

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair David Piper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (present at the Community Center). Other Supervisors present were Patti Hartle (present at the Community Center); Rose Ann Hoover (present at the Community Center); Chuck Beck (present at the Community Center) and Ron Servello (present at the Community Center). Staff present were Amy Smith, Township Secretary (present at the Community Center); Brett Laird, Treasurer (present at the Community Center); Chuck Beck, Public Works Department Lead (present at Community Center) and Mark Boeckel, Centre Region Planner. Residents & others in attendance: Joanne Fisher (present at the Community Center); Tammy Perkins (present at the Community Center); Georgina Motter (present at the Community Center); Lenore & Wayne Foster (present at Community Center) and David Allgeier (present at Community Center); Donna Hughes (present by Zoom); Virginia Squier (present by Zoom); Susan Person (present by Zoom); JB Leve (present by Zoom); Connie Jones (present by Zoom); Cheryl Barr (present by Zoom); Bruce Helms (present by Zoom); Tom Majewski (present by Zoom); Michelle Schellberg (present by Zoom); David Crow (present by Zoom); and Hyeseon Kim (present by Zoom).

**OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

More information is available on the website: [www.halfmoontwp.us](http://www.halfmoontwp.us)

- This evening's meeting is being LIVE recorded on C-NET's YouTube channel.

2. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Perkins thanked the board for attending the joint UBEH COG meeting and working toward a resolution to keep the Port Matilda EMS in business.

Ms. Foster stated she would like the board to keep citizens informed of the negotiation process with Schlow Library. Ms. Foster complimented Ms. Rovansek for her service and dedication on working with the Schlow Library Board of Trustees and being the representative for Halfmoon Township. Ms. Foster commented that Mr. Norenberg stated that Schlow Library begins budgeting discussions in the summer and Halfmoon Township will need to know what their contribution is going to be prior to the start of those discussions. Ms. Foster reminded the board that their contribution effects other citizens outside Halfmoon Township and the Centre County Library.

Ms. Miller also thanked the board for their attendance at the joint UBEH COG meeting and their efforts in trying to save the Port Matilda EMS. Ms. Miller added that \$14.00 an hour may not be enough to entice employees. Ms. Miller stated that electronic book downloads are not included in the use fees for Schlow Library and would like the board to consider this when discussing funding.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Hoover seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. January 3, 2023 – Organization Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
- b. January 3, 2023 – Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

- ***MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve the organization meeting minutes of January 3, 2023 & regular meeting minutes of January 3, 2023; Ms. Hoover seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.***

5. **SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS OR CONDITIONAL USES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Half Moon Acres Component 2 Sewage Planning Module for Replot of Parcels 17-2-4 and 17-2-4A – Resolution 2023-08

Mr. Boeckel stated that this is related to the plan that was conditionally approved on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 where they were subdividing the northern portion of the property from the southern portion of the property that parallels both sides of S.R. 550 and consolidating two lots on the southern side. Mr. Boeckel commented that this module was one of the conditions of the conditional approval of the plan to finalize the module to forward to DEP and provide proof of approval once the DEP review has been complete. Mr. Boeckel stated that the applicant provided the missing map and now the module is complete. Mr. Boeckel reported the Sewage Enforcement Officer signed off on the module and planning saw nothing

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out of the ordinary when reviewing the component 4A & 4B portion of the module. Mr. Boeckel stated staff recommends the board approve the Resolution and that the sewage planning module be forwarded to DEP for review.

- **MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve Resolution 2023-08; A Resolution for plan revision for new land development for Half Moon Acres Component 2 Sewage Planning Module; Ms. Hoover seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

#### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve payment of the Bills List for the period of 01/04/2023 to 01/13/2023 from the following funds:
    - General Fund in the amount of \$28,017.17
    - Open Space Preservation Fund in the amount of \$50.00
  - Appoint Hyeseon Kim to the Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee (term 12/31/2023)
  - Appoint Sharon Rovanseck as the Schlow Library Representative to the Library Board of Trustees (term 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025)
  - Appoint Mark Hartle to the Open Space Preservation Board to serve as the Planning Commission Representative (term 12/31/2023)
  - Appoint Mike Fedor as a Seasonal Road Crew Member at \$16.50 an hour
- **MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

#### 7. ACTION ITEMS

- Approve Resolution 2023-09 - Application for County Aid
  - **MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve Resolution 2023-09; Application for County Aid; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**
- Direct staff to advertise for Public Hearing on February 23, 2023 – Planning Commission Member Ordinance
  - **MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to direct staff to advertise for a public hearing to revise the Planning Commission Ordinance; Ms. Hoover seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**
- Resolution 2023-10 – Approving the conversion of the Joanne Fisher 99-year conservation lease held on tax parcel 17-004-007-0000- to a permanent conservation lease thereby, terminating the 99-year lease agreement.
  - **MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve Resolution 2023-10; A Resolution of the Township of Halfmoon, Centre County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the township to terminate the conservation lease agreement recorded as instrument number 1617 in the Centre County Recorder of Deeds Office; and authorizing the township to enter into a termination agreement with the property owner and record the same in the Centre County Recorder of Deeds Office; Ms. Hoover seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

#### 8. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- EMS Funding Discussion and Possible Action
  - **MOTION: Mr. Piper moved to appoint Mr. Servello as the point person to work out an equitable plan with the committee tasked to work on a funding plan; Mr. Foster questioned whether this would be done at a regular meeting; Mr. Servello these meetings will be conducted as workshops and will not take place at a regular meeting; Ms. Perkins questioned whether there was a timeline; Ms. Miller questioned why only 20% of citizens are paying when everyone should be paying; Mr. Servello stated the committee will look at everything and this will take a lot of work and added there will be a hybrid of different ideas; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

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Mr. Piper stated he would like the board to agree to have the Solicitor Rice draft a Resolution to send to the legislatures requesting they change the laws regarding payment of services for emergency medical services. Mr. Servello commented that the State has a surplus that could be used to help these services be viable again.

- **MOTION:** Mr. Piper moved to direct Solicitor Rice to draft a Resolution to support forcing insurance companies to pay monies owed for services directly to the ambulance service; Mr. Beck seconded; Mr. Servello questioned whether any other municipality has done this and added the board should share the Resolution and encourage other municipalities to send this to the legislatures; Ms. Hartle commented that the municipalities could put the pressure on PSATS to encourage them to lobby for legislative changes to this law; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.

b. Security Camera Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Beck provided answers to the questions at the last meeting regarding the security cameras.

- **MOTION:** Mr. Servello moved to approve the purchase of the cameras, equipment, and installation for the security cameras; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.

c. Part-time Seasonal Park Mowing Position and Possible Action to direct staff to draft a job description.

- **MOTION:** Mr. Servello moved to direct staff to draft a job description for a part-time seasonal park mowing position; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.

d. Approve the Warriors Mark-Franklin Fire Company call box response tabulation.

- **MOTION:** Mr. Servello moved to approve the Warriors Mark-Franklin Fire Company call box tabulation; Ms. Hoover seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The department reports were provided.

Mr. Allgeier commented that the light is not working on the flagpole at Autumn Meadow Park. Mr. Beck stated he would check on that. Ms. Miller commented that there was an issue with the road at the corner of Darrich Court and Bethel Road. Mr. Beck stated there is a berming issue and that is on the list of berm repairs. Mr. Beck explained there are a lot of berm repair work that needs done and will take time but if citizens see anything he welcomes them to let him know.

10. SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

Mr. Piper responded to Mr. Foster's question regarding the public hearing for the Half Moon Acres Component 3 Sewage Planning Module. Mr. Piper explained that when the board turns down the approval of a sewage planning module the applicant has the right to appeal. Mr. Piper commented the applicant is appealing the denial of the Half Moon Acres Component 3 Sewage Planning Module.

Ms. Hoover stated the board received an email and phone call complimenting the Public Works Department for their efforts during the snow event.

Ms. Hoover stated she attended the Centre Region COG Human Resource Committee, Safety Committee and LUCI Committee. Ms. Hoover reviewed the topics of discussion. Ms. Hoover stated there was discussion on the sinkhole in Patton Township; Mr. Kauffman is acting Fire Director; looking at new equipment for identifying unknown substances; searching for a new planner and they received a snip-it about the sewage pumping notices.

Ms. Hartle stated she attended the Facilities meeting and they reviewed the meeting guidelines and etiquette. Ms. Hartle commented they discussed the goals of the long-range facilities plan and will continue to assess and be proactive instead of reactive. Ms. Hartle stated they will keep short-term assessments up to date. Ms. Hartle commented the pipes on the second-floor bathroom of the Schlow Library broke on December 24<sup>th</sup> and the Library was closed for a few days to facilitate a clean-up. Ms. Hartle stated there was a Whitehall Road Regional Park update. Ms. Hartle reported the building of phase II of the Spring Creek Education Building and welcome pavilions will be started. These projects were donor sponsored.

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Ms. Hartle stated she attended the Solar PPA Working Group, and they are getting close to a point to bring back costs. Ms. Hartle stated they should have project costs for the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Hartle stated at the March 23 meeting the board will need to discuss whether the board wants in or out of a contract. Ms. Hartle commented this is an opportunity to get a discount on power.

Mr. Servello stated he attended the Finance Committee, and they discussed the Articles of Agreement and the priorities of Centre Region COG. Mr. Servello stated there was discussion on the purchase of ThreatID equipment. Ms. Servello commented they also discussed the Whitehall Road Regional Park project.

Mr. Servello stated he attended the Executive Committee and they discussed some of the same issues as the Finance Committee. Mr. Servello commented he is the Vice-Chair of the committee, so this makes him also a member of the Emergency Management Committee. Mr. Servello stated they discussed the Resolution for Records Distribution and purchase power agreement. Mr. Servello reported that the PACOG is currently not active but that is being resolved. Mr. Servello commented Mr. Shawn Kauffman is serving as the acting Fire Director.

Mr. Servello reported that he is the Vice-Chair of the General Forum. Mr. Servello stated there were two young ladies who were awarded for their heroic efforts in rescuing a mother and her infant from the American Red Cross. Their instructor was also presented an award.

**11. GOOD & WELFARE**

Mr. Piper stated he appreciates the citizen attendance and input at the joint UBEH COG while they try to figure a solution for the Port Matilda EMS.

**12. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

Ms. Squier wished everyone a Happy Lunar New Year. Ms. Squier reported that tomorrow is the International Day of Commemoration in memory of victims of the Holocaust. Ms. Squier also reported that upcoming in February is Black History month. Ms. Squier shared definitions for diversity, equity and inclusion and asked that everyone think of these definitions as we move through these next few important dates.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

- **MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy M. Smith  
Township Secretary



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