

Hamiltonban Township
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Board of Supervisors Workshop
October 28, 2010

At 7:00 PM Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order. 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 Coleen N. Reamer (arriving at 8:30), Supervisor James Grinder, Supervisor Harry Rood, and Supervisor Doug Woerner.

Staff Present: Secretary/Treasurer Deborah K. Feiler.

Commission Members Present: Recreation and Parks Commission Chairman Pam Wiehagen.

Public Present: Andrew Aldrich of the Fairfield Community Fire Company, Dave Martin and Richard Ginn, III of the Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Company, and Rick Fulton of the *Gettysburg Times*.

Township Business:

- Chairman Gordon summarized the situation with the local volunteer fire companies and reviewed Act 7 of 2008 which states that Townships shall be responsible for ensuring fire and medical services be provided within a Township. Mr. Aldrich of the Fairfield Community Fire Company addressed the Board in that regard. Chief Martin of Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Company added to the conversation which moved to dwindling donations, rising expenses and the possible need for a township fire tax. Mr. Aldrich left the building at 7:55 PM.
- Pam Wiehagen had submitted her resignation as voting delegate for the Tax Collection Committee. There were no suggestions with regard to who shall be appointed as Pam's replacement.
- Dawn Wike and Abby Avery of the SPCA will be addressing the Board at the November Board of Supervisors meeting with regard to the Township donation. According to the SPCA's website they are requesting from Adam County Townships a minimal amount of \$0.50 per capita. The Board discussed the SPCA's services that are provided to the Township.
- A customary home occupation application has been filed and will be up for approval at the November Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board addressed some concerns regarding the application which is for a dog training/dog day care on Iron Springs Road.
- Chairman Gordon updated the Board with regard to a business operation on Cold Springs Road that was served a Cease and Desist Order. The Township Zoning Officer is currently working on that issue.
- Planning Commission items that were discussed were the approval of the Carroll Valley Farm Land Development Plan, the Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve conceptual plan, and the Iron Springs Plaza conceptual plan with regard to traffic concerns.

- The 2011 Proposed Budget for the General, Sewer and State Liquid Fuels Funds were reviewed. The Board discussed what affect the reassessment will have on the General Fund budget. Once the proposed budgets are adopted they will be on display at the Township Office for public inspection.
- The future of the Orrtanna Treatment Plant was discussed. The Department of Environmental Protection is awaiting the Township's response to their letter with regard to the time frame for areas of completion.
- Vice-chairman Reamer prepared a Capital Improvement Plan with a schedule of turnover years for equipment and vehicles. This schedule was discussed and it was impressed upon that monies should be set aside each year for capital purchases.
- The 2010 Commonwealth allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association was received. The Township distributes funds to the following fire companies: Fairfield, Fountaindale, South Mountain and Cashtown. Chief Martin and the Board discussed the fire company box cards, workers compensation and municipalities' donations. Chief Martin and Mr. Ginn left the building at 9:35 PM.
- Vice-chairman Reamer addressed the Board with regard to the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. The Fairfield community is looking to conduct a Civil War Easter Service and have some tours of area Civil War homes during the weekend of April 23, 2011.
- Chairman Gordon updated the Board with how the Bond Counsel is proceeding with the Requests for Proposal that are going out to local banks for funding of the Township Campus Project.
- The existing 1980 Ford tractor/mower is ready to be replaced as there has been a lot of repairs done to it lately. Supervisor Woerner expressed his concern with a 1986 John Deere tractor/mower that was looked at for a possible purchase.
- A question was brought to the attention of the Board with regard to Township Office door keys and who should has access to what office. The Board addressed that topic, as well as, people being in the office after business hours and what happens during emergency situations.

At 10:15 PM, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting will be November 3, 2010 at the local prevailing time of 7:00 PM.

Deborah K. Feiler, Secretary/Treasurer

Robert L. Gordon, Chairman