

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mark Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Supervisors present were Barbara Spencer, Andy Merritt, Todd Kirsten and Ben Pisoni. Staff present were Amy Smith, Township Clerk and Don Franson, Township Engineer. Residents & others in attendance: Melissa & Josh Stine.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Stine stated he would like to discuss social media with the Board. Twitter is a better way to connect to citizens and other townships use twitter. Mr. Stine commented that not everyone pays attention to the website and social media would be another way to communicate. Ms. Spencer questioned whether it would be more beneficial than the township update that is done now? Mr. Stine stated he would be willing to help set up a twitter and Facebook account. Ms. Spencer commented that staff is already stretched for time. Mr. Merritt commented that he feels the township does not have a choice because this is the way technology is going. Mr. Stevenson stated Ms. Steele commented that she is willing to work with Mr. Stine and recommends Ms. Steele contact Mr. Stine. Mr. Stevenson stated he is excited to use other resources to get information out. Mr. Stevenson stated that Ms. Steele commented about open records law and staff would need to check into that. Mr. Stine commented the Board could use a student intern if time was an issue for staff. Mr. Kirsten stated that he has received useful information about the region using twitter. Ms. Stine commented that she has a difficult time finding information on the website. The Board thanked Mr. Stine.

4. **MINUTES**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 26th, 2014; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

5. **BILLS LIST**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the Bills List dated July 10th, 2014; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 5-0-0-; Motion Carried.***

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Merritt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report July 10th, 2014 for the month of May 2014; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0-; Motion Carried.***

7. **PRESENTATION BY TOWNSHIP ENGINEER OF SMITH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Franson stated that he met with Penn Dot Representative Matt Kanapp and they worked up the numbers for both projects. Mr. Franson stated that the project widening Smith Road and overlay from Tow Hill Road to State Route 550 would cost an estimate of \$117,421.50 and the project to widen Smith Road and overlay from Tow Hill Road to Lutz Lane would cost an estimate of \$69,226.50. Mr. Franson reminded the Board that any project over \$100,000 would be subject to prevailing wage. Mr. Franson commented that the earliest the Board could open bids would be August 10th due to advertising requirements and then it would take another two weeks to get bonds, etc. so it would be the end of August before the construction could begin. Mr. Franson stated the Ms. Steele, Mr. Brown and himself recommend waiting until next year to put it out for bid and construction. Mr. Franson stated it would require full width paving so the road would be closed for some time for through traffic. Mr. Franson stated prevailing wage may be a factor but the Board would be getting more production and does not add that much more onto a project with larger companies. Mr. Franson recommended waiting until November or December and approving for bid FY 2015. The Board agreed to move bid discussions until November.

8. **PRESENTATION OF DRAFTED REVISIONS TO OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS**

Ms. Smith reviewed the recommended changes and additions by the Open Space Preservation Board. Those changes and additions included; deleting references to section numbers of the chapter as they have changed or

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were redundant; deleted three ineligible acquisitions; deleted portions of application review which were redundant and added what the Open Space Administrators, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors responsibilities were; deleted appraisal elements as they are now in resolution form; matching language regarding development rights; added section regarding appraisal to be consistent with County language; reimbursements and changes to allocation of funds language.

The Board agreed that they would like language included that would let it at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors whether there would be three appraisals completed. The Board agreed they would like to make the following change; ~~Appraisal and Survey Fee Reimbursement~~. The Township will reimburse 50% of the cost of one survey. ~~and one appraisal~~. Ms. Spencer requested that the format be cleaned up. The Board questioned what the consultant is and if we have ever had one (page 10 #6). The Board also requested that any reference development rights be changed to easement or fee simple to be consistent with County language. Mr. Kirsten questioned what would happen if the landowner does not comply with an inspection request. What are the consequences? Mr. Stevenson suggested that if it is in the lease they place payment in an escrow and not pay until the inspection is completed. The Board requested that some type of time limit or consequence be placed for the inspection to be completed in both the lease and acquisition Ordinances.

The Board requested this go back to the Open Space Preservation Board and Solicitor for review. The Board also requested the Solicitor make the requested changes to the Resolution to review at future meeting.

9. MOTION TO APPROVE RELEASING THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL ON THE BOLTON PROPERTY

Ms. Smith explained that when the Donald A. Hazle & Sharon A. Hazle entered into the Open Space Preservation Program there was a modification to the first right of refusal that indicated they were entering into the program and now they are requesting that the Township approve releasing the right of first refusal so the sale of the Bolton property can continue. The Township Solicitor has recommended this approval.

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to approve releasing the right of first refusal on the Bolton property; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Steele provided a written report. Mr. Stevenson stated there seems to be a problem coordinating pick-ups for the recycling bins on Ira Lane. Ms. Spencer questioned why there can't be containers with doors on both sides of the bins. Mr. Kirsten stated the township can continue to clean up and maintain the area. Ms. Spencer suggested placing bigger signage. Mr. Stevenson stated he would like the bins to stay where they are but would like more staggered pick-ups. Mr. Pisoni commented he is not in favor of moving them and staff has made some improvements. Mr. Merritt suggested that staff check the bins more regularly. Mr. Pisoni commented that he remembers when there were three bins there and questioned if they are larger now that three can't be placed again. Mr. Stevenson commented that he feels we are getting a push back from Centre County Refuse and Recycling Authority and would like to work with them for solutions. Mr. Stevenson stated maybe a third bin may eliminate the number of trips. Mr. Stevenson requested staff check with CCRRA and see why a third bin can't be placed.

11. SUPERVISORS' REPORT

Mr. Merritt commented the Road crew is doing a good job on the roads.

Ms. Spencer provided reports from the Port Matilda Fire Company, Fireman's Relief and UBEH COG to Ms. Smith to scan and email to the Board. Ms. Spencer commented that Ms. Jadine Reese is working out very well being the UBEH COG & PMFC Treasurer.

Mr. Kirsten stated the C-NET Board of Directors looked at the proposed budget and there will be a 3.9% increase for Halfmoon Township. Mr. Kirsten commented that Halfmoon Township's contribution FY 2015 will be \$12,232.00. Mr. Kirsten stated the Finance Committee met and looked at the Centre Region 2015 draft program plan which will be sent to the July General Forum.

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Mr. Stevenson stated he and Ms. Steele met with Grayswoods Development Partnership to continue new Municipal building discussions in a private/public partnership. They confirmed they are interested in working with Halfmoon Township and would like a letter of intent. Mr. Stevenson stated the letter should address the intent of zoning and allow them to accommodate extension into Halfmoon Township. Mr. Stevenson reviewed a map that showed where they would like to designate parkland and where the possible Municipal Building would be placed. Mr. Stevenson requested this be placed on the next agenda for discussion. Mr. Pisoni questioned whether extending the sewer service area would make or break the deal? Mr. Stevenson stated they could not build a building without sewer but it can be discussed at the next meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***