

Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of October 16, 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 – Supervisor, Deborah Hollenshead – Secretary, AJ Benchoff – Solicitor, Don Houser of BHE GT&S, and Sean Fernandez of Fox & Associates.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the October 2, 2024 regular business meeting were approved as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LIST – The Accounts Payable List was approved, with the exception of the payment to Laurich Building Supply, on a motion by Mr. Rockwell, second by Mr. Troup.

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

CUMBERLAND VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER – The September intake report was received and reviewed. There were two dogs, one guinea pig, one pigeon, and 15 cats accepted at the Shelter, all of which were identified as strays.

DON HOUSER---BHE GAS TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE – Don Houser, Director of External Affairs for the Northeast Region, was in attendance this afternoon to provide the Board with information on Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company's Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage Capital Area Project. This project is to increase the capacity on the existing pipeline receipt point Transco-Leidy in Clinton County, PA in order to meet increased customer demand at the Leesburg Station in Loudoun County, Virginia. No new pipeline facilities are required for this project. The compressor station on Warm Spring Road is a very small part of this project. A new building will house one 11,110 HP turbine. The building will be designed to resemble a barn-style structure with cupolas so that it will be more visually appealing. Regulatory approval for the project will be obtained through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and permits will be obtained from state environmental agencies. It is anticipated that permit applications will be filed in the 4th Quarter 2024, with permit approvals to be received in the 2nd Quarter of 2026. Construction completion and putting the project into service is expected to occur in the 4th Quarter of 2027.

CROTTLESTOWN ROAD BRIDGE PAYMENT CERTIFICATE – The Township Engineer has inspected the completed Crottletown Road bridge project and found it to be satisfactory. The contractor, Miller Soil Solutions, has provided the required performance bond. Based upon the Township Engineer's recommendation, on a Troup/Rockwell motion, the Treasurer was authorized to release the final payment for this project.

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EASTERN GAS TRANSMISSION & STORAGE – RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND –
The approved stormwater plan for the construction of a minor stormwater basin retrofit required that EGT&S provide the Township with a performance bond to cover the actual cost of construction. Construction has been completed and inspected by the Township Engineer, who is recommending the release of the performance bond. On a Rockwell/Troup motion, the Secretary was authorized to release this bond.

FRANCIS AND MELINDA DEWALD RESUBDIVISION – Revised subdivision plans were received for land owned by Francis and Melinda DeWald located off Majestic Drive. This land was previously subdivided as Lots #23, #23A, #24, and #46A. This plan combines those lots and resubdivides into four lots -- #46B, #46C, #46D and #46E. Two separate right-of-ways are provided for access from Majestic Drive, with each being shared by two lots. This plan is merely a resubdivision of land, not a land development plan for those lots. On a Troup/Rockwell motion, this plan was approved.

BRIAN AND HELEN NEWMAN LOT ADDITION PLAN – Plans were reviewed for two small lot additions to land of Brian and Helen Newman off Sollenberger Road. Parcel E contains 0.1361 acres and is from adjacent land of Rodney and Sharon Smith. Parcel F contains 0.0523 acres and is from adjacent land of Milton and Doris Statler. No construction or earthmoving is proposed by this plan. On a Rockwell/Troup motion, this plan was approved.

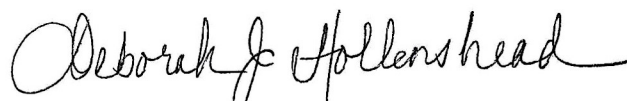
PORTERSNECK LLC – LAURICH GEMS SOUTH, PHASE 3B – Subdivision plans for 14 additional lots along Diopside Drive were reviewed. Sean Fernandez of Fox & Associates indicated that all plan revisions needed to address the Township Engineer's comments have been made. The Secretary confirmed that Bill Rudy, Township Engineer, has indicated that he is satisfied and only a few administrative items are outstanding. Supervisor Rockwell indicated that he feels he must abstain from discussion and vote on this plan. Due to the fact that Supervisor Yeager was not in attendance today, this matter was tabled until the November 6, 2024 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 3:41 PM, the Board recessed the regular business meeting on a Rockwell/Troup motion for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. The regular business meeting was resumed at 4:26 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION – On a motion by Mr. Rockwell, second by Mr. Troup, this matter was tabled until the November 6, 2024 meeting due to the fact that Mr. Yeager was absent today.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to conduct this afternoon, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM on a Rockwell/Troup motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah J. Hollenshead
Secretary/Treasurer