the room from 7:00pm to 7:08pm.

Solicitors Report: The Trash contract has been revised by Carroll Valley for which they added a clause that will avoid any provider charging different amounts for residential and commercial. Solicitor Battersby stated that with the addition he would now recommend that it be put out for bid. Supervisor Reamer made a motion to approve the advertising of the trash contract bid request as written. Second by Supervisor Woerner. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the Solicitors report by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Spence. Motion passed unanimously.

Old/New Business:

- Candidate for Adams County Court of Common Pleas Paul B. Royer, Esquire was in attendance to speak about running for the court of common pleas. Michael George who

has been a long sitting judge just recently stepped down so him and judge Kuhn are both serving part-time until they get someone to fill the vacancy. He stated he has been going around to every borough and township in Adams County to introduce himself as he realizes this is where the rubber meets the road. This makes him proud to raise his family here. His parents lived here and so he grew up here and said it was a great place to grow up. He stated that he has been practicing law for the last 20 years in Adams County. He said he believes politics has no place in our courts, schools or churches. He stated that they had a good outcome in the primaries on both the democrat and republican sides. He brought some literature for anyone if they had question. Thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting.

- Petrus was denied a building permit for an Oratory by PMCA, Andrew Schulman to attend and discuss. Andrew Schulman introduced himself to the Board as the Director of Construction for Petrus. Mr. Schulman stated that they submitted the plan as essentially a shed, a building without plumbing & electricity. This is a place where a single hermit would go to pray. Chairman Deardorff asked what that square footage of this oratory would be and he stated the interior would be 900 square feet with a roof covering a walkway on the outside. They will not be living up there; there will not be masses or congregations. He said let's get to the heart of why they are even here in Adams County, remote Auxier, quiet, alone. Their charism is to pray alone and the code officials rightfully do not have a place to classify a building like this. The code was not designed to accommodate 17th century monks who want to live the way they did many years ago. Mr. Schulman said he is not faulting them but they have chosen to classify this in the wrong context and deny the plan. Supervisor Reamer stated that the zoning officer made this decision that unless they have more information it would have to go to the UCC. She said her opinion would be to further discuss it with the zoning officer and have them back down from the UCC. Mr. Schulman stated that they won't even talk to them about it anymore and he came to the board for that very reason. PMCA told Mr. Schulman that their decision is final and they will not continue discussing it. Supervisor Reamer stated that she is not willing to commit herself to anything at this point. But she did state the herself as a supervisor would be willing to talk to PMCA and find out although it depends on what the rest of the board wants to do. After much discussion on the project supervisor Reamer stated that there is no real way to police the type of establishment and what this would actually be so she does understand the issue from both sides. There were 4 requests from them for which supervisor reamer stated that they did not seem to be hard to achieve. Mr. Schulman stated that he provided most of it but they still turned it down and will not grant another conversation. After some discussion it was recommended that Mr. Schulman contact the township Engineer Erik Vranich to discuss the situation and see if he could offer any assistance or recommendations.
- Weikert Subdivision was addressed and Chairman Deardorff immediately stated that under legal advice the Board of Supervisors cannot change the decision by PMCA without a zoning hearing. Chairman Deardorff said the board is unable to do that without it being a major ordeal. He said its not like the board can just go an appeal it and it would be done. Its going to be lengthy so at that point the Chairman turned the topic over to Solicitor Battersby. Solicitor Battersby stated that the only way to resole the decision would be to go to the zoning hearing board, pay your fee and present it to them. Bob Sharrah of Sharrah Design Group as the engineer for the Weikert plan said that he has spoken with the Weikert's and they are not willing to change the plan to go along with the ordinance. Mr. Sharrah said she is not changing her mind on the plan and there are only two options for them at this point. One would be to go to the zoning hearing board and second would be to

appeal to the board to change the ordinance. A discussion of the original plan from years prior was discussed and its placement. Solicitor Battersby stated that if that original plan from previous was complete and filed with the county then they should pull it and show it to the zoning official. A lengthy discussion ensued as to some possible changes to the plan that would make it suitable as a farm lot. The Board of Supervisors tabled the issue until the December meeting.

Roadmaster's Report:

- Road Report provided to the board for review.
- Driveway Permit Debra Behar was extended and now expired, a letter was sent June 19, 2025 telling her she needed to renew her permit and the township received any response from her. Her driveway is still not finished and the Roadmaster is asking that we cite her for non-compliance.
- Tree trimming has started and already needs additional mowing as everything is growing up pretty fast.

A motion was made to approve the Roadmasters report by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Reamer. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

- Financial Reports were provided to the board for review.
- Pension MMO received \$8,200.31 secretary seeking permission to distribute to PMRS.

A motion was made to distribute MMO funds to PMRS by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Spence. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2025 Fire Relief Distribution was received with the secretary seeking approval to distribute. A motion was made to distribute the Fire relief funds as designated by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.
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- Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Department submitted a request for fire tax fund distribution in the amount of \$17,170.10. A motion was made by Supervisor Woerner to distribute the funds as requested. Second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.
- Fairfield Fire & EMS a request for fire tax fund distribution in the amount of \$33,771.98. A motion was made by Supervisor Woerner to distribute the funds as requested. Second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.
- KirbTech Technology quote for IT services for 2026 was reviewed and discussed and it was suggested that the secretary reach out for a couple more quotes and present it at the next meeting

A motion to approve the secretary's report made by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Picarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Items:

Code Officer:

- Code enforcement report was provided to the Board for their review.

Zoning/Building/UCC (PMCA):

- Monthly billing & activity review was provided to the Board for review.
- Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy was announced and it was mentioned that Supervisor Reamer may be interested in filling that vacancy once her commission ends at the end of December 2025

Parks and Recreation: Astronomy Night Friday, November 14th from 7-10PM

FREMA:**Fire Company Reports:**

- Bruce Strasbaugh representing Cashtown Fire Company was in attendance and presented the board with the fire company financials for 2024. This included the 990-tax form and a compiled financial report from their accountant.
- The only fire report received this month was from Fountaindale where they reported they ran 2 calls in Hamiltonban.
- Buchanan Valley Quick Response Unit reported 4 responses in the township in September.

A motion was made to approve the fire company reports by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Reamer. Motion passed unanimously.

ACCOG and ACATO:

- Convention at SAVES November 19, 2025. Doors open at 4:45PM, Dinner at 6:00PM

YATB: No report.

PA State Police: For September 2025 the report reads as follows; 1- Abandoned Vehicle, 2-911 hang ups, 2-Request Assist, 2- cancelled by complainant, 2- see officer requests, 2-MVA with injuries, 3-MVA no injuries, 1-GOA, 1-DUI, 3- Theft/Fraud/Forgery, 1- Harassment, 1- Drug Possession, 1- Lost Item, 1- Domestic Security Check, 1- Domestic Security Check- School & 2- Road Hazard Animal Debris

Discussion Items:**Special Notices:**

Township Meeting Dates: All public meetings are held at the local prevailing time of 7:00 PM at 23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA. Rescheduled changes of date or time will be advertised via *The Gettysburg Times*. Cancellations will be posted via a notice on the office door:

Parks & Recreation Meeting- September 9, 2025
Board of Supervisors Budget Workshop September 16, 2025
Planning Commission Meeting – September 23, 2025
Board of Supervisors October 7, 2025

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm by Supervisor Woerner. Second by Supervisor Reamer. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Edward Deardorff / Chairman

Lynda Noel / Secretary