

Hamiltonban Township
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Board of Supervisors Workshop
July 25, 2013

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. He also stated that no public comment is heard at the workshop and that official action will be taken tonight regarding the Cold Springs Road Culvert Project and that the workshop was properly advertised for that action in the *Gettysburg Times*.

Supervisors Present: Chairman Robert L. Gordon, Vice-chairman Coleen N. Reamer, James E. Grinder, Harry Rood and Douglas Woerner.

Staff Present: Secretary/Treasurer Deborah K. Feiler.

Public Present: Jim Izer.

Township Business: Bid results received from C.S. Davidson, Inc. for the Cold Springs Road Culvert Project were reviewed. Bids were received from Brett A. Bishard General Excavation for \$34,250, D.L. George & Sons, Inc. for \$73,933 and Fitz & Smith, Inc. for \$80,800. A pre-bid award meeting was held with Brett Bishard to review his bid. Chairman Gordon motioned to award the bid for the Cold Springs Road Culvert Number 1 Replacement to Brett Bishard General Excavating in the amount of \$34,250 with a project start date of August 12, 2013 and with no road closures. Supervisor Woerner seconded. The motion carried. Supervisor Grinder voted against the motion.

Vice-chairman Reamer updated the Board with the happenings of the Recreation and Parks Commission. The Commission along with representatives from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Adams County Office of Planning and Development, Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve and Camp Eder toured the proposed three acre Hamiltonban Township Park, Middle Creek Trail, and trailheads. The Board looked at the conceptual layout plan for the Township park and shared their thoughts. The plan was prepared by KPI Technology through the assistance of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society grant. Vice-chairman Reamer also passed around the completed South Mountain Partnership Mini-Grant Application for a trail feasibility study that was prepared by Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve.

Chairman Gordon spoke of the letter dated June 25, 2013 that was received from Fairfield Fire & EMS regarding numbering/addressing of structures. Ordinance 1990-09 which is an ordinance requiring all houses and businesses to display street numbers was referred to. The Board discussed how to enforce this ordinance and the need to review this ordinance to see if it needs to be updated as a result of the letter from Fairfield Fire & EMS.

There was a discussion regarding the impact of the Adams County Council of Governments Fire Services Study and the letter received from the Fairfield Fire & EMS in support of a .25 mil fire tax. Chairman Gordon mentioned that the Board should have a meeting with the fire companies that serve the Township to discuss the Fire Services Study, the need for accountability and creating a Memo of Understanding between the entities.

The Board quickly reviewed the draft mid-year newsletter.

The renewal package for Capital Blue Cross health insurance was received. The board noted that the new rates, effective September 1, 2013, have increased by 41.2%. Currently there are only three employees receiving health insurance benefits.

At the August Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board will approve a Consent Order Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection if it comes back to the Board by the date of the Board meeting.

It was reported that the generator has been installed and is in operation at the maintenance facility. Other Road Department items that were discussed included a quote received from Hidden Valley Home Improvements for an implement storage shelter and a quote received from Mid-Atlantic Time and Equipment for a security system. More research needs to be done on both of these items. Now that preparations for the 2014 budget is upon us, it was suggested that we talk to Franklin Township regarding the repair costs for the two shared bridges. It was also mentioned that El Vista Orchards donated \$2,500 towards the Cold Springs Road paving project.

There was no Planning Commission discussion.

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

At 8:24 PM the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved to adjourn the workshop and move into an executive session to discuss a personnel and a legal matter.

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is August 6, 2013 at the local prevailing time of 7:00 PM.

Deborah K. Feiler, Secretary/Treasurer

Robert L. Gordon, Chairman