

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mark Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:32 p.m. Other Supervisors present were Andy Merritt, Todd Kirsten and Ben Pisoni. Supervisor Barbara Spencer absent. Staff present were Susan Steele, Township Residents & others in attendance: Robert Eberhart and Jim Steff and Joe Vigilone from Centre Region Council of Governments.

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 July 9, 2015; Mr. Pisoni seconded; Mr. Stevenson noted for the record the meeting scheduled for 7/23/15 was cancelled. Vote 3-0-0; Motion Carried.***

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the Treasurer's Report dated August 13, 2015 for end of month June 2015; Ms. Merritt seconded; Vote 3-0-0; Motion Carried.***

6. **BILLS LIST**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the Bills List dated August 13, 2015; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 3-0-0; Motion Carried.***

7. **APPROVAL OF FY 2016 COG PROGRAM PLAN COMMENTS**

Ms. Steele stated the program plan comments were in dropbox with manager and supervisors comments. She then stated to Mr. Steff that as part of her review, the supervisors had asked her to review their comments from FY 2015 and see if they were implemented. Ms. Steele said she provided this information to the supervisors and will be providing same to COG as well, but asked who makes the decision what municipal comments will be implemented? The staff, Finance Committee, or a combination of the two? Mr. Steff stated it was a combination of the two. Ms. Steele then asked if Code does the inspections for Penn State. Mr. Steff said at times Code does due to its expertise. Ms. Steele asked Mr. Vigilone if those possible inspection fees were part of the Code revenue budget. Mr. Vigilone said no. Mr. Stevenson then stated his general comments orally for the record which were he feels the program plan is developed in a bottom top approach now, rather than being top down as the Township does. Meaning that the General Forum sets out the elements of the program plan, then the committees and staff develops the program plan around the General Forum directives. Mr. Steff replied that this is somewhat hard as there are also other entities involved noting the Library and Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Stevenson responded that he understood this but wondered why those boards could work within the General Forum directives. In addition, stated Mr. Stevenson, his goal is to see there be a 0% expansion a few years in staff and program costs. Thinking that if there is cross training and no replacement of staff through natural attrition this could be attained citing how the Township uses its staff efficiently and effectively within the same regulation and rules of all municipalities. Mr. Stevenson also asked the Township Manager to once again send him a copy of the Township's 2016 program plan comments and 2015 comments in their present form. Ms. Steele said she would.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to direct the Township Manager to forward to COG's Executive Director the Township's FY 2015 and 2016 comments; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 3-0-0; Motion Carried.***

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8. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF \$325 TO SWANK MOTION PICTURES FOR THE LICENSE TO HOLD A PUBLIC VIEWING OF THE MUPPET MOVIE ON 9/12/15.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Merritt moved to approve the payment of \$325 to Swank Motion Pictures for the License to Hold a Public Viewing of The Muppet Movie on 9/12/15; Mr. Kirsten, seconded; Vote 3-0-0; Motion Carried.***

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Steele provided a written report.

Ms. Steele stated Mr. Pisoni will not be able to attend the COG Public Safety meeting on 8/17 and was wondering if any supervisors could attend in his place. Messrs. Merritt and Kirsten said they were not able to, but Mr. Stevenson stated he would check his calendar at work and let Ms. Steele know.

Trotter Farms Five Cross Section work to be performed by Township staff after Labor Day. It should take no longer than three days and no traffic will be rerouted or hindered during the work.

Smith Road Project: Due to rainy weather this season, road projects have been behind schedule. Hawbakars state they will begin the project on 8/24/15. Township staff has informed citizenry through updates and those directly impacted through email.

New Township Solicitor—Sent out five RFPs, have received one back.

New Local Planner-Met with Jim May, CRPA Agency Director on 8/11/15. Suggesting going from 33% to 40% due to rezoning deadlines next year per Supervisors. This will cost the Township a total of \$62,254 split 40% local planning, 60% regional and the remainder the proportional split of CRPA operation costs. Ms. Steele stated she also will be part of the interviewing process and as such forwarded to Mr. May the skill set she is looking for which includes experience in public/private partnerships, TIF districting, outside funding sources for projects, and Federal and state grant procurements and grant writing.

Township Building Mold Inspection was performed on 7/7/15. The inspection noted black mold beginning to form within the office portion of the building. The Manager spoke to Centre Region Code (Walt Schneider) who indicated it needed to be removed to avoid potential liability by professionals. The Manager contacted Penoco who came out and said they could not find any in the ceiling but are going to look into inspecting the walls. If and when the mold is removed, employees will be transferred to the maintenance building. The manager will keep the supervisors advised as to costs, remediation, and relocation as information becomes available.

Blue Park Slide has been removed due to its inability to be repaired.

10. SUPERVISORS' REPORT

Mr. Kirsten stated he will attend the finance committee meeting next week. No other reports.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 3-0-0; Motion Carried.***

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