

Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance by Parliamentarian Stephanie A. Egger.

Supervisors present were Ronald L. Weidner, Jeremy P. Smith, Michael A. Strausbaugh. Also present were Melissa Kelso, ESQ, from the Firm Kelso Law LLC., Parliamentarian Stephanie A. Egger, Assistant Secretary Jessica Baim, Chad Clabaugh, P.E., of C.S. Davidson, and Roadmaster Tom Barrows.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA PER ACT 65: Stephanie Egger provided the agenda to the Board of Supervisors. *A motion was made by Michael Strausbaugh to approve the agenda as presented with a second made by Ronald L. Weidner. Motion was unanimously approved.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Scheduled Meeting, November 7, 2022

Upon review of the minutes of the November 7, 2022, a motion was made by Ronald L. Weidner with a second made by Jeremy P. Smith. 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 food, towels, blankets, toys, etc. in good condition.
2. BEAVER CREEK ROAD BRIDGE Rehabilitation update: Bridge is closed until further notice. Mandated by the state *A motion to table was made by Michael A. Strausbaugh with a second made by Ronald L. Weidner. Motion was approved unanimously.*
3. Update regarding the Home Road and Protectory Road Bridges. The bridges are completed and open.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. State Police: Stephanie Egger read the report for the month of November, there were a total of 54 incidents with four criminal, five crash, 43 service, and two no response.
2. Northeast Adams Fire Co. #32-EMS(Lifeteam): No report and Stephanie Egger informed there will be no reports in the future.
3. Northeast Adams Co. #32-Fire: Stephanie Egger read the report for the month of November, there were a total of 43 incidents with three in Hamilton Township.
4. United Hook & Ladder Co. No. 33: No report.
5. Adams Regional EMS, Inc.: No report.
6. Christmas for the Critters, Thursday, December 8, 2022, from 3 PM-5 PM. Donations of pet cleaning and office supplies will gladly be accepted. For a list, go to adamscountyspca.org/wish-list.

7. Torren Ecker, our State Representative will host an OPEN HOUSE on Monday, December 19 from 3-6 p.m. Please call ahead if you plan to attend.

8. Broadband Survey: Please Complete. Available in foyer and on the website.

9. Stephanie Egger reminded everyone of closing dates of Hamilton Township: Wednesday, December 7 at noon, December 26 and 27 for Christmas Holiday, and January 2, 2023, for New Years.

Planning Commission recommendations and status of active plans:

1. Stephanie Egger read the recommendation from the planning commission to give conditional approval for the Sorensen Subdivision. The Board of Supervisors confirmed the township had not received any contact for the Sorensen Subdivision. *A motion to table till January was made by Ronald L. Weidner with a second made by Jeremy P. Smith. Motion was approved unanimously.*

COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. East Berlin Area Community Center (EBACC): No representative present. Stephanie Egger read the report on behalf of Cyndi Bisacre. Nothing new to report, still making progress with Project 22, she was at the EBACC meeting tonight. December events: 6th; cookie walk, \$7/ pound. 9th, 5-8 pm, Christmas Festival aka Tree lighting food, ice carvings and horse-drawn wagon rides. Events for January: 5th-7th is the indoor yard sale, 11th-14th will be book sale, 21st will be winter wonderland tea, and 25th-26th the slippery pie (pot pie) take-out.
2. Abbottstown Paradise Joint Sewer Authority: No representative present. No report.
3. Emergency Management: No activity.
4. YATB Tax Board Report: Next meeting is January 2023.
5. ACTCC Tax Board Report: Next meeting is November 2023.
6. Road Master's Report: Tom Barrows stated the Public Works Department filled potholes. The spreaders and plows are on and ready for winter weather. Set up enough blocks to close the Beaver Creek Bridge.
7. COG: Jessica Baim read the recap for the meeting held 11/17/2022, there was a quorum. Upcoming guest speakers: December: Angie Crouse, discussion on her office and scheduling. Guest Speaker: Robin Fitzpatrick rescheduled was double booked. Harlin Lawson from ACOPD presented information on the Broadband Task Force with George Mauser. Types of delivering broadband are DSL, Cable, Satellite, Fiber Optics, and Wireless. The FCC requires 25 mbps for download and 3 mbps for uploads. Adams County is working with Design 9 out of VA as a consultant. Goal to help overcome internet gaps. The survey has been approved by Adams and Franklin Counties, and Design 9 for questions and layout. Each website survey will require physical address as one of the requirements. Broadband Task Force are hoping to have survey sent out within a week or the latest sent by January 12, 2023. The County is not looking to form or have interest service, working with current carriers to create the coverage areas needed. Adams County Commissioners: Randy: Randy gave Kudos to the ACATO dinner meeting held at SAVES. Passed tentative budget, with no increase in taxes, budget only increased 2% over last year. The Township's should receive an email informing them the County has dispersed

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from the ARPA funds to each Township's funds to be used based on the liquid fuels' taxes. Volunteer fire companies and EMC's will also receive a portion of funds.

Marty: Glad it is the end of November. Jim: Budget started in July and there will be no new positions. The 4H raised \$15,000 through the Redding auction. Legislative Forum

- Dave Laughman and Mayor Harris are both under the weather. Dave Laughman did inform David Bolton that nothing was heard back from the Townships on ideas of "What is important?"
- Catherine Wallen from Representative Torren Eckert's office informed with current election results looks like maybe a minority in State House since two not finalized yet. Control starts in January. Torren has had four bills signed into law. Informed did not receive invite for ACATO convention?

ACOPD: Green Light Go due end of January 2023. ACOPD has received ½ of the MMO that were sent out, thank you. ACATO: Jessica Baim apologized to Catherine Wallen as all invites were sent out via email and will verify address on file with her. Thanked everyone for coming to the ACATO convention and informed all 18 active Townships participated with 22 vendors. The next meeting is December 13, 2022, at Mt. Joy at 4 PM.

The convention date for 2023 will be sent out by end of year. New president Todd McCauslin from Mt. Joy and John Aldridge from Union-Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer will be from Hamiltonban due to by-laws.

ACTCC: David Bolton informed the Budget was passed. Gettysburg School District (Becky Leathery): Have hired two individuals Mr. Bivens and Mr. Weaver to create their own school police department. Bermudian Springs School District (Justin Peart): Waiting on the PCCD grant. Conewago School District: Nothing to report. Dave Bolton informed he will not be serving next year and will need to find a borough member to set up as the Vice President. Terry Scholle from Mt. Joy will be the acting President of COG and will do well.

Dave Bolton brought the Presidential Award discussion up again as he feels that Dave Laughman deserves recognition, he served a two-year term over COVID, PA COG, Legislative committee. No monetary award suggests a plaque. Discussion over this was had with Commissioners providing comments and attending members. This was tabled with the request for the members to bring back to December's meeting comments and thoughts. Steve Nevada Thanked everyone for the elections. 65% turned out to vote. Adams County received 10,230 mail-in ballots. Working on the ARP grant and hope to have funds available in the next 30 days. Next Meeting: December 15, 2022@ Emergency Management Services

8. East Berlin Area Joint Authority: Ronald L. Weidner informed the meeting was held on December 1st. There was approval to apply for two grants to help with the updates on the whole system. EBAJA are obtaining quotes on cost to upgrade the plant to double the production.

Engineer's Report: Chad Clabaugh, P.E. of C.S. Davidson presented his December report:
Subdivision, Land Development, and Stormwater Plan Reviews:

1. Royal Farms: C. S. Davidson reviewed the documentation submitted for the Traffic Impact Scoping Meeting and provided written comments. C. S. Davidson also attended the online meeting with representatives from Royal Farms as well as PennDOT. Many concerns were presented by the Township and PennDOT. Most notably was the number of accesses combined with the closeness to the Cross Keys Traffic Signal. The sketch plan showed 4 access points (2 on SR 30 and 2 on SR 94) but PennDOT said they wanted only 1 on each SR for a total of 2. But combining them to only 2 will most likely require traffic signals which would be too close to the existing traffic signal. No solutions to this dilemma were presented. It will be the applicant's responsibility to develop a solution acceptable to the Township and PennDOT. Minutes from the meeting are being developed by the applicant's consultant.

2. K-Hill, Kaiser, Summers Subdivision: C. S. Davidson reviewed the plan and provided a review letter dated 11-15-2022 with 16 comments. The plan was discussed at the November Planning Commission meeting and tabled due to outstanding comments. C.S. Davidson hasn't received a revised plan as of 12-5-2022.

Land Developments and stormwater Plans under construction:

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Cross Keys Community Park: This plan was approved at the end of 2014. A financial security was posted in the amount of \$150,731.90 to assure public improvements associated with the land development. A few of the improvements have been completed but many remain.

Other Projects:

Home and Protectors Bridges: The bridges are substantially complete and are open to traffic. A final inspection was completed on 12-1-2022. No outstanding items remained at that meeting. Final payments and contract closeout will be completed over the course of the next month. Construction and Design was essentially completed on budget. The contract amount was \$557,871.00.

Stormwater Management Ordinance: C.S. Davidson received solicitor's comments and is working on updates to the ordinance.

Solicitors Report: Melissa Kelso, Esq. informed she is still reviewing the lighting Ordinance, Review of the RR District and has had some conversation with Redding's lawyer but has not heard any follow up.

Zoning Officer's Report: Stephanie Egger read the report for the month of November. For the month of November there were a total of seven permits issued. One for HOP, two for wells, one for deck, one for an addition, one for a fence, and one for a shed.

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. Motion was approved unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Stephanie Egger reminded everyone Wednesday, December 7, 2022, is Pearl Harbor Day. Please stop, take a moment, and reflect on what we have some people envy us since we have always had our freedom.

COMMENTS from Board of Supervisors:

Ron: Thank you for coming out. Have a good Christmas and New Year's. Hope to see everyone next year. Have a nice. Had a nice Thanksgiving.

Jeremy: Thank you everyone for coming out. I want to publicly acknowledge Jessica Baim and her team for a successful ACATO convention. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's.

Mike: Thanks for coming out. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's. I want to thank the staff for all the work done in 2022. Publicly thank the Adams County Election Representatives and the Election staff.

Meeting Announcements:

Board of Supervisors, Reorganization meeting Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @ 6:30 PM.

Regular Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @ 7:00 PM.

Auditor's Reorganization Meeting, Wednesday, January 4, 2023 @ 7 PM.

Planning Commission: Tuesday, December 20 @ 7 PM.

Adjournment:

Having nothing further to discuss, *Motion to adjourn was made at 7:27 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