

Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors

23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320

Regular Meeting Minutes

Via platform Startmeeting.com

September 15, 2020

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

Supervisors Present: J. Edward Deardorff, Douglas Woerner, David B. Martin, Coleen Reamer, and Robert L. Gordon.

Staff, and Consultants Present: Solicitor, Matthew Battersby, Secretary/Treasurer Nina Garretson, and Roadmaster Ray Herr.

Public Present: Deb Wentling. Cliff Frost, via Startmeeting.com platform.

Approval of the Agenda: Vice-Chairman Woerner motioned to approve the agenda. Supervisor Reamer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Deb Wentling, 26 Raven Trail, Carroll Valley said she was here to asked the Board to consider sending a letter to Department of Environmental Protection regarding support for the Toms Creek Stream Upgrade Petition. She explained that a macroinvertebrates study is currently being done and if approved this would give Toms Creek an Exceptional Value stream (EV) status, which is higher than a High Quality (HQ) stream. She said it would not stop the mining, and that Fairfield Borough has agreed to send letter. She has not approached Carroll Valley or Liberty Township as yet. Supervisor Gordon said Specialty Granules (SGI) currently does water quality and other studies. She is member of the Watershed Alliance of Adams County, but is here as a private citizen. Deb said the Friends of Toms Creek initiated. Solicitor Battersby asked for the disposition of the case and inquired as to the procedural. Chairman Deardorff asked that more information be provided and that it would be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

Approval of the Minutes: Vice-Chairman Woerner motioned to approve the minutes of September 1, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Supervisor Gordon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported that the Fairfield Municipal Authority needs to mark the sewer/water lines at 31 Carrolls Tract Rd. Roadmaster stated it has been done Tuesday or Wednesday last week. Solicitor will contact surveyor.

Solicitor Battersby said he sent information to Board regarding digital billboards, and said township must be careful how handled. Board explained this was discussed when reviewing new zoning Ordinance. Solicitor said you cannot deny but are able to control size, etc.

Solicitor Battersby said he will bring stipulated order to the Board when he receives paperwork for the ISP Tax Assessment agreement. He has also sent letters out to home owners regarding sump pump issues along Carrolls Tract Road, and he will prepare letters to home owners regarding Moritz Road Project for 2021-2022.

Supervisor Gordon asked about the list of septic pumping and inspections for District II, which Secretary said she will prepare letters for Solicitor signature at end of month. If no response in 15 days from Solicitors letter, then the owners are to be cited.

Supervisor Gordon motioned to accept the Solicitors Report. Vice-Chairman Woerner seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Solicitor left the meeting at 7:21 PM.

Road Report: Roadmaster Herr reported the line painting has been done, except for railroad crossing and stop bars. Board instructed Roadmaster to call and get done by Friday, September 18th.

Roadmaster has ordered signs and lights for Mt. Hope and Carrolls Tract intersection. Said he and Secretary completed survey for SR 116 paving.

Roadmaster gave update on Moritz Road said that as soon as utility moves poles the telephone company will move the phone line.

Roadmaster has quote for rental of chipper and lift for trimming which he will send out to Board for approval. He said the Fairfield Quarry will open for one day and he would like to purchase 140 ton of R5 for stockpile. He will need about 60 ton or so for Mt. Carmel Road and this would save on trucking. Board agreed by consensus.

Roadmaster Herr said they replaced pipe in BB Section today, and will be working on a pipe on Cold Springs Road next. Chairman Deardorff noted that Franklin Township closed Mt. Carmel for a brief period today, which he said should not be done during harvest season. Chairman Deardorff said he will mulch flower beds at the office to dress up for election. Board thanked him.

Supervisor Reamer motioned to accept the Roadmaster Report. Vice-Chairman Woerner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Garretson submitted her report to the Board of Supervisors prior to the meeting.

Supervisor Gordon motioned to have Secretary submit paperwork for two candidates for PSATS Election of Trustees as presented. Vice-Chairman Woerner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Garretson reported she obtained information on creating a workplace safety committee, requirements to get 5% discount on workers comp policy. After brief discussion Board consensus was to waive.

Vice-Chairman Woerner motioned to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Supervisor Martin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old/New Business: Vice-Chairman Woerner asked to Board to send a letter to Parks Garbage to secure their loads because there is littering along Carrolls Tract Road and State Route 16. He has witnessed along Carrolls Tract and Supervisor Martin has seen this along State Route 16. Board agreed by consensus.

Discussion Items: Secretary Garretson stated she has provided the Blue Cross Insurance renewal. Secretary Garretson reported she obtained additional costs quotes for health insurance from Aetna and High Mark Blue Shield, but unless the plan is changed drastically it will not affect costs. She noted Aetna came in extremely high. Add to next meeting agenda for approval.

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, unless noted otherwise. Rescheduled changes of date or time will be advertised via the *Gettysburg Times*. Cancellations will be via a notice on the office door and website.

- Planning Commission – September 22, 2020
- Board of Supervisors Budget Workshop – October 6, 2020 at 6:00 pm
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- Parks and Recreation Commission – October 13, 2020
- Board of Supervisors Budget Workshop – October 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm
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Adjournment: Vice-Chairman Woerner motioned to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Seconded by Supervisor Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

Nina Garretson
Secretary/Treasurer

J. Edward Deardorff
Chairman