

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mark Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Supervisors present were Barbara Spencer, Ben Pisoni, Andy Merritt and Todd Kirsten. Staff present was Amy Smith, Township Clerk; D.J. Liggett, CRPA; Jim May, CPRA; Scott Brown, Roadmaster; Joe Tylka, OSPB; Bob Eberhart, OSPB. Residents & others in attendance: Corporal Thomas, PSP; Don Houtz, Bill Donley, Davin Carr-Chellman and Jeanette Eberhart.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Carr-Chellman read a letter to the Board stating his displeasure that the Board is considering adding commercial kennels to the Agriculture District so the Nittany Greyhounds could continue running their business as a commercial business. Mr. Carr-Chellman stated he supported the Greyhounds running a rescue operation but not as a commercial kennel.

4. **MINUTES**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the minutes dated May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

5. **ANNUAL STATE POLICE REPORT**

Corporal Thomas from the Philipsburg State Police Barracks provided a written report stating the number of incidences in the Township from April 2012 to April 2013. Corporal Thomas reviewed the total number of thefts and commented that theft from vehicles is down in numbers. Corporal Thomas reviewed the incidences with the Board and stated in total there were 118 incidents. Mr. Stevenson questioned how Halfmoon Township compared to other municipalities. Corporal Thomas stated that Halfmoon Township has a lower incident rate than other municipalities in the Bald Eagle Valley. Ms. Spencer questioned if Corporal Thomas knew the future of the barracks. Corporal Thomas stated he feels strongly that they will be there for a while. The Board thanked Corporal Thomas for the report and his attendance.

6. **TOWNSHIP COMMENTS TO DRI AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Board reviewed the memo from the RGB/SSA Ad Hoc Committee and discussed and reviewed the five questions with Mr. May and Ms. Liggett. Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Kirsten provided written questions and comments that were discussed. Ms. Spencer added that she would also like to see language regarding swapping added into the evaluation criteria. Mr. May thanked the Board for their time and comments.

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to approve the comments as deliberated to the COG Executive Director; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

7. **UPPER BALD EAGLE HALFMOON COG REQUEST**

Ms. Spencer stated the Upper Bald Eagle Halfmoon COG members were asked to bring back to their Boards a question of whether they wanted to pay the Port Matilda Fire Company through the COG PLIGIT account or directly to the FCC to deposit into the Port Matilda Fire Company account. Ms. Spencer stated the members discussed this and they agreed that if each municipality directly sent their monies to the COG PLIGIT account by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each quarter that it should make things easier for the Treasurer and move the monies onto the Fire Company more quickly.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to pay the Port Matilda Fire Company through UBEH COG PLIGIT account; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

8. **OPEN SPACE PROGRAM**

Mr. Tylka reviewed the recommendations by the Open Space Preservation Board regarding first lien position and explained the forethought for those recommendations. The Board of Supervisors thanked the Open Space Board and commented they had made some excellent recommendations.

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- **MOTION:** *Mr. Kirsten moved to direct Township Solicitor to draft a revised Township Code as it relates to lien position for review and discussion by Open Space Board; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*
- **MOTION:** *Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the CPI adjustment of 2.03% for annual lease payment due in July, 2013; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 4-0-1; Messrs. Stevenson, yea; Merritt, yea; Kirsten, yea; Pisoni, yea; No Nays; Ms. Spencer abstaining due to having property in the program; Motion Carried.*

**9. LOVEVILLE ROAD REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Brown requested the Board approve the Loveville Road repairs and improvement project to send out for bid to be opened 6/7/2013 and considered for approval at the 6/27/13 meeting.

- **MOTION:** *Ms. Spencer moved to approve the project and specifications; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*
- **MOTION:** *Ms. Spencer moved to approve Resolution 2013-07, A Resolution of the Township of Halfmoon, Centre County, to approve a supplemental unbudgeted apportion out of the State Liquid Fuels account for 2013; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*
- **MOTION:** *Ms. Spencer moved to approve the advertisement of taking of bids for Loveville Road repair and repaving project for bids to be opened on 6/7/13 and considered for approval on 6/27/2013; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

**10. SHARED DRIVEWAY/PRIVATE ROADS**

Discussion ensued after a vote regarding the amount of shared driveways and private roads each member would like to see in the Ordinance. Ms. Liggett explained the Planning Commissions reasoning behind their recommendation of two homes for shared driveway and four homes for private roads. Mr. Houtz stated he has an issue with defining the length the private road has to be if it was built at township specs. Mr. Houtz questioned what it mattered how long it was as long as it was built to township specs. Ms. Liggett stated the length was determined due to fire apparatus issues in the Fire Ordinance. Mr. Houtz commented if the road exceeds the length requirements than the width requirements could be changed. Mr. Stevenson commented he was not comfortable making a decision to send it to public hearing without the Township Solicitor, Township Manager and Zoning Officer present to answer the questions that Mr. Houtz is raising. The Board tabled this agenda item until the next meeting at which the Solicitor, Manager and Zoning Officer should be present.

**11. CHANGE IN PRESENT TOWNSHIP CODE OF DEFINITION OF KENNEL AND ADD KENNELS AS A PERMITTED USE IN AG DISTRICT**

Ms. Liggett read the language Ms. Yurchak is proposing to draft for this change in the Township Code. Mr. Stevenson stated he is disappointed that there is not a draft document in place to be reviewed by the Board before making a decision to send it to public hearing and that again, the Township Solicitor, Manager and Zoning Officer should be present to answer questions.

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Merritt moved to approve directing Township Solicitor to draft changes in present Township Code per Township Solicitor, Staff and Planning Commission recommendations; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

**12. MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager's report was provided with no comments.

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**13. SUPERVISORS' REPORT**

Mr. Pisoni stated the UHWC project is progressing well and they are starting to connect some of the homes to the new water line.

Mr. Kirsten stated there is a 3% increase for the CATA budget for the total overall operating budget. This may increase Halfmoon Township's portion slightly and decrease other municipalities slightly.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

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