

Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of July 19, 2023 Meeting

The Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors met in a duly advertised business meeting this afternoon with Chairman Jeffrey Rockwell calling the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Members present in addition to Mr. Rockwell were Richard Troup, Ronald Yeager, Deborah Hollenshead, and Solicitor AJ Benchoff. There were no guests in attendance.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the July 5, 2023 regular business meeting were approved as presented.

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

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

CUMBERLAND VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER – The June animal intake report was received from the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter indicating there eight cats and three dogs, all strays, accepted at the Shelter.

FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC BROADBAND MEETING – An invitation was received from the Franklin County Commissioners to attend a public meeting on proposed broadband expansion routes in Franklin County. This meeting will be held July 25, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the Franklin County Administration Building, 272 N. Second Street, Chambersburg. The meeting is part of the Broadband Community Assessment, a joint effort by Franklin and Adams counties to assess internet service needs. Funding for the study comes from the American Rescue Plan Act. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to review and offer feedback on a proposed map that details the broadband expansion routes in Franklin County.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS – The Secretary advised that a final written response has been received from the PennDOT District 8-0 Traffic Engineer regarding the request for a reduction of the speed limit on Warm Spring Road. This request made to the Board of Supervisors by Randy and Laura Rhodes, residents of Warm Spring Road, at the May 3, 2023 meeting. The letter advises that engineering and traffic studies were conducted on Warm Spring Road from Frank Road to the intersection at Leafmore and Tallow Hill Roads, analyzing roadway geometry, crash data, sight distance, roadside development, speed data, and traffic volume elements. The results of the speed study along Warm Spring Road indicate a change in the existing 45 MPH posting is not justified.

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AGENDA AMENDMENT – Solicitor Benchhoff advised the Board that the Secretary contacted him regarding a one-lot residential subdivision that she failed to list on this meeting’s agenda. Solicitor Benchhoff indicated that it would be legally acceptable if the Board entertained a motion to amend this meeting agenda for the purpose of reviewing the one-lot residential subdivision of Kenneth Ashlin for land on Echo Springs Road. On a motion by Mr. Rockwell, second by Mr. Yeager, the Board unanimously voted to amend this meeting’s agenda to include the review of the aforementioned subdivision plan.

WHISKEY RUN STREAMBANK RESTORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY – Information has been received from LandStudies, Inc. regarding a feasibility study for a streambank restoration project along a tributary known as Whiskey Run, from Sollenberger Road to Sherry Drive, including the area around the HTMA pumping station on Echo Springs Road. LandStudies, Inc. is a professional engineering firm in Lititz, Pennsylvania specializing in water resource engineering, ecological design and building. This proposed project is being coordinated with the Franklin County Conservation District, and the feasibility study will assess the potential to address streambank erosion threatening existing sanitary sewer infrastructure and to achieve water quality benefits in support of Hamilton Township’s Pollutant Reduction Plan through floodplain restoration practices. Since this project will be mutually beneficial, it appears that the \$7,500.00 fee for the feasibility study will be shared by Hamilton Township and Hamilton Township Municipal Authority. The Secretary indicated that this potential partnership with LandStudies was mentioned to the Township Engineer, who provided a strong endorsement of this firm. On a motion by Mr. Yeager, second by Mr. Troup, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the feasibility study proposal and authorized the Secretary to execute and return the contract. On a separate motion made by Mr. Troup, second by Mr. Yeager, the Board unanimously agreed to cost share 50% of the \$7,500.00 fee with HTMA, and, if necessary, authorized expending up to 75% of the study cost.

LAURICH COMPANY, INC. SUBDIVISION – Subdivision plans of Laurich Company, Inc. for land on Meadowcreek Drive North were reviewed. This plan is proposing to subdivide Lot #15A to be reserved for the future dedication of Meadowcreek Drive North to Hamilton Township. The remaining portion of previously approved Lot #15 will be a lot addition to adjoining lands of Laurich Company, Inc. On a motion by Mr. Yeager, second by Mr. Troup, this subdivision was approved. Mr. Rockwell abstained from all discussion and vote as he is personally involved in Laurich Company, Inc.

KENNETH ASHLIN SUBDIVISION – Subdivision plans of Kenneth Ashlin for land on Echo Springs Road were reviewed. This plan is proposing to subdivide Lot #8A from previously approved Lot #8. Lot #8A is 0.9839 acre in size, and includes a 20 ft. wide access easement along its northern property line to adjacent property of Timothy and Pamela Hawkins. The remaining portion of Lot #8 contains 1.716 acres. Both Lot #8A and the remaining portion of Lot #8 will be for future development of single-family residential dwellings. On a motion by Mr. Rockwell, second by Mr. Yeager, this subdivision was approved.

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ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business this afternoon, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM on a Troup/Yeager motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah J. Hollenshead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Deborah J. Hollenshead
Secretary/Treasurer