

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); Patti Hartle (present at Community Center) and Rose Ann Hoover (present at Community Center). Staff present were Amy Smith, Township Secretary (present at Community Center); Brett Laird, Township Treasurer (present at Community Center) and Mark Boeckel, Centre Region Planner (present by Zoom). Residents & others in attendance: Ben Burns, HRG (present at Community Center); Mark Maloney, Half Moon Acres (present at Community Center); Roy Rupert, Millheim Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator (present at Community Center); Brian Hockenberry, Warriors Mark-Franklin Fire Company, Treasurer (present at Community Center); Dan Truax, Warriors Mark-Franklin Fire Company, President (present at Community Center); Jerry Seeger, Warriors Mark-Franklin Fire Company, Secretary & Fire Chief (present at Community Center); Bruce Helms (present at Community Center); Tom & Peggy Majewski (present at Community Center); Jens Sontang (present by Zoom); Reed Moyer (present by Zoom) and Joseph Welz (present by Zoom).

2. OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

More information is available on the website: www.halfmoontwp.us

- This evening's meeting is being LIVE recorded on C-NET's YouTube channel. You may also view locally produced programs online at www.cnet1.org

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Piper requested that the agenda be revised to include the Supervisors reports.

- **MOTION:** Ms. Hartle moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Supervisors reports; Mr. Servello seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.

5. PRESENTATIONS**a. C-NET Presentation (Cindy Hahn, C-NET)**

Ms. Hahn provided the annual report. Ms. Hahn reported the highlights of 2021 and commented that hybrid meetings have become the norm since 2021; there were 511 programs produced by C-NET in 2021; there was the addition of Amazon Fire for a viewing option and the Board of Directors approved an update to the C-NET Strategic Plan. Ms. Hahn reviewed the programming for Halfmoon Township in 2021. Ms. Hahn commented that C-NET's funding formula is determined by a 5-year rolling average and programming from 2017-2021 will determine the Township's 2023 C-NET dues. Ms. Hahn stated that Halfmoon Township sponsored 4.79% of all the programming by C-NET members in 2017-2021. Ms. Hahn reported that C-NET programs are available to view Online, OnDemand at cnet1.org. Ms. Hahn stated that C-NET can be viewed on Roku, Apple TV, and Fire TV. Ms. Hahn reviewed the franchise fees that the township receives from Comcast and how a fraction of those fees is passed on to C-NET. Mr. Strouse added that C-NET provides a good service to the township and allows citizens that are not able to attend the meeting in-person due to mobility issues access to township meetings.

b. Warriors Mark-Franklin Fire Company Presentation

Mr. Hockenberry reviewed the budget and stated that YTD they are right on schedule. Mr. Hockenberry stated the gun raffle that is occurring this weekend is a fundraiser for the Fire Company. Mr. Hockenberry commented that ice sales have continued to flourish, and they are on pace to sell 10,000 bags of ice this year. Mr. Hockenberry stated the big expense is the truck payment. Mr. Servello questioned how old the truck is and if it was purchased new. Mr. Hockenberry commented that the Engine Rescue Truck is a 2017 and it was purchased new. Mr. Hockenberry stated the loan was just recently re-financed. Mr. Servello questioned what the total cost of the truck was at the time it was purchased. Mr. Hockenberry stated it had cost \$609,000 and they borrowed \$375,000 on a fifteen-year loan. Mr. Hockenberry explained that they were five years away from paying the loan off but refinanced to get a fixed rate. Mr. Hockenberry commented that a new truck now would be more cost between 800,000 – 900,000 now. Mr. Seeger reviewed the equipment request and stated that any help the board could provide in these purchases would be appreciated and this would free up some funds to allow for improvements on the firehall.

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- c. Half Moon Acres Wastewater Treatment Facility Presentation (Ben Burns, HRG)
Mr. Burns provided a power point reviewing the benefits of water reuse and guidelines. Mr. Burns stated Half Moon Acres is planning to provide class A treated wastewater. Mr. Burns reviewed operating protocols and membrane module classifications. Mr. Rupert explained how the Millheim Borough wastewater treatment facility operated. Mr. Piper questioned how many gallons of wastewater was produced a day. Mr. Rupert stated that there are 52,000 gallons produced a day, but the plant is sized for 100,000 gallons. Ms. Hoover questioned what the process is to dispose of the sludge. Mr. Rupert commented that the sludge is pumped out of the tank and hauled to Bellefonte. Mr. Piper questioned how the Millheim facility compares to what Mr. Maloney is proposing. Mr. Maloney stated that the Millheim Borough facility is sized for up to 100,000 gallons and he is proposing 67,000 gallons being produced a day. Ms. Hartle questioned how the sludge is stored and if there is an odor. Mr. Rupert stated the sludge is stored in a container and there are no odor issues.
- d. Open Space Preservation Program Five Year Review Report
Mr. Servello questioned whether there were any questions or comments on the report. Ms. Hartle suggested breaking each comment down to discuss and act on any item that needed board direction. Ms. Hartle suggested this agenda item be tabled.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve payment of the Bills List for the period of 06/18/2022 to 07/08/2022 from the following funds:
- (i) General Fund in the amount of \$51,528.28
 - (ii) Fire Protection Fund in the amount of \$71,520.75
 - (iii) Open Space Preservation Fund in the amount of \$75,834.17
 - (iv) Park & Recreation Fund in the amount of \$2,999.62
 - (v) State Highway Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of \$6,111.36
- **MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve the consent agenda; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Piper adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. to hold an executive session on personnel. Mr. Piper reconvened the meeting at 8:55 p.m. No action taken.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Employee Evaluation Review Forms
Ms. Hartle commented that she would like to review the forms further and requested that these be tabled until the next meeting.
- b. Public Works Laborer Job Description Amendment
- **MOTION: Ms. Hartle moved to approve the Public Works Laborer job description amendment; Ms. Hoover seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**
- c. Public Works Lead Job Description
- **MOTION: Ms. Hartle moved to approve the Public Works Lead job description; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

9. WORK SESSION TOPICS

- a. Third party services comparison
Mr. Servello commented that the board should seek staff direction. Ms. Hartle questioned what services the board is seeking in a comparison. Ms. Hartle stated current services include planning, emergency management, administration, code, sewage enforcement and the library. Ms. Hartle added that the services should be comparable to the services provided now.

10. SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Facilities Committee – Ms. Hartle stated the committee received an update on the Whitehall Road Regional Park and they reviewed bid packages for the Spring Creek education building phase II and welcome pavilion.

Finance Committee – Ms. Hartle reported that the committee reviewed the draft 2023 program plan. Ms. Hartle commented that this will be on the July 25th general forum agenda for approval to send to the member municipalities for comment.

Public Safety – Ms. Hoover reported that they discussed the purchase of a traffic control unit. Ms. Hoover added this vehicle is designed to block traffic from the emergency personnel and emergency vehicles.

Public Works Department – Mr. Beck reported that paving has been completed on Orchard Road and Doe Drive and berming will be completed on Saturday. Mr. Beck added that repairs to the intersection of Pauls Lane will be started on July 26th and berming will begin on various roads.

11. ADJOURNMENT

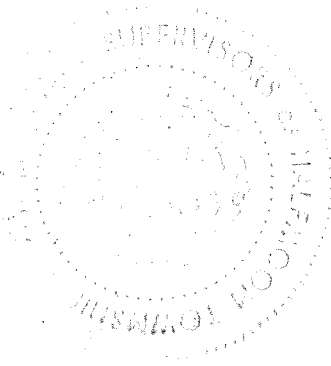
There being no further business before the board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

- **MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Amy M. Smith,
Township Secretary



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