

**Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors**  
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320

**Casino Hearing**  
December 5, 2017

At 6:30 PM Chairman Gordon called the hearing to order and welcomed the public. The hearing and meeting is being recorded for the sole purpose as a review aid in compiling the written minutes.

**Supervisors Present:** Robert L. Gordon, Douglas Woerner, Coleen N. Reamer, LuAnn M. Dille, and J. Edward Deardorff.

**Staff:** Secretary/Treasurer Nina Garretson **Commission:** Dave Peters of Hamiltonban Township Planning Commission.

**Public:** Brad Martin, Cliff Frost, James Paddock, Larry Schneider, Charles Christianson, Charles R. Johnson, John Messeder of the *Gettysburg Times*, and Lizzy Ryan of the *Emmitsburg News Journal*.

Chairman Gordon asked for Public Comment:

Cliff Frost addressed the Board, and requested that Hamiltonban Township opt out of allowing casino's. He said as he has previously stated at meetings, he does not want to live near one.

Charles Christianson of Mount Hope Road stated he felt that a casino would not be compatible with the rural character of Hamiltonban Township, and the surrounding community of Adams County.

Larry Schneider asked for clarification on the type and size of Casino to which the Category 4 was referring. Chairman Gordon explained that a Category 4 is a mini-casino to operate between 300-750 slot machines and up to 50 table games.

Chairman Gordon stated that the Township had received and tracked calls from residents regarding their concerns and what they felt the Township's position should be. The majority of those who responded was that the Board should opt out. He asked for any further public comment and stated that the motion would be on the Board meeting agenda for this evening.

**Adjournment:** At 6:46 PM Vice-Chairman Woerner motioned to adjourn the Hearing. Supervisor Deardorff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:** The Board went into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

**Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors**  
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
December 5, 2017

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

**Supervisors Present:** Robert L. Gordon, Douglas Woerner, Coleen N. Reamer, LuAnn M. Dille, and J. Edward Deardorff.

**Staff:** Solicitor Matthew Battersby, and Secretary/Treasurer Nina Garretson. **Commission:** Dave Peters of Hamiltonban Township Planning Commission .

**Public:** Brad Martin, Larry Schneider, Charles R. Johnson, Scott Seacrest, Rick Seacrest, Ellen Frierson, John Messeder of the *Gettysburg Times*, Danielle Ryan of the *Emmitsburg News Journal*.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda unanimously approved.

**Public Comment:** Scott Seacrest and Rick Seacrest addressed the Board to request if a Land Use Amendment was necessary for the Camel of Jesus Monastery, 465 Water Street Plans. They explained the caretakers cottage is being moved 100 to 150 feet. (See Planning Commission)

**Approval of the Minutes:** Vice-Chairman Woerner motioned to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017, Board of Supervisors Meeting; Special Board of Supervisors meeting on November 15, 2017 and Board of Supervisors Workshop minutes of November 28, 2017. Supervisor Deardorff seconded. Supervisor Reamer abstained. The motion carried.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Battersby has reviewed Resolution 2017-19 A Resolution to prohibit Category 4 Casinos in Hamiltonban Township. Chairman Gordon reported that the majority of residents who have contacted the Township per the newspaper articles and public notices have requested the Board opt out. Solicitor Battersby said a number of municipalities, including Fairfield Borough have already opted out. Supervisor Deardorff motioned to approve Resolution 2017-19 A Resolution to prohibit Category 4 Casinos in Hamiltonban Township. Seconded by Vice Chairman Woerner. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gordon reported that the low bid for the Hickory Bridge Road Bridge Project is CriLon from Somerset, PA, with a bid of \$137,706. After discussion on the cost of the project and consultation with Solicitor two separate motions were made. Supervisor Deardorff motioned to accept the lowest bidder and award to CriLon at \$137,706, with the condition there will be no additional cost. Seconded by Vice Chairman Woerner. The motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Deardorff motioned to communicate with Franklin Township that the Engineering costs for the Hickory Bridge Road Bridge Project have already been met and paid in full by Hamiltonban Township, and we will not incur any further Engineering fees. Seconded by Vice Chairman Woerner. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the Mount Hope Road Bridge, which the warranty expires January 7, 2018. There are issues and concerns which Roadmaster Herr and Road Coordinator/Supervisor Deardorff have brought to the attention on the Board. There are problems with the wing walls separating and also ponding on water on the bridge. Supervisor Deardorff motioned to direct Jason Reichard of C.S. Davidson to notify the contractor and put on notice these insufficiencies and repairs needed. Seconded by Supervisor Reamer. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Woerner motioned to approve the Solicitor's Report. Supervisor Deardorff seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Solicitor Battersby left meeting at 7:30 pm.

#### **Old/New Business:**

Vice-Chairman Woerner motioned to tentatively accept and advertize the proposed 2018 Budgets and Capital Improvement Plans for adoption at the December 28, 2017 Board meeting. The tentative General Fund Budget calls for an increase of .25 mills and total expenditures of \$779,635. The advertisement of the Proposed 2018 Budgets will list all tax rates. The budgets will also be posted on the Township's website. The public will have twenty days to review and comment. Supervisor Deardorff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Road Report and Sewer Report:** Roadmaster Herr's November report was received by the Board in their Board packets prior to the meeting.

Road Coordinator/Supervisor Deardorff said the Road Department is working on cold patching, trimming brush as they are able. The new Mack truck should be delivered before Christmas. The magnesium chloride order comes tomorrow. Chairman Gordon has notified the Adams County Commissioners, and received a response, regarding the Bullfrog Road Bridge. The Commissioners will speak with their bridge engineer at their next meeting. Vice Chairman Woerner motioned to accept the Road Report. Seconded by Supervisor Deardorff. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report and Formal Approval of all Expenditures for the Month:**

Secretary Garretson recommended to the Board updates to the fee schedule for 2018 are needed. The Township should include a fee for bad checks received. With Board discussion, suggestions included \$40 plus bank fees for returned checks/return item fees. This would also match the fees established for the Tax Collector. Also recommended a \$10.00 fee per Septic Pumping submission fee by the approved septic haulers. Secretary/Treasurer Garretson submitted her formal report prior to the meeting for the Board of Supervisors to review along with the November 2017 Financial Statements for all accounts. Vice Chairman Woerner motioned to approve all expenditures for the month of November and accept the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Dille seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Garretson submitted her formal report prior to the meeting. Vice Chairman Woerner motioned to approve the Secretary's Report for the month of November. Seconded by Supervisor Dille. The motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Commission Report:** Minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Further discussion on the Camel of Jesus Monastery, 465 Water Street Plans. Chairman Gordon reported that unfortunately the current Township Engineer was not familiar with this project as the review had been done by Jason Reichard of C.S. Davidson. After discussion, Supervisor Dille motioned to authorize Jason Reichard of C.S. Davidson to review the plans and give the Board recommendations by the Board's December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Supervisor Deardorff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gordon reported that Mark Sturtevant with Dennis E. Black Engineering contacted the Township to ask if an amended land use application was necessary for the Adams Electric Cooperative Fairfield Substation No. 21. The Zoning Officers did not feel this was necessary for the proposed driveway, as reviewed by the Township Engineer with the approved Level 3 Minor Stormwater Management Plan. Supervisor Deardorff motioned to permit Adams Electric Cooperative to move forward with the driveway plans and that no further permits from the Township are needed. Supervisor Reamer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no other items to move to the Board of Supervisors at this time. Planning Commission member Dave Peters left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

**Parks and Recreation Commission Report:** Draft Parks and Recreation Commission minutes November 14, 2017 were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Supervisor Reamer said announced that a grant of \$68,500 was awarded by DCNR to the Hamiltonban Community Park for Phase II which will move forward in the spring.

**EMA Report:** None

**Fire Company Reports:** None

**Zoning Officer's Report and Code Enforcement Officer's Report:** Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer reports for November were received by the Board prior to the meeting. Vice-Chairman Woerner motioned to approve the Zoning Officer's and Code Enforcement reports for the month of November. Seconded by Supervisor Reamer. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adams County Council of Governments (COG)/Adams County Association of Township Officials Reports (ACATO):** Supervisor Reamer reported that Comcast financing of Community Media is on the next agenda of COG. Chairman Gordon said the meeting of ACATO was the installation on new officers.

**York Adams Tax Bureau (YATB)/Adams County Tax Collection Committee Reports (ACTCC):** None.

**Pennsylvania State Police Report.** None

**Special Notices:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**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 via a notice on the office door.

- Joint Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission Workshop - December 11, 2017
- Parks and Recreation Commission - December 12, 2017.
- Planning Commission - December 19, 2017.
- Board of Supervisors Workshop & Meeting - December 28, 2017.
- Re-Org and Board of Supervisors - January 2, 2018.
- Elected Auditors Meeting - January 3, 2018

**Adjournment:** At 7:55 PM Vice-Chairman Woerner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Dille seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Nina Garretson  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Robert L. Gordon  
Chairman