

## **Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors**

23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320

Special Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2015

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. The meeting was properly advertised in the *Gettysburg Times*.

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

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

**Public:** Steven Malesker, P.E of C.S. Davidson, Inc.; Dave Peters; Eugene and Yvonne Starbuck; John and Elizabeth Lynch; Doreen Premo; Charles Mickley; Nicole Glatfelter; Adam Clapsaddle; Dave Martin; Lonnie Whitcomb; and John Messeder of the *Gettysburg Times*.

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

**Public Comment:** None.

**Old/New Business:** Chairman Gordon stated that Reids Bridge spanning Tom's Creek on Mount Hope Road has been closed for just over thirty days. After an emergency inspection by the Township Engineer, the bridge was deemed structurally unsound. The Board immediately decided closed the bridge as it could not afford the liability. Once the bridge was closed, the Township Engineer began working on quotes to repair or replace the bridge. A proposal was submitted to the Board on April 28, 2015 that contained two options: Option I was for a one lane bridge superstructure replacement with an estimated cost of \$80,000. Option II was for a precast box culvert bridge replacement with an estimated cost of \$175,000. A third option was submitted by the Engineer on May 13, 2015 to replace the steal beams and keep the open grate steel deck with an estimated cost of \$288,975. Engineering fees are included in the cost of all Options. The three Options were discussed, with Option I and Option III being thrown out. The Board did not like to idea of reducing the bridge to one lane in Option I. Option III was too much money and twice the construction time. The increased cost was due to added research to certify the load capacity of the bridge. There are no historical records in support of the materials and practices used in construction of the original bridge to help certify the load capacity.

Mr. Malesker provided more details regarding Option II. A GP-11 permit needs to be obtained through the Department of Environmental Protection Agency (DEP) before any work can be done. An Emergency Permit thru DEP is available but construction needs to begin thirty days after receipt of the permit. After the DEP permit is obtained, a survey needs to be completed, bids need to be prepared and awarded, and then construction can begin. Best case scenario would

be that the bridge may be opened in six months. There will be no weight restriction with the precast box culvert.

The Board discussed funding options which included securing a loan with the Pennsylvania Transportation Infrastructure Bank and possibly paying back the loan with funds from State Liquid Fuels.

A question was asked about using the current abutments and if any work could be done in-house. The Engineer responded that since the abutments are rated in poor condition, you would not want to use them and that there is too much liability to do any work in-house. Though materials could be purchased directly by the Township to reduce costs.

Supervisor Deardorff motioned to accept Option II - Bridge Replacement Precast Box Culvert and to authorize the Township Engineer to proceed as soon as possible with the design and specifications of the box culvert, obtain the DEP permit and put the bridge project out to bid with a projected cost to the Township of \$175,000. Supervisor Reamer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

In summary, Supervisor Dille stated that the Board looked into every avenue available, unfortunately this will not be a quick fix, the Board will work as quickly as they can, and will contact the legislators to expedite the project.

**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*. Notice of cancellations will be posted on the office door.

- Planning Commission - May 26, 2015.
- Board of Supervisors Workshop - May 28, 2015.
- Board of Supervisors - June 2, 2015.
- Parks and Recreation Commission - June 9, 2015.

**Adjournment:** At 7:50 PM, Supervisor Reamer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Dille seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Deborah K. Feiler  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Robert L. Gordon  
Chairman