

Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance by Assistant Secretary Jessica Baim.

Supervisors present were Ronald L. Weidner, Jeremy P. Smith, and Michael A. Strausbaugh. Also present were Ronald T. Tomasko, ESQ, from the firm Tomasko & Koranda, P.C.; Assistant Secretary, Jessica Baim, and Roadmaster, Tom Barrows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA PER ACT 65: Jessica Baim provided the agenda to the Board of Supervisors. *A motion was made by Ronald L. Weidner to approve the agenda as presented with a second made by Jeremy P. Smith. Motion was unanimously approved.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Scheduled Meeting, December 6, 2021.

Upon review of the minutes of the December 6, 2021, regular meeting, a motion was made by Michael A. Strausbaugh, with a second made by Ronald L. Weidner. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **SPCA Collection:** We continue to collect items for the Adams County SPCA for the care of the animals at the shelter. They need towels, blankets, toys, etc. in good condition. Jessica Baim expressed that any collected items are hand delivered by the Township to the SPCA.
2. **BEAVER CREEK ROAD BRIDGE Rehabilitation update:** No update. *A motion to table was made by Ronald L. Weidner with a second made by Michael A. Strausbaugh. Motion was approved unanimously.*
3. **Discussion regarding the Home Road and Protectory Road Bridges:** Both Bridges are closed. Ronald L. Weidner informed Hamilton Township did hear from Neal from Paradise Township on January 3, 2022. He informed that FEMA indicated both bridges are in que for the next steps. Due to staffing issues and the holidays, they are behind and will reach out to Paradise Township to move to the next steps. Ronald L. Weidner informed that Paradise was to have their reorganization meeting and call the Township about possible forwarding this on to bid with C.S. Davidson, nothing heard from Paradise to date. Ronald L. Weidner made a suggestion to move forward with bidding on both bridges contingent that Paradise Township is in agreeance. *Michael A. Strausbaugh made a motion to move to bidding contingent that Paradise Township agrees with a second made by Ronald L. Weidner. Motion was approved unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **State Police:** Jessica Baim read the report for the month of November. For the month of November there was a total of 28 incidents with five criminal, two crash, 17 service and four no responses.
2. **Northeast Adams Fire Co. #32-FIRE:** No report.
3. **Northeast Adams Co. #32- EMS:** No report.

4. United Hook & Ladder Co. No. 33: No report.

5. Adams Regional EMS, Inc.: No report.

Michael A. Strausbaugh reminded everyone when parking in your garage to turn off the vehicle. The Township lost two residents from Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.

Public Hearing Called to Order by Ronald Tomasko, Esq.:

1. **SALDO §120-21. N, §120:36, §120-40 and §120-41 Roadway Width.** Ronald L. Tomasko, Esq stated he reviewed these amendments, and they were advertised through the Gettysburg Times and website consistent with statutory requirements. The revisions were approved through the Planning Commission and the Board has discussed these revisions before. Ronald L. Weidner asked all attending if there were any questions or concerns. Jessica Baim informed a roll call vote needed done; adopt from Ronald L. Weidner, adopt from Jeremy P. Smith, adopt from Michael A. Strausbaugh. *Ronald L. Weidner made a motion to adopt with a second made by Jeremy P. Smith. Motion was approved unanimously.*
2. **Ordinance No. 150-99 KK. Wireless Communications.** Ronald T. Tomasko, Esq stated he reviewed these amendments, and they were advertised through the Gettysburg Times and website consistent with statutory requirements. Ronald L. Weidner informed why this Ordinance was reviewed since the Township was approached about a possible cell tower, but the Township has not heard anything from them for about four or five months. The cell tower would have benefited all residents from the income of carriers buying spots on the tower. Ronald L. Weidner asked all attending if there were any questions or concerns. Ronald T. Tomasko Esq. informed a roll call vote was needed; adopt from Ronald L. Weidner, adopt from Jeremy P. Smith, adopt from Michael A. Strausbaugh. *Ronald L. Weidner made a motion to adopt with a second made by Jeremy P. Smith. Motion was approved unanimously.*

Ronald T. Tomasko Esq. asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. *A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Ronald L. Weidner with a second made by Jeremy P. Smith. Motion was approved unanimously.*

Jessica Baim informed the Public the Township was reconvening to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors:

Planning Commission recommendations and status of active plans:

1. Pine Run Park Phase III: on behalf of the Planning Commission for Hamilton Township, we recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve waiver #2, for Pine Run Park Phase III. Ordinance Number: Section 120-47.C (3)-Soil and Ground cover requirements. This section requires vegetative screening of evergreen plantings be established along all street and property boundaries. Details of Waiver: Portions of the current property are encompassed by existing trees and forested areas that provide an existing buffer to adjoining properties. We request that the use of the existing trees and forested areas be utilized in lieu of cutting them down to replace them with new trees. In areas where this vegetation doesn't exist, the proposed screening of evergreen trees is proposed. Michael A. Strausbaugh indicated he was glad to see people use common sense about using current trees. *A motion was made to approve the plan by Michael Strausbaugh with a second made by Ronald L. Weidner. Motion was approved unanimously.*

APPROVED

6. Approval of Resolution No. 2022-35 Reduction of Letters of Credit for Phase I and II at Pine Run Community. Jessica Baim read Resolution Number 2022-35: A reduction in public improvement securities. The Board of Supervisors of Hamilton Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania resolves to reduce and release public improvement financial security for Phase 1 of Pine Run Park in the amount of \$21,291.65, based on the recommendation of our engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc. Which will provide a remaining balance of \$0.00.

The Board of Supervisors of Hamilton Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania resolves to reduce and release public improvement financial security for Phase 2 of Pine Run Park in the amount of \$36,239.50, based on the recommendation of our engineer, C. S. Davidson, Inc. This will provide a remaining balance of \$0.00.

The Board of Supervisors of Hamilton Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania resolves and it is resolved that Letter of Irrevocable Credit No. 800005110A in the amount of \$21,291.65 shall be reduced and released providing a balance of \$0.00 and that Letter of Irrevocable Credit No. 800005112A in the amount of \$36,239.50 shall be reduced and released providing a balance of \$0.00. *Michael A. Strausbaugh made a motion to approve the reduction of letters of credit for Pine Run Phase I and Phase II with a second made by Ronald L. Weidner. Motion was approved unanimously.*

7. Approval of the Deputy Tax Collector, Tammie Knight, Conewago Township Tax Collector representing Dorry Long, Hamilton Township Tax Collector in an emergent situation. *Michael A. Strausbaugh made a motion to approve Tammie Knight as Deputy Tax Collector with a second made by Ronald L. Weidner. Motion was approved unanimously.*

8. Thank you letter from New Hope Ministries for the donation of \$250.00 received on December 13, 2021.

9. Request from Cross Keys Community Park for reimbursement for playground equipment in the amount of \$10,985.00. Pipe was purchased from Shenango. Michael A. Strausbaugh confirmed with Jessica Baim the reimbursement was coming out of Park and Recreation Fund. *Michael A. Strausbaugh made a motion to approve the reimbursement for playground equipment with a second made by Ronald L. Weidner. Motion was approved unanimously.*

Is there any other business to come before the Board of Supervisors? None

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. East Berlin Area Community Center (EBACC): No meeting in December.
2. Abbottstown Paradise Joint Sewer Authority: No representative present.
3. Parks and Recreation Committee: No report. No meeting.
4. Emergency Management: No report.
5. YATB & ACTCC Tax Board Report: Timothy D. Beard, III informed no meetings for December.
6. Road Master's Report: Thomas Barrows, Roadmaster reviewed the Public Works Department installed road markers (delineators), plowed the first snowstorm.
7. COG: No report. No meeting attendance.
8. East Berlin Area Joint Authority: Ronald L. Weidner informed meeting scheduled for January 6, 2022, but some members are out with COVID not sure about his attendance.

Engineer's Report: Jessica Baim reviewed the January report.

1. SUBDIVISION, LAND DEVELOPMENT, and STORMWATER PLAN REVIEWS:

APPROVED

Pine Run Park Phase III:

The plan was discussed at the December Planning Commission meeting and tabled due to outstanding comments.

2. LAND DEVELOPMENTS and STORMWATER PLANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

Pine Run Park Phase I and II:

C.S. Davidson issued a letter on 12/15/2021 recommending final release of financial security for both phases I and II.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Tomasko presented his December report which included the review of Adam's County proposed data use authorization and review/revise advertising for Zoning and SALDO amendments/revisions. Ronald L. Weidner confirmed the Township has not heard anything back from Adam's County on the proposed change of language within the form. Ronald L. Weidner informed that if the Township hears anything will contact Ronald T. Tomasko, Esq.

Scott Weaver, Zoning Officer's Report: Jessica Baim read the report for the month of December. There was one zoning permit for a temporary sign this did not require a UCC permit.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills for the General Fund was made by Ronald L. Weidner with a second made by Jeremy P. Smith. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Ron: Thanks everyone for coming to the meeting. Hope everyone had a sober New Year and hope everyone has a good year. See everyone next month.

Jeremy: Thanks everyone for coming to the meeting. Stay warm out there.

Mike: Thanks everyone for coming to the meeting. Stay safe out there.

Meeting Announcements:

Auditors Reorganization Meeting: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 @ 7 PM.

Board of Supervisors: Monday, February 7, 2022 @ 7 PM.

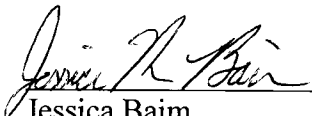
Parks and Recreation Board: Meetings are cancelled indefinitely until activity resumes.

Planning Commission: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 7 PM.

Adjournment:

Having nothing further to discuss, Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 PM by Ronald L. Weidner and second by Jeremy P. Smith. *The vote was unanimous to adjourn.*

Minutes were recorded and transcribed by



Jessica Baim
Assistant Secretary