

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, Todd Kirsten and Barbara Spencer (arrived at 7:19 p.m.). Staff present were Susan Steele, Township Manager; Amy Smith; Township Clerk; D.J. Liggett, CRPA and Brett Laird, Accounts Payable/Receivable. Residents & others in attendance: Rebekah Laird, Sam Evans, Ann Toole, Andy Mears, Spencer McKee, Jacqueline McKee, Doug Dillion, Hyeson Kim, Chris Goedtel, Gregory Neal, PMEMS & Victoria Neal, PMEMS.

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 September 11th, 2014; Mr. Pisoni seconded; Mr. Kirsten requested staff check the adjournment time; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***

5. JOINT MEETING WITH PARKS BOARD AND PARKS CONSULTANTS

Ms. Toole & Mr. Mears from JMT met with neighbors, sports groups and the Parks Steering Committee to discuss ideas.

Mr. Mears reviewed the findings of the survey; 63 % of residents are seeking to use the parks for walking; 60% to socialize with family and friends, 52% to enjoy nature, 49% for wellness and fitness and 46% for special events. Mr. Mears commented that 17% of the households responded. There were three findings that prevented the citizens from using the parks; facilities do not interest them, no programs or activities offered and they use the parks somewhere else. Suggested improvements to the parks included; restroom improvements, walking paths, beautification, playground equipment and parking improvements. Mr. Kirsten commented that restroom facilities are not feasible and would be a cost issue. Mr. Stevenson added that septic feasibility is not reasonable here. Mr. Kirsten stated he would like to see paths as a top priority. Mr. Stevenson stated he would like to see dog accommodations with on or off leash options and have owners clean up after their dogs. Ms. Toole stated there could be an organized group for dog parks. Ms. Toole commented there is DCED grant funding that in 2015 can now be used to match DCNR grants. The most important facilities and programs citizens would like to see is; comfort facilities including restrooms and drinking fountains, walking paths, traditional playgrounds, picnic areas and nature play areas. Ms. Toole & Mr. Mears reviewed ways to improve the current parks. Mr. Mears commented that seating could be place within the hill at Autumn Meadow Park. Mr. Stevenson stated he thought it enhanced sports use and like putting bleachers in the swale. Mr. Mears & Ms. Toole reviewed ideas for a future park near Grayswoods. Mr. Kirsten stated he would like to stay focused on the two existing parks. Ms. Toole thanked the Steering Committee and Board of Supervisors. Mr. Kirsten thanked the community for participating.

6. PORT MATILDA EMS BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Neal provided a copy of the Port Matilda EMS budget report and thanked the Board for the past years contribution. The Port Matilda EMS is requesting a 10% increase. Workman's Comp has increased by 20-40%. Mr. Neal reviewed the proposed budget with the Board discussed company information, 2014 accomplishments, 2015 wish list and challenges. Mr. Pisoni questioned when the memberships would be going out. Mr. Neal commented they were at the publishers now and would go out soon. Mr. Stevenson stated if memberships were sent out prior to the Centre Link memberships it may cut down on the confusion and they may get more memberships. Mr. Pisoni requested a firm date when the memberships would be going out. Mr. Neal stated the memberships should be going out before October 15th. The Board thanked Mr. Neal and the Port Matilda EMS.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FIRE AGREEMENT WITH PORT MATILDA FIRE CO.

Ms. Steele provided a copy of the agreement and reminded the Board the Port Matilda Fire Company was not requesting an increase for 2015. Mr. Stevenson commented he would like this to be a one year contract that can give the opportunity for a fire tax. It was suggested that the figure used to determine the payment be based off of the assessment figure in March of the current year.

Secretary

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the fire agreement with the Port Matilda Fire Company as amended; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Steele provided the Manager's report. Ms. Steele stated that Ms. Yurchak provided possible firearm language for review. Ms. Steele suggested that this could be visited by Ms. Yurchak along with other regulation reviews next year for any Ordinance changes to get the best bang for the buck instead of doing them singularly.

9. SUPERVISORS' REPORT

Mr. Kirsten stated the Finance Committee had no objections to changing the due dates to March, June, September and December 1st of each year for the Centre Region COG contribution.

Ms. Spencer stated the CCMPO contribution has gone down.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Kirsten moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*