

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Piper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (present at Community Center). Other Supervisors present were Chuck Beck (present at Community Center); Ron Servello (present at Community Center) and Patti Hartle (present at Community Center). Staff present were Amy Smith, Township Secretary (present at Community Center) and Brett Laird, Township Treasurer (present at Community Center). Residents & others in attendance: Becky Brooks (present at Community Center); John Hoover (present at Community Center); Rose Ann Hoover (present at Community Center); Peggy Majewski (present at Community Center); Tom Majewski (present at Community Center); Virginia Squier (present at Community Center); Bruce Helms (present at Community Center); Susan Person (present by Zoom); Reed Moyer (present by Zoom); Connie Jones (present by Zoom); JB Leve (present by Zoom) and Wayne Foster (present by Zoom).

2. CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**a. Introduce Candidates**

Mr. Piper stated there were two interest letters received for the Board of Supervisors vacancy. Mr. Piper stated those letters were received from Mrs. Rose Ann Hoover and Mr. Bruce Helms.

b. Interview Candidates**Ms. Rose Ann Hoover**

Please provide some information about your life and work experiences that would benefit you in your role as a Halfmoon Township Supervisor.

Ms. Hoover stated she has been a resident since 1990 and since that time have seen many changes in the township. Ms. Hoover stated she feels there is too much influence coming from State College. Ms. Hoover commented that she is interested in building the cooperation of the other townships. Ms. Hoover stated she is fiscally responsible and is interested in the budget process. Ms. Hoover commented she has listened to her neighbors and feels there are diverse ideas that could be a benefit to the township.

Ms. Hoover stated she is a graphic designer by training and has administrative and freelance design experience. Ms. Hoover commented she pays attention to detail and also runs a family.

Provide an example of a time when you successfully organized a diverse group of people to accomplish a task.

Ms. Hoover stated she would listen to all points of views and search for the similarities then pull out any disagreements for discussion.

Share an experience you had in dealing with a person whom you disagreed with and how you handled the situation.

Ms. Hoover commented that she listened to the person she disagreed with to learn how they saw the situation and tried to see it from their point of view.

What would you identify as the highest two or three priorities regarding the Township?

Ms. Hoover stated she felt that the top three priorities for the township are the cooperation of other townships, the budget and cleaning up voter roles.

What do you see as the top two or three challenges for the Township?

Ms. Hoover stated she felt the top three challenges for the township are keeping the spread of State College out of the township, alternative resource support with other townships and development.

Do you have internet access at your home and how comfortable are you with creating, sending, receiving e-mail, accessing linked documents, printing linked documents, searching for on-line for information?

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10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,



Amy M. Smith,
Township Secretary

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Ms. Hoover stated that she did have internet access and is comfortable with creating, sending, receiving email, accessing linked documents, and printing linked documents. Ms. Hoover commented she doesn't like asking questions until she has done the research herself.

Mr. Bruce Helms

Please provide some information about your life and work experiences that would benefit you in your role as a Halfmoon Township Supervisor.

Mr. Helms stated he has lived in the township for 42 years and like Ms. Hoover has seen a lot of changes over the years. Mr. Helms commented that he would like to maintain the rural environment in the township.

Mr. Helms stated he was employed in the private sector and is an electrical engineer by training. Mr. Helms added he also has skills in product management and has been involved in environmental work with the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Helms commented he has been involved in the Boy Scouts. Mr. Helms stated that when he retired, he did not want to kickback and do nothing but wanted to volunteer his time. Mr. Helms commented he has been attending the meetings for 5 ½ months and feels things are running fairly well. Mr. Helms stated that he is sensitive to the budget and feels that the township needs to tighten the belt because there may be a reduction in tax revenues if jobs are lost in the declining economy.

Provide an example of a time when you successfully organized a diverse group of people to accomplish a task.

Mr. Helms stated that although he had not organized the group, he did work in product development with teams from the drawing board to the marketing ability. Mr. Helms commented he worked with a diverse set of skills within those individuals. Mr. Helms added that you have to count on everybody to do their best.

Share an experience you had in dealing with a person whom you disagreed with and how you handled the situation.

Mr. Helms stated it is difficult to step back from your own opinion and allow the individual to get out what they want to get out and see if there is not a more common ground.

What would you identify as the highest two or three priorities regarding the Township?

Mr. Helms stated he felt the highest priorities for the township are maintaining the budget and watching pennies, road work, better communications, allow more input by surveying citizens and the challenge with the Fire Department.

What do you see as the top two or three challenges for the Township?

Mr. Helms stated he felt the priorities he identified would also be challenges.

Do you have internet access at your home and how comfortable are you with creating, sending, receiving e-mail, accessing linked documents, printing linked documents, searching for on-line for information?

Mr. Helms stated he is not tech savvy but is capable of using the internet as a resource and responding and sending emails and accessing documents.

Mr. Helms questioned whether there were open committee appointments needed due to Mr. Strouse's vacancy that the appointee would need to fill. Ms. Hartle stated some of those appointments had been filled and reviewed the open committee appointments.

c. Chair will accept nominations

Mr. Piper opened the floor to accept nominations.

Ms. Hartle nominated Mr. Helms.

Mr. Servello nominated Ms. Hoover.

d. Chair will close nominations

Mr. Piper closed the floor for nominations.

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e. Chair will call for vote on nominated candidates

- **MOTION:** *Ms. Hartle moved to appoint Mr. Bruce Helms to the Board of Supervisors vacancy; No second; Motion Failed.*
- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to appoint Ms. Rose Ann Hoover to the Board of Supervisors vacancy; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 3-1-0; Mr. Servello, yea; Mr. Beck, yea; Mr. Piper, yea; Ms. Hartle, nay; No abstentions; Motion Carried.*

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy M. Smith,
Township Secretary

