

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mark Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Other Supervisors present were Barbara Spencer, Andy Merritt, Todd Kirsten and Ben Pisoni. Staff present were Amy Smith; Township Clerk. Residents & others in attendance: None.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

4. **MINUTES**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 22nd, 2015; Mr. Pisoni seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

5. **BILLS LIST**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Merritt moved to approve the Bills List dated February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 4-0-1; Messrs. Stevenson, yea; Kirsten, yea; Merritt, yea, Ms. Spencer, yea; No Nays; Mr. Pisoni abstained due to UHWC being on bills list; Motion Carried.***

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to approve the Treasurer's Report dated February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for month of December; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION TO ACCEPT SANDRA PODGURSKI PROPERTY INTO THE OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION LEASE PROGRAM AND GIVING A TEN YEAR ADVANCE SUBJECT TO A CLEAR TITLE SEARCH AND OPINION CONDUCTED BY THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to accept the Sandra Podgurski property into the Open Space Preservation lease program and giving a ten year advance subject to a clear title search and opinion to be conducted by the Township Solicitor; Mr. Pisoni seconded; Vote 4-1-0; Messrs. Stevenson, yea; Kirsten, yea; Pisoni, yea; Ms. Spencer yea; Mr. Merritt, nay; no abstentions; Mr. Merritt commented that although he has nothing against this particular property he does not support this program and would not vote for it if he had to do it all again. Mr. Merritt explained that he believes in preservation but supports permanent preservation over 99 year leasing; Mr. Kirsten agreed that the Township should start focusing on permanent preservation; Mr. Merritt stated the tax payers have no access to these properties that are being leased and the Township needs revenues coming in so we just can't stop all development; Mr. Merritt commented the OSPB has done a fantastic job cleaning up the Ordinances; Motion Carried.***

8. **MOTION TO APPROVE REVISED JOINT ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT OF SCHLOW LIBRARY TO INCLUDE FERGUSON TOWNSHIP AND TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 3/12/15 AT 7:00 P.M.**

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to approve the revised Joint Articles of Agreement of Schlow Library to include Ferguson Township and advertise public hearing for 3/12/15 at 7:00 p.m.; Mr. Merritt seconded; There was discussion whether this could be advertised jointly to save advertising costs; Mr. Stevenson stated it was discussed at the COG Executive Committee meeting and there was no interest in doing a joint advertisement; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

9. **APPROVE CENTRE REGION BUILDING AND HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Merritt moved to approve the following members: Core Board: Douglas Henry, R.A., Steven Balkey, M. Kevin Parfitt, M.Eng., P.E., Paul S. Lehr, R.A, James Thorton, Jr., P.E.***

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*(alternate); Plumbing Board: Robert Siegenthaler, Louis Berrena, Jr. (alternate), Tim Scharf, P.E. (alternate); Mechanical Board: Louis Berrena, Jr., Tim Scharf, P.E., Christopher Howe (alternate); Property Maintenance Board: Edward Poprik (alternate); Electrical Board: Richard Koval, P.E., Louis Berrena, Jr. (alternate); ; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

#### 10. SUPERVISORS' REPORT

Mr. Merritt wished citizens a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mr. Kirsten requested any comments or changes of service for CATA be provided to him by the first Monday in March. Mr. Stevenson stated he had ridden the CATA bus one day on the 8:25 run and there were at least 11 riders from Halfmoon Township so he feels the service is growing.

Ms. Spencer stated she would speak to Mr. Pisoni regarding a possible problem with one of the Hydrants near James Hill Road. Ms. Spencer stated if anyone was interested in keeping up with Penn Dot projects they can visit the following website for further information [www.p3forpa.com](http://www.p3forpa.com)

Mr. Kirsten questioned who cleaned around the fire hydrants when there is snow. Mr. Pisoni commented that mostly the homeowners keep them cleaned out.

Mr. Merritt thanked the road crew for their hard work with winter maintenance.

Mr. Stevenson thanked Mr. Bob Campbell for helping him when he had gotten his vehicle stuck in the snow. The Board discussed placing in the update that if citizens would like to recognize good deeds of their neighbors they can contact staff and the Board would give a shout out to those deserving of a thank you.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Kirsten moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*