

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mark Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Other Supervisors present were Todd Kirsten, Ben Pisoni, Andy Merritt and Barbara Spencer. Staff present was Amy Smith, Township Clerk. Residents & others in attendance: Sandra Neal, Port Matilda EMS and Mark Maloney, Half Moon Land Company, LLC.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Maloney provided pamphlets regarding a fundraiser for the Friends and Farmers Cooperation. Mr. Maloney explained this is a group of local individuals who have been working for six months to form this co-op and the goal is to provide a community grocery store, open seven days a week, that is committed to showcasing the best local products in support of a strong local economy. The co-op is member-owned, member-managed and member-financed. There will be a benefit dinner on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> hosted by Greenmore Gardens CSA Farm that will include a farm tour, pumpkin carving, bonfire and musical talent. Mr. Maloney invited residents to attend.

Ms. Neal introduced herself as the Port Matilda EMS President and provided a proposed budget FY 2013 and a report of 2012 accomplishments, 2013 new expenses, 2013 wish list and 2013 challenges. Ms. Neal also provided a response call log FY 2011 for Halfmoon Township.

Ms. Neal commented that the income does not meet the expenses for the proposed 2013 budget. Ms. Neal stated that insurance companies are not paying the transportation bills or making only partial payments. Ms. Neal explained that the insurance companies are too large to fight. Ms. Neal commented that some residents are unable to pay the bill themselves but most offer to make payments of what they can afford.

Ms. Neal explained there are four paid staff members and ten active volunteers. Ms. Neal commented that two of the four paid staff members are full time and work weekdays and the other two are part time who work weekends. They are the lowest paid EMS employees in Centre County.

Ms. Neal stated the Port Matilda EMS has two ambulances; a 2003 and a 2005. Ms. Neal stated there will be changes in the State mandates that will be coming up that they just can't afford.

Ms. Neal reviewed the call log and commented that the ambulance can be in Halfmoon Township in 10 minutes. Ms. Neal explained the PMEMS is not paid for stand by calls. Ms. Neal stated the PMEMS and the Port Matilda Fire Company work well together.

Ms. Neal stated the PMEMS is requesting a 10% increase over last year. Ms. Neal stated the Port Matilda Borough has agreed to a 30% increase. Mr. Pisoni questioned whether the PMEMS has thought about requesting donations based on a formula. Ms. Neal stated they thought of that but calls vary from year to year and the populations are different. Ms. Spencer encouraged the PMEMS to raise their membership fees and the hoagie costs. Ms. Neal stated the membership fees and hoagie costs will be increasing.

Mr. Kirsten thanked the PMEMS for their services and commented that he appreciated the information Ms. Neal provided. Mr. Stevenson questioned how many citizens purchase the memberships. Mr. Stevenson stated he also receives a membership from Centre Life Link and feels it confuses residents to receive both. Ms. Neal stated she will address that in the new membership form for 2013. Ms. Neal will provide that information for the Township website and update. Ms. Spencer commented that the membership does not cover other coverage areas.

Ms. Spencer questioned if uniforms are purchased by the PMEMS. Ms. Neal explained that the uniform costs are for paid employees only and it is to replace damaged uniforms.

There was discussion on the amount of time it takes to respond to a call. Ms. Neal explained in a good situation the PMEMS can be on Shanelly Drive in 10-12 minutes when they receive the page, adding 5-10 minutes if they are not at the station. In a worst case scenario it could be 25-30 minutes weather dependent.

Mr. Pisoni questioned whether the PMEMS has an agreement with Centre Life Link to get reimbursed. Ms. Neal explained if the PMEMS assists Centre Life Link because they are not available then they get reimbursed but reminded Mr. Pisoni that they do not get reimbursed for stand by calls. Mr. Pisoni questioned whether they could reach an agreement. Ms. Neal commented that it is not a benefit.

Ms. Neal commented that it is important to have house numbers visible for emergency services and encouraged the Board if they did not already have and Ordinance stating such, they should have one.

Ms. Neal thanked the Board for their time. Ms. Neal commented the Port Matilda Fire Company will be holding a Gun Raffle on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012. There will be a \$10.00 fee to enter the gun raffle that will include a meal of hamburgers, hotdogs, french fries and cheese steaks. It will also include a beer wagon and soda. Ms. Neal stated she will be requesting donations for desserts.

The Board thanked Ms. Neal for attending and providing this information.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- **MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Mr. Pisoni seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

5. BILLS LIST

- **MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the Bills List; Mr. Pisoni seconded; Vote 4-0-1; Messrs. Stevenson, yea; Pisoni, yea; Merritt, yea; Kirsten, yea, No Nays, Ms. Spencer abstention; Motion Carried.**

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the meeting minutes dated September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

7. APPROVAL OF MICHAEL J. DENNEHY, JR. AS TRUSTEE OF THE PSTATS EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

Ms. Spencer questioned the need of this approval by the Board. Mr. Stevenson commented that it is just a formality.

- **MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to approve Michael J. Dennehy, Jr. as Trustee of the PSATS Employee Pension Plan; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

8. UPPER HALFMOON WATER COMPANY (UHWC) REQUEST APPROVAL

Mr. Pisoni explained that near the Lutz Lane and Ira Lane intersections and Susan Lane there are two community well systems that have been there for more than twenty years. One serves ten homes and the other serves twelve homes. Mr. Pisoni explained that in the past the DEP has turned a blind eye to wells that don't serve more than twelve homes or twenty five people. Mr. Pisoni explained that these wells have come to the attention of DEP and they are forcing them to build a new well, or bring the current wells up to standard or drill their own wells all of which are cost prohibited. Mr. Pisoni stated those homeowners have been working with the Upper Halfmoon Water Company to hook onto the UHWC.

Mr. Pisoni explained the UHWC would need to install mains in the Township right of way. Mr. Pisoni commented that the UHWC would be installing an eight inch main from the corner of Ira Lane and Lutz Lane run it to the 4 inch main located along Lutz Lane. Mr. Pisoni stated the Township has a fifty foot right of way that runs in between Shanelly Drive and Lutz Lane that the UHWC would like to use to connect the eight inch water lines. Mr. Pisoni stated this project would not get completed until next year.

Mr. Pisoni commented that there was one area the UHWC will have to cross over Lutz Lane but they would repair it to Township specs. Mr. Stevenson questioned whether it would cause a disruption. Mr. Pisoni stated he will notify those affected before the disruption. There was discussion on the fifty foot right of way between Shanelly Drive and Lutz Lane and whether the homeowners that live near that location would be notified.

- **MOTION:** *Ms. Spencer moved to approve the Upper Halfmoon Water Company using the Township right of way on Lutz Lane from the intersection of Lutz and Ira to 257 Lutz Lane; on Susan Lane from the intersection of Susan and Lutz to 206 Susan Lane; and between Shanelly Drive and Lutz Lane between 310 and 330 Shanelly Drive and 301 and 319 Lutz Lane to install 3100 feet of 8 inch water main FY 2013; Mr. Merritt seconded; Mr. Kirsten commented that if this vote passes he is concerned the cannot be public feedback; Mr. Stevenson stated he would like to consult the neighbors along the right of way about a walking trail; Ms. Spencer amended her motion to include that the location would be determined; Vote 4-0-1; Messrs. Stevenson, yea; Merritt, yea; Kirsten, yea; Ms. Spencer, yea; No Nays, Mr. Pisoni abstention; Motion Carried.*

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further regular business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

- **MOTION:** *Ms. Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

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Secretary