

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mark Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Supervisors present were Andy Merritt, Ben Pisoni and Todd Kirsten. Staff present were Susan Steele, Township Manager; Amy Smith; Township Clerk; D.J. Liggett, CRPA and Danelle DelCorso. Residents & others in attendance: Jeremy Hartley, CDT and Cathy Alloway, Schlow Library.

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 August 14th, 2014; Mr. Pisoni seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***

5. **CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Ms. DelCorso provided a letter on behalf of the Planning Commission regarding discussions on the new Municipal Building. Ms. DelCorso commented that the Planning Commission has no concerns over mixed use but have not gotten into a lot of detail on what that zone will be yet. Ms. Delcorso stated the zoning will need to happen first before the consideration of a DRI. Mr. Stevenson stated the letter of intent and the Planning Commission's recommendations go hand in hand and issues will need to be worked through. Mr. Pisoni questioned whether the Planning Commission recommends extension of the growth boundary. Ms. DelCorso stated there is a general consensus among the Planning Commission that it will need to be in place. Mr. Stevenson commented that the Planning Commission brought up a good point recognizing that there needs to be different voting wards. Ms. Steele questioned if the Board would like her to draft a letter of intent.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Merritt moved to approve Ms. Steele drafting a letter of intent; Mr. Pisoni suggested that each Board member have an opportunity to share their thoughts. Mr. Merritt commented he is in favor. Mr. Stevenson stated he is in favor of entering into a letter of intent more so in exploring this opportunity. Mr. Stevenson has concerns in the tax income because the Township has become more reliable on Real Estate taxes. Mr. Stevenson commented he is also concerned about losing the tax base if there is not higher density in a centralized area. The Township needs a new building due to problems with the building and septic issues. Mr. Stevenson stated if a new building is built with a septic system it will face the same issues with septic. Mr. Stevenson stated he would like to move forward but be mindful and provided the developer with the intent the township has in mind. Mr. Kirsten stated that Mr. Stevenson makes some valid points but he is still opposed. Mr. Pisoni stated 4-5 years ago he was against bringing in development but looking at alternative sewer systems has changed his mind especially with the township being liable. Mr. Pisoni stated he is comfortable that the Township can control development through zoning and has no problem with the letter of intent. Mr. Stevenson read Ms. Spencer's email sharing her thoughts on the letter of intent stating that she was on board but would like to be on the task force. Mr. Merritt questioned Mr. Kirsten as to why he is opposed. Mr. Kirsten stated he would feel bad if he had a hand in not making the Township beautiful like it was 20 years ago. Mr. Merritt stated he thinks this may be a good opportunity to bring in workforce housing and there is natural stopping point for the sewer at the Wildlife Corridor. Mr. Stevenson stated excess traffic is a concern but there could be calming devices in place to calm the traffic on State Route 550. Ms. Steele stated this is a unique opportunity and the Township can be in the driver's seat and have a say in what happens. Mr. Kirsten reiterated that he feels members are making valid points but is not on board yet. Ms. DelCorso stated she would bring the Board anything that is discussed by the Planning Commission. Mr. Stevenson reminded the citizens that they are invited to attend the Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission meetings and make comments. Mr. Pisoni stated this is a big decision. ***Mr. Pisoni seconded; Vote 3-1-0; Messrs. Stevenson, yea; Merritt, yea; Pisoni, yea; Mr. Kirsten, nay; no abstentions; Motion Carried.******

Secretary

Ms. Steele requested Ms. Alloway provide circulation number by the number of users. Ms. Alloway stated it was a good year for the library. Ms. Alloway stated she was asking for a 4.5% increase for a Development Director. Ms. Alloway commented Schlow Library is considering cutting hours and closing at 8 p.m. Mr. Stevenson questioned whether there was a way to cut custodian costs. There was discussion on custodian services and outsourcing the services.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Steele reviewed the Manager report. Mr. Stevenson thanked Township staff and the Centre County Recycling staff for researching questions raised regarding the recycling bins.

Ms. Steele commented she spoke to the Patton Township Manager regarding the painting of the piano keys who stated the road crew has been very busy but would get to the painting next week or the week after.

Mr. Pisoni questioned where the Bob Musheno tax issue is at this moment. Ms. Steele commented the County, Township nor School have forgiven the taxes owed so at this point Mr. Musheno would need to pay them or he could go after the property owner that owes the taxes. Mr. Stevenson stated he would like to front the court expenses for Mr. Musheno. Ms. Steele stated if the Board would like to forgive the taxes they would need to write a letter to the County Appeals Board and ask them to forgive the taxes owed. Mr. Kirsten suggested making this an agenda item if Mr. Musheno proceeds to taking it to court. Mr. Stevenson stated again, it is good sense to front the court costs. Mr. Stevenson commented if Mr. Musheno goes to court he should ask that all costs be paid by the citizen owing the taxes. The Board encouraged Mr. Musheno to take this court.

The Board reviewed the budget calendar and would like to proceed with the following budget schedule: September 9th at 7:00 p.m. hold the retreat; September 11, hold budget meeting after regular meeting; September 25th, hold budget meeting after regular meeting; October 6th, hold budget meeting at 6:30 p.m.; October 9th, hold budget meeting after regular meeting; publish budget on October 30th to hold public hearing on November 20th, 2014.

7. SUPERVISORS' REPORT

Mr. Kirsten stated he attended the Finance Committee and the discussion on quarterly COG payments will be on the September agenda.

Mr. Stevenson stated he would like the Boards comments back for Susan's performance review.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***