

Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday February 3, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Stephanie A. Egger.

Supervisors present were Ronald L. Weidner, Timothy D. Beard III and Michael A. Strausbaugh. Also, present were; Solicitor, Ronald Tomasko, from the firm of Tomasko and Koranda P.C., Chad Clabaugh P.E. of C.S. Davidson, Inc, Parliamentarian Stephanie A. Egger, Roadmaster Tom Barrows, Interim Secretary Hannelore Furst, and Jim Hale from The Gettysburg Times.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon review of the minutes of the reorganization meeting, a motion was made to accept the January 6, 2020 minutes as written. Timothy D. Beard, III made the motion to approve, with a second by Ronald L. Weidner. Motion carried.

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**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. Looking for old or new towels, blankets, toys and food.
2. The Township continues to collect glossy paper magazines, glossy newspaper inserts, etc. for the Ronald McDonald House. Please drop off at the office to be distributed.
3. Bridge Update: Ronald L. Weidner stated he spoke with Lance Biesecker from Paradise Twp., and they are waiting for the engineer to give the specifications for the piers on the bridge.
4. The Board discussed the Total Tech Solution's proposal for the website maintenance that was tabled at last month's meeting. The silver package would be \$140 a month; the gold package would be \$150 a month and the platinum package would be \$2500 per month. *Timothy D. Beard, III made the motion to contract for the gold package at \$200 a month, which can be cancelled at any time. (This is a month to month contract); with a second by Ronald L. Weidner; subject to its effectiveness. **Motion carried.***
5. FYI-The Burkentine & Sons Builders, Inc. appeal of the Zoning Hearing Board's decision for the 667 townhouses has been withdrawn. Ronald L. Weidner commented that without the community's support; the planning commission's efforts and the solicitor's effort this would not have been possible. He thanked them for their efforts. A question arose about rezoning that area; the solicitor noted that you cannot spot rezone, but they are working on zoning amendments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. State Police: None

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2. Northeast Adams Fire Co. #32-FIRE: Stephanie A. Egger read the report for the month of January. There was a total of thirty-seven calls, which there were two in Hamilton Township.
3. Northeast Adams Fire Co. #32- EMS: Stephanie A. Egger read the report for the month of January. There was a total of one hundred seventeen calls, which there were four in Hamilton Township.
4. United Hook & Ladder Co. No. 33: Stephanie A. Egger read the report for the month of December 2019. There was a total of fifty-six calls, which there were two in Hamilton Township.
5. Adams Regional EMS, Inc.: Stephanie A. Egger read the reports received from the Adams County EMS, Inc. for the month of November and December. There were a total 611 calls for November of which nine were in Hamilton Township. There were a total 629 calls for December of which six were in Hamilton Township. The total for the 2019 year was 7502 calls with 97 in Hamilton Township.
6. Correction reminder to Meeting Schedule—The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 instead of the 25<sup>th</sup> as previously announced.
7. Stephanie A. Egger read the Comcast Xfinity TV updates; which also stated that over the next two years they plan to enhance their services to include additional channels on additional tiers of service.
8. The Board of Supervisors and the solicitor reviewed the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1962 agreement between the three municipalities (Oxford Twp., Berwick Twp., and Hamilton Twp.) who own the Cross Keys traffic signal; and there are no provisions in the contract to void it. The Boards of Oxford Twp. and Berwick Twp. wish to change the agreement from a 33.3% ownership that was adopted in 1962 to a new agreement; where Hamilton Twp. would be responsible for 50% and the other two municipalities would each have 25% responsibility. After a brief discussion, *Ronald L. Weidner made the motion to retain the current contract as it stands; with a second by Michael A. Strausbaugh. Motion carried.*
9. Stephanie A. Egger read a portion of the municipal service agreement from Pennsylvania Percs, Inc. for traffic control signal on Route 194 at the Weis Market intersection. *On a motion by Michael A. Strausbaugh and a second by Timothy D. Beard, III the Board to contract with PA Percs, Inc. Agreement, as needed. Motion carried.*
10. Stephanie A. Egger read an announcement from Comcast announcing their new streaming service called “Peacock”. This service will be made available to existing customers free of charge.
11. Stephanie A. Egger presented the Board with Resolution # 2020-34. This resolution is to exonerate the list of residents who have moved out of Hamilton Twp. or have expired. There would be 28 for Per Capita and 3 for Real Estate. *Timothy D. Beard, III made the motion to accept Resolution # 2020-34; with a second by Ronald L. Weidner. Motion carried.*
12. Stephanie A. Egger presented the Board with Resolution # 2020-35. This resolution is to exonerate Dolores Long, Hamilton Twp. Tax Collector from the responsibility of collecting unpaid Per Capita, Municipal & Real Estate taxes due for the year 2019. The list of 127 residents was forwarded to JP Harris for collection. *Ronald L. Weidner made the motion to accept Resolution # 2020-35; with a second by Timothy D. Beard, III. Motion carried.*
13. Stephanie A. Egger presented the Board with Resolution # 2020-36. This resolution is to accept the resignation of Shelby Jenkins, Part time Secretary; as of February 2, 2020. *Ronald L. Weidner made the motion to accept Resolution # 2020-36; with a second by Timothy D. Beard, III. Motion carried.*

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14. Stephanie A. Egger read the Comcast update to the Xfinity TV Channels. They will be removing the Starz programming from the Epix programming and adding a new agreement with Starz.

15. Ronald L. Weidner questioned Michael A. Strausbaugh to confirm that he was going to attend the PSAT Convention. Michael A. Strausbaugh confirmed he would be attending.

**Other business to come before the Board of Supervisors:** None

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND STATUS OF**

**ACTIVE PLANS:** January meeting was cancelled.

**COMMITTEE & DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

1. East Berlin Area Community Center (EBACC): Paul Minnich – absent no report.

2. Abbottstown Paradise Joint Sewer Authority: Kevin Moul stated had a planning meeting for the future. He also informed the Board that their operator; John Scrivens had a stroke. The prognosis is not good, and this put them in a predicament. They are looking at the growth in the neighboring municipalities with a possible partnering, merger or consolidation of neighboring sewer operations.

3. Parks and Recreation Committee: Ronald L Weidner stated they had their reorganization meeting; with the same officers serving. There are two vacancies to fill if anyone is interested in being on the committee. The next meeting is February 11, at 7 PM.

4. Emergency Management: Timothy D. Beard, III reported he attended the January meeting and the Hazard Mitigation meeting. Tim mentioned that the county is no longer keeping the NIMS records, the township will be keeping their own records. Their next meeting is February 20, 2020.

5. YATB & Tax Board Reports: Timothy D Beard stated he attended the meeting on January 27, 2020. The receipts last year were up by 4%. There were 313 civil suits which collected over half a million dollars in back taxes.

6. Road Master's Report: Tom Barrows reported he plowed and cindered for one storm and checked multiple times on road condition for the second snow but did not need to callout the crew. Power washed the equipment after the snow, welded the wear plates on the snowplow and replaced road signs.

Tom Barrows requested to proceed with the stone bid for 2020 of 10 ton of #4 ballast; 1000 ton of #2 A aggregate; 200 ton of #8 stone; 200 ton of Ashto 10 screenings and 500 ton of #57 clean. *Ronald L. Weidner made the motion to proceed to bid the stone with a second by Michael A. Strausbaugh. Motion carried.*

7. COG: Stephanie A Egger: No report.

8. East Berlin Joint Authority: Ronald L Weidner reported the meeting is Thursday night.

9. East Berlin Library: Pat Campbell nothing to report.

**Engineer's Report** – Chad Clabaugh P.E. from C S Davidson Inc. presented the Board of Supervisors a report for the month:

Chad mentioned the flood plain ordinance has been sent to FEMA and he has been notified they are reviewing. The county office is helping to rewrite a new flood plain ordinance. The township has until June to adopt the new floodplain ordinance. Along with the flood plain ordinance, every five years the Emergency Management report needs to be updated, according to FEMA.

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**Subdivision, Land development & Stormwater Plan Review, Bievenour Storm Water Plan:** C. S. Davidson reviewed the stormwater management plan dated 10-23-19 and issued a comment letter dated 12-17-19 with four comments.

**Cedar Ridge Subdivision & Land Development:** C.S. Davidson inspected the stormwater basins and reviewed the As-Built drawings last revised 11-18-19 and issued a review letter dated 1-20-2020 with twenty comments. C.S. Davidson also sent a follow up email to the sign issue and corresponded with the new land development manager from Burkentine. Chad also noted that Burkentine was requesting a reduction in their bond; but there are still some issues with the retention pond, but that is between the landowners and Burkentine.

**Solicitor's Report-** Ronald Tomasko ESQ, of Tomasko, and Koranda P.C. presented the board a written report for the month of January. He worked on the Burkentine appeal information; he reviewed the zoning amendment and had no problem with it except some of the wording; he reviewed the 1962 contract for the Cross Keys traffic signal, floodplain ordinance, and David Lease issues.

**Scott Weaver, Zoning Officer's Report** – Stephanie A. Egger read the report from Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. for the month of January. There was one zoning permit issued. He also reported Pine Run Phase III is still on the planning commission agenda and submitted a revised plan.

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:**

Stephanie A. Egger presented the Board with a listing of the bills for January to be paid for General Fund. *Ronald L Weidner made a motion to approve the bills as submitted, with a second by Timothy D. Beard, III. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Kevin Moul thanked Timothy D. Beard, III and Michael A. Strausbaugh for attending the fire company meeting at the Altland House.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

Ron: Thank you all for coming.

Tim: Thank you all for coming. Don't forget your sweetheart on Valentine's Day.

Mike: Thank you for coming and informed everyone that you can register to vote by mail. He also thanked Kevin Moul and the fire company for conducting the meeting at the Altland House.

**Meeting Announcements:**

Board of Supervisors, Monday, March 2, 2020, 7:00 pm  
Parks and Recreation Board, Tuesday, February 11, 2020 7:00 pm  
Planning Commission, Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 7:00 pm  
Budget/Finance: Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 6:30 pm

**Adjournment**

Having nothing further to discuss, Ronald L. Weidner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael A. Strausbaugh seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes were recorded and transcribed by

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Hannelore B. Furst  
Interim Secretary, Hamilton Township