

Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of March 20, 2024 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 and guests present in addition to Mr. Rockwell were Richard Troup, Ronald Yeager, Deborah Hollenshead, Solicitor AJ Benchoff, Sean Fernandez of Shelly, Fox & Witter Surveying, and students Nathan Wenger and Aubrey Shipe.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the March 6, 2024 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.

DRIVEWAY COMPLAINT – The Board reviewed a letter recently received from Ms. Lorna Painter of 1606 Frank Road concerning her neighbor’s driveway at 1580 Frank Road. Ms. Painter inquires in her letter if Township personnel asked the neighbor where the property line between them is located. Her letter expresses her displeasure that the driveway is approximately 17 inches off the property line. The driveway in question was approved by the Township, and a permit was issued on December 31, 2019; it was constructed soon thereafter. On a Yeager/Troup motion, the Board unanimously agreed to respond to Ms. Painter, in writing, advising that Township personnel do not independently verify specific property lines or survey private property, and that the Hamilton Township Driveway Ordinance does not stipulate setbacks for driveways.

SOLAR ORDINANCES WEBINAR – Our office received information from the PennState Extension Office regarding a webinar that will take place on April 18, 2024 regarding solar ordinances in Pennsylvania. Hamilton Township previously adopted a solar ordinance. No one expressed interest in registering for this webinar.

HARRY LEHMAN SUBDIVISION – In November 2023, the Board approved a one-lot subdivision for property on Keefer Road owned by Harry Lehman. The lot was improved with an existing dwelling, served by on-lot septic and well. Only a small portion of the front yard is located in Hamilton Township, the remaining property and structures are located in Letterkenny Township. The Sewage Enforcement Officer for Letterkenny Township requested that a note be added to the plan regarding the drain field; therefore, this plan was revised and reapproval was requested. On a motion by Mr. Troup, second by Mr. Yeager, the Board unanimously approved this plan.

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PORTERSNECK LLC - PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR LAURICH GEMS SOUTH, PHASE 3
Preliminary plans for 29 single-family lots in Laurich Gems South, Phase 3, were reviewed. These plans have been extensively reviewed by the Township Engineer, and the remaining comments have been addressed. Our office has received confirmation from the Hamilton Township Municipal Authority and Bear Valley Water Authority that the plan meets their respective requirements. Our office has also received confirmation from the Franklin County Conservation District that the plan has received NPDES approval. On a motion by Mr. Yeager, second by Mr. Troup, this Preliminary Plan was approved. Mr. Rockwell abstained.

GREGORY STINE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – The Board reviewed a land development plan for one lot at 1761 Leedy Drive. This lot is part of a previously approved subdivision. The sewage planning module for connection to public water and sewer was also previously approved. This plan has been reviewed by the Township Engineer, and all comments have been addressed. On a Yeager/Troup motion, this land development plan was unanimously approved.

TONI AND JODI FORRESTER SEWAGE PLANNING MODULE – A one-lot subdivision plan and sewage planning module has been received for property on Etter Road. The lot will be served by an on-lot septic system and private well. The Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer has completed the required sections of the planning modules. On a Rockwell/Troup motion, the Board unanimously directed the Secretary to complete the planning modules and forward them to PA Department of Environmental Protection for review.

BURKHOLDER POULTRY BARNS BOND REDUCTION EVALUATION – Our office has received documentation from Township Engineer, Bill Rudy, regarding his recommendation for reduction of the bonding for stormwater improvements. Based on Mr. Rudy's evaluation, a reduction of \$142,552.00 is appropriate at this time, and the remaining bond should be established at \$2,200.00. On a Troup/Yeager motion, the Board approved this reduction of the bond.

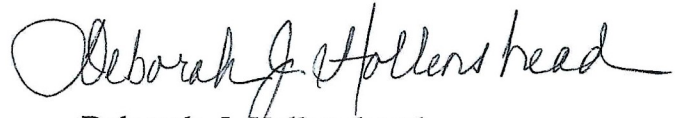
SHALOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 5K ROAD RACE – Our office has again this year received a written request from Jeryl Hoover of Shalom Christian Academy to close a portion of Lehman Road during the Dutchfest 5K Road Race. This event will be held May 4, 2024, during the timeframe of 8:20 AM and 9:30 AM. As in the past, they will notify neighbors in the area, and work with the Marion Fire Company Fire Police to ensure emergency access while the race is conducted. On a Yeager/Troup motion, the Board approved this temporary road closure.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Chairman Rockwell asked the students in attendance if they had any comments or questions. They indicated that they were attending as a class requirement. One of the students inquired about Hamilton Township's regulations on having a vehicle in the front yard while being stripped for parts. It was explained to him that this is prohibited by Hamilton Township Nuisance Ordinance No. 2013-157, Section 3, Paragraph C. He indicated that he is a resident in Hamilton Township, and was thinking about fixing up a vehicle.

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ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business this afternoon, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM on a Rockwell/Troup motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah J. Hollenshead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Deborah J. Hollenshead
Secretary/Treasurer