

## Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors

23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2014

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

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

**Staff:** Secretary/Treasurer Deborah K. Feiler, Roadmaster John A. Harbaugh, Jr., and EMA Coordinator Don Wills, Jr.

**Public:** Nick Myers, and Richard and Stacey Mrs. Hausler.

**Approval of the Agenda:** The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

**Public Comment:** In response to Mr. Hausler's request (he previously attended the October Planning Commission and November Board of Supervisors meetings) to subdivide six acres off a seven acre "flag" lot located at 2417 Iron Springs Road which is zoned R-1, Low Density Residential, Chairman Gordon stated the following. That the Board, along with the Township Engineer, Planner and Zoning Officer have reviewed the plan and determined that Mr. Hausler should appear before the Zoning Hearing Board to ask for a variance, as the presented plan will not comply with the Zoning Ordinance. Section 903.2 of the Zoning Ordinance shows the minimum lot width requirement being one-hundred and fifty feet. The proposed subdivision requests a pan handle lot with the pan handle being twenty five feet rather than the required fifty feet. The remaining lot frontage on Iron Springs Road will not meet the Zoning Ordinance requirement.

A letter was received in the Township Office via email on December 1, 2014 addressed to the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Gordon motioned to acknowledge and accept the letter dated December 1, 2014 from Dale J. Premo of 460 Moritz Road addressed to the Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors regarding the Hamiltonban Township Park and to add the letter as Addendum A to the meeting minutes. Supervisor Woerner seconded. The motion carried unanimously. As a result of Mr. Premo's letter, Chairman Gordon submitted a letter addressed to the Board of Supervisors and the Citizens of Hamiltonban Township and asked that his letter be added to the meeting minutes as an Addendum B. Both letters follow these minutes.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Supervisor Woerner motioned to approve the November 5, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes, and the November 20, 2014 Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting Minutes. Vice-chairman Reamer seconded. The motion carried unanimously. There was an executive session after the November 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Battersby presented his formal report at the meeting. He mentioned that he continues to work on the delinquent sewer accounts and that a payment plan has been set up to settle one of the accounts. He also stated that the Fairfield Area School District is in the process of selling their property located at 5144 Fairfield Road. He advised the Board to contact the Township Zoning Officer to see what the limitations are for developing that property. Vice-

chairman Reamer motioned to accept the Solicitor's Report. Supervisor Woerner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Battersby, Mr. Wills, and Mr. and Mrs. Hausler left the meeting at 7:13 PM.

**New Business:** Supervisor Woerner motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Hamiltonban Township, Mr. and Mrs. Battersby, and Mr. Snyder regarding the Cold Springs Road/Carrolls Tract Road intersection, as amended. Supervisor Deardorff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Hamiltonban Township and Franklin Township regarding repairs to the bridge on Moritz/Jack Road. Supervisor Deardorff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to adopt Resolution 2014-19: A Resolution Adopting the 2015 Hamiltonban Township Budgets with the Real Estate Tax Rate Mills of 1.2359, and the Capital Improvements Plan. Supervisor Dille seconded. The motion carried unanimously. There was no change in the millage from 2014.

Chairman Gordon motioned to approve the draft Southwest Joint Comprehensive Plan, as recommended by the Planning Commission, and have the Adams County Office of Planning and Development advertise the Plan for a Public Hearing as part of the adoption process. Supervisor Dille seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report and Formal Approval of all Expenditures for the Month:** Secretary/Treasurer Feiler submitted her formal report prior to the meeting along with the November 2014 Check Detail Report. The Board reviewed the November Financial Statements. Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to approve all expenditures for the month of November and accept the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Woerner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Feiler submitted her formal report along with the December calendar prior to the meeting. The Board reviewed the report and calendar. She added that a document entitled Request for Separation and Wage Information was received from the PA Department of Labor for one of the part-time, on-call employees who has filed for unemployment. She suggested that in the future when hiring a part-time, on-call person, that, if permissible by law, the applicant should be asked if they plan on collecting unemployment in addition to working for the Township as each claim affects the Township. Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to accept the Secretary's Report. Supervisor Woerner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Road Report and Sewer Report:** Roadmaster Harbaugh submitted his formal Road Report prior to the meeting. The Board reviewed the report. He then, submitted and reviewed with the Board the Five Year Road Projects Plan. Roads slated for work in 2015 are Mount Hope, Mount Carmel, Moritz, Knox, Hickory Bridge, Gum Springs, Cold Springs, Bullfrog and Baker Roads. All road work is subject to revision. Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to accept the Road Report. Supervisor Woerner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Roadmaster Harbaugh submitted his formal Sewer Report prior to the meeting. The Board reviewed his report. Supervisor Woerner motioned to accept the Sewer Report. Supervisor Deardorff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Commission Report:** Draft Planning Commission minutes for November were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. No action was needed.

**Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) Report:** Draft RPC minutes for November were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. No action was needed.

**EMA Report:** No report submitted.

**Fire Company Reports:** Chairman Gordon went over the November activity reports that were submitted by Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Department and Cashtown Community Fire Department. In the Township, Fountaindale responded to four calls, Cashtown responded to two calls.

**Zoning Officer's Report:** Mr. Slothour submitted his formal report for the month of November prior to the meeting. One Building Permit was issued for 320 Zoo Road. Secretary/Treasurer Feiler stated that a sign permit application has been submitted to the Zoning Officer for a sign that was erected on Carrolls Tract Road. Supervisor Woerner motioned to accept the Zoning Officer's report. Vice-chairman Reamer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Code Enforcement Officer's Report:** No formal report was submitted for the meeting. Mr. Gardiner keeps the Board posted via regular emails.

**Adams County Council of Governments (COG)/Adams County Association of Township Officials Reports (ACATO):** At the December 18, 2014 COG meeting there will be a presentation on the PA FirstNet State Police Program of Inoperability Across the United States, and the proposed 2015 budget and nominations will be voted on. There was no report for ACATO.

**York Adams Tax Bureau (YATB)/Adams County Tax Collection Committee Reports (ACTCC):** The next YATB meeting is January 26, 2015, and the ACTCC meeting is January 7, 2015.

**Special Notices:** 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.

- Recreation and Parks Commission - December 10, 2014
- Planning Commission - December 16, 2014
- Board of Supervisors Workshop - December 18, 2014
- Board of Supervisors - January 5, 2015
- Elected Auditors - January 6, 2015

**Adjournment:** At 7:58 PM Supervisor Woerner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice-chairman Reamer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Deborah K. Feiler  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Robert L. Gordon  
Chairman

Addendum A

December 1, 2014

Board Members:

Both Doreen and I attended the RPC proposed park briefing on November 18<sup>th</sup> and wish to commend the enthusiasm and quality of the presentation by the RPC members. We were interested in the latest planning ideas that the RPC had developed and wanted to become better educated so we could discuss this with neighbors and other Township residents.

To date, I have contacted or been contacted by fifteen (15) separate Township residents and two (2) non-residents who live very near the Township regarding this issue. Some have young children and some do not. Two even have handicapped children. I was not totally surprised to learn that all but one person opined that while a community park in general was something people thought about favorably, our proposed park was deemed an unnecessary and burdensome project for our Township at this time. Most said if they were to use a park, they would likely go to the park in Carroll Valley. Several mentioned both the potential liability to the Township as well as the security issues that we know will exist. Several also expressed concern about the added duties to our current Township staff with cleanup and repair items in addition to existing general maintenance.

However, the most common and emphatic comment I heard was that our Board of Supervisors should expend NO taxpayer funds for a project like this now or in the future. Unanimously, people indicated that the condition of the Township's roads should be improved dramatically before any project such as a park should ever be considered. This was true notwithstanding any grants that might or might not be received.

I did relay the information about the survey that the Township had conducted concerning a park. Several people stated that they felt the survey was flawed. They were displeased that the survey didn't ask if we wanted a park, only what we wanted to see in a park. Doreen & I did not return our own survey for that very reason. Further, many people, including Doreen & I are skeptical about the true need, extent of use, cost issues, potential security concerns and liability issues with a park and are firmly opposed to this project at least until significant improvements are made to Township roads.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope the Board will vote to disapprove this park project until such time as the items detailed above have been resolved.



Dale J. Premo  
460 Moritz Rd  
Orrtanna, PA

**Addendum B**

December 2, 2014

To: Board of Supervisors and Residents of Hamiltonban Township

Re: Hamiltonban Township Educational Campus

I have to disagree and take exception with the comments offered by Dale J. Premo in his letter to the Board of Supervisors dated December 1, 2014 regarding a "Community Park."

Back in 2006 and 2007, when the Board of Supervisors began talking about a "Township Campus" to serve our Residents, it was with the intention that whatever final design was developed for the facilities, that it would take years to build. Three or more phases would be needed, due to the availability of real estate, grant funding obtained and affordability were in place, to name a few issues that needed to be secured.

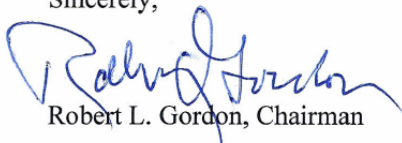
When the final plans were adopted by the Board, they included a Public Works building designed for future expansion, storage bays for salt and road materials (designed for expansion), a regional fueling station for use by our Volunteer Fire Departments as well as other possible governmental units and our own needs, a future Township Office (Community) building, and a "Mini Park" (not a large Community Park) that would include educational components (Interpretive Signs) regarding the South Mountain and Adams County Fruit Belt, and the Civil War. Additional thoughts were considered for other possible regional, governmental, educational, and community facilities.

The final plans were submitted to our State Representative, State Senator and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with a request for grant funding to assist us with the first phase of the Township Campus. We were very pleased that our application was approved and we were awarded a grant of \$ 500,000.

As an elected Supervisor I will never default on my word to our Representatives and our Governor that our project as designed will be altered or changed after the award of our grant. My word is solid and I will stand by it.

I trust that in the future, perhaps 20 years or so, when I am no longer present, that the residents of this Township and the Board of Supervisors in power at that time, will acknowledge the wisdom and foresight of today's Board and previous Boards who developed the "Hamiltonban Township Educational Campus" and kept their commitment to complete this project for the benefit of generations of residents to come.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Gordon, Chairman

Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors

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