

Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors

23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2012

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, James E. Grinder, and Harry Rood. Douglas Woerner was excused from the meeting. There was a quorum.

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

Public: Forty-six (46) persons signed the attendance sheet.

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

Approval of the Minutes: Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to approve the November 7, 2012 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes and the November 29, 2012 Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting Minutes. Supervisor Grinder seconded. The motion carried. There was an Executive Session at the end of the November 7th Board of Supervisors meeting and at the beginning of the November 29th Workshop to discuss personnel matters. Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to approve the November 12, 2012 Joint Meeting Minutes between the Board of Supervisors and the Municipal Sewer Authority. Supervisor Rood seconded. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Solicitor Battersby summarized the Hamiltonban Township Public Comment Policy that is to be followed during the two thirty minute public comment periods, one being at the beginning of the meeting and the second at the end of the meeting. Five residents called ahead and asked to be put on the agenda and spoke first. A total of sixteen residents spoke on the subject of the disbandment of the Hamiltonban Township Police Department. Of the sixteen speakers, one resident supported the Board of Supervisors decision and fifteen residents expressed their opposition to the disbandment.

Chairman Gordon stated that this was a difficult decision for the Board to make. He extended thanks to Juanita Larmer for her thirteen years of dedicated service to the Township. Chairman Gordon stressed that the decision was based on funding and stated that the Board has been making cuts to the budget over the past several years to cope with increasing costs. This cut will allow the Township to maintain other services such as roads and at the same time avoid a tax increase. To clarify statements that were made during the Public Comment session, Chairman Gordon affirmed that there were no violations of the Sunshine Law as the November 29th Workshop was properly advertised as required by the Second Class Township Code. He reminded the public that the State Police covers Hamiltonban Township 75% of the time and covers neighboring Highland and Franklin Townships 100% of the time. He also noted that the Board of Supervisors have not raised taxes in seven years, and that this action will allow the Township to continue to avoid a tax increase.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby gave his formal report at the meeting. He reported that Specialty Granules Inc. (SGI) has submitted a request to rezone a parcel of land that SGI owns and that a public hearing will be scheduled in January.

Matthew Ilko of Liberty Township questioned why he was not listed on the agenda as he had made an inquiry to the Planning Commission. The Board explained to Mr. Ilko that in order to be placed on the meeting agenda he needed to contact the Township Secretary prior to the meeting.

Supervisor Rood motioned to accept the Solicitor's report. Vice-chairman Reamer seconded. The motion carried.

New Business: Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to approve Resolution 2012-14; A Resolution Authorizing the Entry in an Agreement between Hamiltonban Township and the Fairfield Fire & EMS for the use of the Hamiltonban Township Fueling Station. Supervisor Grinder seconded. The motion carried.

Chairman Gordon motioned to allow Secretary/Treasurer Feiler, EMA Deputy Coordinator Sam Ginn and Vice-chairman Reamer to attend the TEMA Webinar entitled Winter Emergency Management Educational Webinar at a cost to the Township of \$30. Supervisor Rood seconded. The motion carried.

Road Report and Sewer Report: Roadmaster Harbaugh's Road and Sewer Report were received by the Board prior to the meeting. There was no objection to dispose of the old cross pipes for scrap and to take seal bids for the old air compressor. Road department budget items were also discussed.

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 2012 Check Detail reports for all the funds. Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to approve all expenditures for the month of November and accept the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Rood seconded. The motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Feiler's report was received by the Board prior to the meeting. No action was needed.

Planning Commission Items: No action was needed by the Board.

Old Business: 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 12, 2012
- Planning Commission – December 18, 2012
- Board of Supervisors Workshop – December 27, 2012
- Re-organization and Board of Supervisors – January 7, 2013
- Elected Auditors - January 8, 2013

Adjournment: At 8:18 PM Vice-chairman Reamer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Rood seconded. The motion carried.

Deborah K. Feiler

Robert L. Gordon