

Hamiltonban Township
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Board of Supervisors Workshop
January 30, 2014

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, Doug Woerner, J. Edward Deardorff and LuAnn Dille.

Staff Present: Solicitor Matt Battersby and Secretary/Treasurer Deborah K. Feiler.

Public Present: Mark Pennell of URS Corporation; Ken Walton and Wade Kemp of Specialty Granules, Inc. (SGI); Sean Delany of Reed and Smith, LLP; and Dave Martin and Sam Ginn of Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Department.

Township Business: Solicitor Battersby reviewed the procedure that will be followed at the Conditional Use "Judicial" Hearing for SGI. He stated that the applicant will speak first and show that their application meets all the requirements, this will establish a prima facia case. Then any protester may challenge or present substantial evidence against the SGI application. Protestant's are limited to people who own property adjacent to the SGI parcel in question. Public comment will also be heard but will not have any standing in the case. The Board shall render a written decision on the application within forty-five days after the hearing. The Board discussed the comments received from the Planning Commission for the SGI application. Mr. Pennell, Mr. Walton, Mr. Kemp and Mr. Delany left the meeting at 7:19 PM.

Chairman Gordon mentioned that a letter was received from DEP stating that the 537 Plan for the Orrtanna Treatment Plant has been approved. Bids for the new pumping station will tentatively go out in February and be awarded in March. Solicitor Battersby left the meeting at 7:29 PM.

The amended Municipal Box Alarm Card Review Form for Fairfield Fire & EMS which corrects the territory between Fairfield Fire & EMS and South Mountain Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Department needs to be executed by the Board of Supervisors. The Board discussed the territory amendment with Mr. Martin who is the Business Manager of Fairfield Fire & EMS.

The Board discussed with Mr. Martin and Mr. Ginn the final draft version of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's) between Township and the four area fire companies that serve the Township. The MOU's will provide accountability for invoices being submitted to the Township for payment by the Fire Services/EMS Tax Fund.

Mr. Martin stated that Fairfield Fire & EMS has been in contact with Thomas Geibel who conducted the ISO (Insurance Services Office) Public Protection Classification Survey that was conducted for Hamiltonban Township. In order to get the ISO rating down, the Fairfield Municipal Authority needs to test their fire hydrants which at this time has not been done. The Board will reach out to the Borough of Fairfield and stress the need to get the hydrants tested. There was a also a discussion regarding dry hydrants. A Water Supply Task Force has been set up at the County level to find viable water sources.

The Board and EMA Deputy Coordinator Sam Ginn discussed the EMA incident that occurred earlier in the month at Knouse Foods in Orrtanna.

Road department items that were discussed included the road material bids; exterior lights on the maintenance building; and if more tree seedlings should be purchased through the County tree seedling sale to replace the trees that have died at the maintenance facility. Road Coordinator Deardorff read and distributed to the Board his formal road report for the month of January.

To increase water awareness, the Adams County Conservation District sent an email out to all the municipalities asking if there is interest in storm drain markers. The Board discussed this request.

Vice-chairman Reamer informed the Board of the RPC's recommendations on how to get the word out that there are seats available on Township Commissions; the possibility of forming a joint RPC with the Borough of Fairfield; and to restate the Board's interest to Valley Quarries in acquiring their seventeen acres adjacent to 4020 Bullfrog Road. A discussion followed regarding the recommendations.

Vice-chairman Reamer mentioned that she and Secretary/Treasurer Feiler have begun working on the DCNR Circuit Rider Grant to help pay for a Recreation Director for the Fairfield Area Recreation Commission which resulted from the Peer to Peer Study.

Chairman Gordon reminded the Board to review the draft Zoning Ordinance Districts that Rob Thaeler of the Adams County Office of Planning and Development prepared and to submit comments if they have any.

Chairman Gordon went over the pending items and action items that will be on the February Board of Supervisors meeting agenda.

At 9:13 PM the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved to adjourn the workshop.

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is February 4, 2014 at the local prevailing time of 7:00 PM.

Deborah K. Feiler, Secretary/Treasurer

Robert L. Gordon, Chairman