

Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors  
Minutes of July 5, 2023 Meeting

The Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors met in a duly advertised business meeting this evening with Chairman Jeffrey Rockwell calling the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members present in addition to Mr. Rockwell were Ronald Yeager, Deborah Hollenshead, Solicitor AJ Benchoff, and Franklin Fire Chief Mark Trace.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the June 21, 2023 regular business meeting were approved as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LIST – The Accounts Payable List was approved on a motion by Mr. Yeager, second by Mr. Rockwell.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer’s Report was received and reviewed without comment.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – Mark Trace, Fire Chief of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Company, was in attendance this evening to introduce himself to the Board of Supervisors as he has not had the opportunity to meet them. He felt it was important for everyone to be able to put a face to a name. It was also noted that Mr. Trace and his wife are residents of Hamilton Township.

PUBLIC HEARING ON NPDES STORMWATER DISCHARGE POLLUTANT REDUCTION PLAN REVISION – The proposed revision of the Township’s Pollutant Reduction Plan was advertised as available for a 30-day public comment period, with the date and time of this meeting provided. During the 30-day public comment period, no one came to the Township Office to review the plan revision, and no verbal or written inquiries or comments were received. There was no one in attendance to make comment at this meeting. There being no further discussion on this matter, on a motion by Mr. Yeager, second by Mr. Rockwell, the Board voted to revise the Pollutant Reduction Plan to include a new stormwater project within the Conococheague Watershed, specifically located between Sunset Avenue and Hoke Drive, on property owned by Hamilton Township.

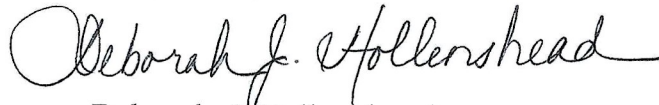
FRANKLIN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE 2023 CONTRIBUTION – Information has been received from the Franklin County District Attorney’s Office regarding the Franklin County Drug Task Force. Again for 2023, the requested contribution from Hamilton Township is \$5,208.26, which was the amount budgeted for 2023. The total operational cost is split by the Franklin County municipalities based upon percentage of total population. This contribution continues the funding of one full-time detective, considering salary and benefits, as well as training and equipment. On a motion by Mr. Rockwell, second by Mr. Yeager, the Secretary was authorized to release this previously budgeted amount to the Franklin County Drug Task Force.

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DISCUSSION ON ROAD OCCUPANCY PERMIT CONCERNS -- The Secretary indicated that there have been numerous telephone calls to the Supervisors' Office regarding to the work that is occurring on Frank Road, Fern Lane, Pleasant View Drive, and Center Drive. Some of the callers have voiced their frustrations with the posted signage, detours, lack of flagmen along the work areas, and reckless equipment operation. Many of the calls have been to inquire exactly what the project is, and how long it will continue. Each call has been referred to the Hamilton Township Municipal Authority (HTMA) because this project is for the upgrade to sewage Pumping Station No. 4 on Fern Lane. It has also come to the attention of the Supervisors and our Roadmaster that there have been instances of loose stone, piles of disturbed blacktop, and debris left in the travel portion of the roads. The Secretary was seeking guidance from Solicitor Benchhoff as to the best way to deal with these concerns, and to put the contractor on notice in a non-threatening way, that these issues are not acceptable. Solicitor Benchhoff suggested asking the Manager at HTMA to issue a press release that would communicate the reason for this project, and the anticipated duration of the work. It was also discussed that it would be reasonable to send a letter to Mason Dixon Contractors expressing the Township's concerns, with a copy to be provided to HTMA. On a Yeager/Rockwell motion, the Secretary was authorized to prepare such correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business this evening, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM on a Yeager/Rockwell motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah J. Hollenshead  
Secretary/Treasurer