

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Danelle Del Corso called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. Other Supervisors present were Barb Spencer, Bob Strouse and Patti Hartle. Staff present was Amy Smith Township Clerk. Residents & others in attendance: Louwana Oliva, CATA; Scott & Jennifer Reed; Galen Corl.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Del Corso closed the executive session at 6:24 p.m. Ms. Del Corso called the regular meeting at 6:55 p.m. and announced the executive session was held to discuss personnel and no decisions were made.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

4. **MINUTES**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Strouse moved to approve the minutes for July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***

5. **CATA Q&A SESSION**

Ms. Oliva commented CATA is making changes to some of the routes for commuter routes. Ms. Oliva stated CATA will be dropping the mid-day route due to low ridership numbers. Ms. Oliva commented there is a pilot program called the "Emergency Ride Home Program" that citizens can purchase a \$10.00 membership and get 6 trips per year that they can use using UBER or a Taxi. The mid-day elimination will begin in mid August. Ms. Oliva commented that the trips do have to be scheduled.

Ms. Oliva stated that over the years CATA has tried to grow ridership but it keeps falling back. CATA did a study on the G Route ridership and it has fallen even more and it adds 30 minutes on to the trip to ride around the Township with no or little riders. Ms. Oliva commented that normally the average cost per rider is \$3.00 a person but in the case of Halfmoon Township it is \$50.00 per person. Ms. Oliva stated that one the first trip there were 3 passengers and the second trip there were 3.5 passengers but they are not consistent numbers and citizens are not using passes they are using cash.

Ms. Oliva reported the CATA Board decided they can no longer serve Halfmoon Township. Ms. Oliva stated she spoke with Ms. Steele and reported that all services will end next May or August. Ms. Oliva stated Mr. Stevenson questioned if the service could end in December so the Board had those funds in the budget. Ms. Oliva questioned whether the rest of the Board agreed before she researched this request. Ms. Oliva reported she thought this could be pulled off.

Ms. Spencer stated she is upset with loosing this service because for some it is the only way some citizen has to get to work and questioned if CATA ride goes away too. Ms. Oliva replied that yes, there would no longer be CATA ride within the Township. Ms. Oliva reported she spoke to the County Department of Transportation to see if they were willing to talk to folks who were riding to see if they would qualify for any of their programs. Ms. Oliva commented that they offer a number of programs that CATA does not.

Mr. Strouse questioned whether the County could off any potential solutions. Ms. Oliva replied possibly, but is not 100% sure because the County programs are harder to understand. Ms. Oliva stated that older adults can use share ride and the disabled can use Person with Disability Ride but she does not know all the qualifications. Ms. Oliva stated there is a software program that helps with carpool opportunities.

Mr. Strouse questioned if the vanpool service is being used through CATA. Ms. Oliva stated citizens are using it sporadically but a vanpool is hard to put together because not everyone is going to the same place.

Ms. Del Corso stated she is very disappointed and although the service was pretty nice, being in a rural area is just not friendly to mass transport system.

Ms. Spencer commented there are no bike paths and CATA was a good start for public transportation but now it is all gone. Ms. Oliva stated the CATA service was given a good try for 12-13 years with marketing. Ms. Del

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Corso stated unless the Board is willing to pay \$50.00 per rider for those 7-10 residents. Ms. Oliva stated it was a hard decision but in the end the Board could not ignore the fact of what the data was showing.

Ms. Oliva commented CATA would like to hold a public hearing and would like to hold it at Halfmoon Township so local residents can get there.

Ms. Del Corso questioned whether Halfmoon Township was the only area being dropped for the mid-day route. Ms. Oliva stated there were three routes being cut C, F & G. Ms. Del Corso commented that it is just not Halfmoon Township they are evaluating; they are evaluating all of the services.

Ms. Del Corso asked Ms. Oliva to do what she needs to do to end the service by the end of the year. Mr. Strouse commented that yes, end it by the end of the year so we don't have to spend monies on six riders. Ms. Oliva stated she just wants to make sure there is enough time given to the few riders to make other arrangements.

Ms. Oliva commented that if population grows it can be looked at again but right now there is just not enough support. Ms. Spencer questioned if they could offer more money? Mr. Strouse commented that we do not have that kind of money.

The Board thanked Ms. Oliva for attending.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING TO REPEAL PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

Ms. Del Corso opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Ms. Del Corso stated the Board decided to repeal the creation of the Park & Recreation Board Ordinance and have a committee that can bring ideas to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval since there has been some difficulty finding members for the Park and Recreation Board. There were no comments public comments. Ms. Del Corso closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

- ***MOTION: Mr. Strouse moved to approve Ordinance 2019-02; An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 1996-4, Chapter 42, which created the Park & Recreation Board; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***

7. **POSSIBLE MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-10, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A DONATION POLICY**

Ms. Del Corso explained that the Board had no structure or policy when considering donation requests so the Board requested Ms. Steele create a policy similar to Patton Township's donation policy. Ms. Del Corso stated dollar amounts for requests can be entered at the time of budgeting.

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to approve Resolution 2019-10, A Resolution to adopt a donation policy; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***

8. **DISCUSSION ON RECYCLING BINS LOCATED AT IRA LANE**

Ms. Spencer stated she did not think that it is very often that the bins get that bad and staff calls when they receive complaints. Ms. Spencer commented that this is going to happen no matter where they are put and generally speaking the community is okay with the location. Ms. Spencer commented that the person who covered the camera should be ashamed.

Mr. Strouse questioned why the bins were put there to begin with and why a gate could not be put up to block the view when citizens are not recycling. Mr. Strouse suggested putting the camera up higher.

Mr. Strouse questioned who monitors the cameras? Ms. Smith replied that staff monitors them.

Mr. Strouse questioned that it was not a live feed but he is not saying it is necessary. Ms. Smith replied that it is not a live feed.

Mr. Strouse questioned why so many citizens use the large recycling bins versus curbside. Ms. Del Corso commented she thought maybe because of the cardboard. There was discussion on whether citizens asked for more bins for curbside recycling if that would cut back recycling at the big bins.

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Ms. Hartle questioned if another location is an option or are people happy there.

Ms. Reed stated that this is not a new issue and the issue is not recycling it is illegal dumping. Ms. Reed commented that they are just asking that they be relocated. Ms. Reed stated she spoke with Barry at Centre County Recycling and it seems as if they are pointing the finger at the Township and the Township is pointing the finger at them. Ms. Reed stated they had put up with it long enough.

Mr. Reed stated he understands the camera was put up as a deterrent but it wouldn't matter if the camera was put up higher because it would not take too much to shoot out the camera. Ms. Reed stated the outlining areas make it worse. Mr. Reed commented that he feels the survey results would be different if the Township sent the survey to the citizens that live on Shanelly Drive and Ira Lane. Mr. Reed stated that the gate is two-fold because it would close off the mess but would hinder snow removal.

Ms. Del Corso the bins that were at Autumn Meadow Park were moved to the Municipal Park until construction is complete and then will be moved back to Autumn Meadow Park. Ms. Del Corso stated that the bins at Municipal Lane Park could stay there and the bins at Ira Lane could be moved to Autumn Meadow Park. There was discussion on parking issues at Municipal Park and if there may be a better location at the park to place the bins. There was discussion on placing a stone pad down when a location at the park has been found. The Board requested staff research a more permanent location at Municipal Park for the bins. Ms. Del Corso commented that this is a prime-time time to discuss this issue.

Mr. Reed requested that the fence be removed so people don't keep dumping there.

Mr. Corl stated he has lived here for 35 years and it is time for the bins to go. Mr. Corl reported that the Ira Lane recycling center is only one of two of 58 centers within Centre County that is in a residential neighborhood. Mr. Corl commented that he did not feel two locations may be necessary anymore.

Ms. Del Corso the Board could review this later if it is found that bins are not being as used as Municipal Lane Park possibly have one location with more frequent pick-ups.

Mr. Strouse questioned if the bins are picked up on a schedule or when they are called and notified, they are full. Ms. Smith stated there is a schedule but she does not know what that schedule is or often the bins are replaced.

Mr. Corl thanked the Board for addressing the flag issue. Mr. Corl stated he is working with Way Fruit Farm and Centre County Refuse and Recycling on placing bins there for their use as a commercial business.

9. **STORMSTOWN NEIGHBORS ADMINSTRATOR REQUEST FOR TOWNSHIP STAFF TO JOIN STORMSTOWN NEIGHBORS FACEBOOK PAGE**

Ms. Del Corso explained that most of the Supervisors and Ms. Steele are on Stormstown neighbors but has concerns with staff joining and having to monitor comments. Ms. Del Corso stated that if a citizen has concerns, they should contact Township staff or the Board by means of email, phone, stopping into the office or the Township Facebook page to have those concerns addressed. Ms. Reed stated her intention is not to have staff have to monitor the comments but wanted to be transparent by sharing the discussions and comments so staff was aware of the discussions.

10. **APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO REUSE SPRING CREEK WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING "CLIP" OF DR. TODD GIDDINGS PRESENTATION**

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to approve the request for Dr. Todd Giddings to reuse the Spring Creek Watershed Committee meeting "clip" of his presentation on "How the Spring Creek Watershed Swallowed Half of the Excess Rainfall in its Wettest Year Ever"; Mr. Strouse seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***

11. **NEW BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no other business.

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**12. SUPERVISORS' REPORT**

Ms. Del Corso commented she had nothing to report.

Mr. Strouse stated he attended the Executive meeting and they reviewed draft copies of the COG Program Plan and Capital Investment Improvement Plan which will be sent to the municipalities for review. Comments will need to be sent to Mr. Jim Steff by 8:00 a.m. on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Mr. Strouse attended the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee and with the endorsement of the Finance Committee voted to authorize the COG Chair to sign a 7-year agreement for new commercial space for CRPR. Mr. Strouse explained that although Halfmoon Township is not a participant in the CRPR a vote is needed by all members of COG because it is a real estate issue. This will be taken to the General Forum this Monday as a unit vote so Halfmoon Township needs to make sure there is a quorum present.

Mr. Strouse stated he attended the Solar Power Purchase Work Group and they are currently looking to hire a renewable energy consultant for a cost of \$225.00/hr. paid collectively by each municipality based on a percentage of that cost. Halfmoon Township would pay 0.27% working out to \$6.00/hr. Mr. Strouse is requesting that this be added to an agenda due to expenditure of funds. Mr. Strouse stated they have extended an invitation to all the municipalities, governments and school districts to join "us" or any entity wanting to join can do so by August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Mr. Vigilone sent an invitation out looking for school districts or larger users.

Mr. Strouse stated the Executive Director Search Committee has decided to hire a search firm for the Executive Director position. Mr. Strouse commented it is a tight market so they felt they needed to appeal to candidates outside of just the salary because it is a beautiful region so they are trying to appeal to candidates. Mr. Strouse stated the search is underway and there is a good group of 3 Managers and 3 Supervisors. Mr. Strouse stated having the Managers on board helps because they know what they are looking for in a process and candidate.

Ms. Hartle stated she attended the Musser Gap Meeting and Sherma and Deb Nardone presented all the options they have come up with for that land. Ms. Hartle stated what they decide upon will be presented to the Elected Officials reception in December.

Ms. Spencer questioned if anyone attended the Precision Conservation Farmer Field Day. Ms. Spencer stated she was not able to attend but they went to each farm in the Township that signed up to attend and discussed best management practices.

Ms. Del Corso reported she is having a difficult time finding food trucks for Community Day/Movie Night due to Grange Fair going on at the same time. Mr. Strouse and Ms. Spencer provided some other contacts for Ms. Del Corso who stated she will contact them.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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