

Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of September 6, 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 and guests present in addition to Mr. Rockwell were Richard Troup, Ronald Yeager, Deborah Hollenshead, Solicitor AJ Benchoff, and Glenn Dice, Sr.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the August 16, 2023 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.

LEVI HAWBAKER EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY – The Supervisors have received an invitation from Levi Hawbaker, a resident of the Township, to attend a Celebratory Court of Honor celebrating his achievement of Eagle Scout. This celebration is planned for September 30, 2023 at the Mt. Pleasant United Brethren Church.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER – The animal intake report for August has been received from the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter. The report indicates that one stray dog and one stray cat were accepted at the Shelter from within Hamilton Township.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – Mr. Glenn Dice, Sr. was in attendance this evening to discuss a matter with the Supervisors. In 2019, Mr. Dice subdivided a flag lot off Majestic Drive. This evening Mr. Dice verbally requested a variance to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance regarding the required building setbacks for flag lots. He stated that a 35 ft. setback from the lot line most parallel to Majestic Drive, and a 25 ft. setback from the rear lot line, would result in only a very narrow and long home to be constructed on this lot. Solicitor Benchoff indicated that the term waiver normally would be in regard to a Zoning matter, and in the case of our Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, it would be referred to as a waiver. The Supervisors discussed this matter, and reviewed the subdivision plan approved in 2019, which clearly showed the required setbacks for this flag lot. As no changes have been made to the flag lot setbacks since that approval, the verbal request for waiver was denied unanimously on a Rockwell/Yeager motion.

1837 HOLLY LANE LLC WAIVER REQUEST – In connection with the proposed duplex dwelling for 1837 Holly Lane LLC, a written waiver request was received for the requirement of finished floor elevation on lots adjacent to stormwater basins to be two feet above the 100-year storm elevation. This cannot be achieved as the existing dwelling on the adjacent lot has a finished floor elevation of 744.63, and the elevation of the 100-year storm is 744.87. Township Engineer Bill Rudy has reviewed the submitted stormwater report for this project, and concurs that the basin design is

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1837 HOLLY LANE LLC WAIVER REQUEST, continued

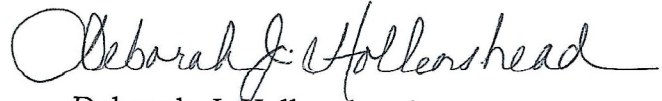
adequate to control flows from a 100-year storm and that in the event of an overflow, stormwater would flow in a southerly direction, away from the existing dwelling on the adjacent lot. Mr. Rudy therefore recommended granting this waiver. On a motion by Mr. Yeager, second by Mr. Troup, the Board unanimously granted this waiver of the two feet requirement.

WELLSPAN ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT – Our office has been contacted by legal counsel for WellSpan requesting the Board to approve and consent to the Assignment Agreement which transfers ground ambulance service within Hamilton Township from Penn State Health Life Lion LLC to WellSpan EMS, LLC. It was pointed out that even though the name of the prior provider includes the words “Life Lion”, the previous service agreement and this assignment agreement, are in regard to ground ambulance transportation only. On a Troup/Yeager motion, this Assignment Agreement was unanimously approved, and the Secretary was directed to execute the document on behalf of the Township.

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ORDINANCE REGULATING BACKYARD FOWL – The Board of Supervisors discussed with Solicitor Benchhoff their desire to consider the adoption of an ordinance to regulate backyard fowl within the Township. It was decided to research for any such existing ordinances in other municipalities, and for Solicitor Benchhoff to compile a draft for further discussion and editing by the Supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business this evening, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM on a Troup/Yeager motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah J. Hollenshead
Secretary/Treasurer