

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Piper called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. (present at Community Center). Other Supervisors present were Rose Ann Hoover (present at Community Center); Patti Hartle (present at Community Center); Chuck Beck (present at Community Center) and Ron Servello (present at Community Center). Staff present were Amy Smith, Township Secretary (present at Community Center); Brett Laird, Township Treasurer (present at Community Center); Chuck Beck, Public Works Lead (present at Community Center) and Mark Boeckel, CRPA (present at Community Center).

Residents & others in attendance (In-person): Becky Brooks; Sharon Rovansek; Bruce Helms; David Allegier; Steve Schellberg; Gail Jones; Tyler Hegedus, Pennsylvania Game Commission; Roy Schaeffer, Pennsylvania Game Commission; Karen Miller; Donnan Stoicovy and Virginia Squier.

Residents & others in attendance (Zoom): Connie Jones.

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.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Miller read a statement on behalf of Ms. Lenore Foster thanking citizens for the donation received through Centre Gives to the Port Matilda EMS.

Ms. Miller requested the board provide additional funding that was approved in December to the Port Matilda Fire Company.

Ms. Squier stated citizens could support the emergency services by supporting fundraisers and volunteering.

Ms. Stocoivy stated there were 25 bags of trash collected along State Route 550 from the cemetery to Way Fruit Farm, Smith Road, and Autumn Park.

Ms. Squier encouraged the board to attend DEI training.

Ms. Rovansek commented that the reports are not easily accessible and requested that paper copies be provided at the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 13, 2023- Regular Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 13, 2023; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- Ratification of the Bills List for the period of 04/08/2023 to 04/21/2023 from the following funds:

- General Fund in the amount of \$147,977.50
- Open Space Preservation Fund in the amount of \$50.00
- Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$5,914.18

- Approval of the Bills List for the period of 04/22/2023 to 05/05/2023 from the following funds:

- General Fund in the amount of \$63,850.85
- Open Space Preservation Fund in the amount of \$263.40

- Recognize May 21st through May 27th as National EMS Week 2023

- Permission to transfer \$16,000.00 from General Fund to Park & Recreation Fund

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

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6. PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION PRESENTATION

Mr. Schaeffer and Mr. Hegedus provided information on disease management, bear management, tree stand management and reviewed some State Game Lands regulations. Handouts were provided for the public.

7. CHAPTER 181 – SEWERS & SEWAGE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE

Mr. Boeckel stated the Centre Region municipalities adopted an agreement in 2013 on how they would implement the Act 537 plan, and these revisions will make the township ordinance consistent with that agreement.

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to direct staff to advertise this ordinance for a public hearing on June 8th, 2023; Ms. Hoover seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

8. OPEN SPACE LEASE CPI INCREASE

- **MOTION:** *Ms. Hartle moved to approve the CPI rate increase of 6.65% for the 2023 open space preservation program lease payments, for a rate of \$40.74 per acre; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

9. RESOLUTION 2023-13 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN FREEZE

Mr. Laird stated this Resolution freezes the Defined Benefit Pension Plan for anyone hired after January 1, 2021.

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to approve Resolution 2023-13; A Resolution freezing the defined benefit non-uniform pension plan; Ms. Hoover seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

10. RESOLUTION 2023-14 FLEET REPLACEMENT POLICY

- **MOTION:** *Ms. Hartle moved to approve Resolution 2023-14; A Resolution adopting fleet replacement policies and regulations; Mr. Servello seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

11. RESOLUTION 2023-15 IT HARDWARE/SOFTWARE REPLACEMENT POLICY

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to approve Resolution 2023-15; A Resolution adopting IT hardware/software replacement policies and regulations; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

12. MUNICIPAL LANE PARK MINOR IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Mr. Beck provided nine options for minor park improvements that included relocating the dumpster, relocating the sand bin, relocating the batting cage near the parking lot, purchasing aluminum bleachers, removing sod under the bleacher areas, replacing pavilion stone, replacing trash receptacles, and replacing the snack shack with a new building to house the snack shack and storage. Mr. Beck stated option eight is withdrawn due to no response from Little League regarding replacing the infield materials on both fields.

- **MOTION:** *Ms. Hartle moved to approve options 1-7 and option 9.1; Mr. Servello seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

13. EMS FUNDING FORMULA

Mr. Laird provided a chart at the request of a few board members to get the conversation started on the EMS funding formula. This chart includes all the recipients of primary coverage. The board reviewed the chart and determined that they would like to forward the proposed chart to these municipalities for consideration.

- **MOTION:** *Ms. Hartle moved to approve the EMS funding formula to forward to the UBEH COG members, Ferguson Township and Warriors Mark Township for their consideration; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

14. SCHLOW LIBRARY SURVEY

The board decided not to do a survey at this time and discussed the possibly of discussing this at a later meeting.

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15. TOWNSHIP REPORTS

- *MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve the township reports; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

16. AUTHORITY, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve the authority, board, and committee reports; Ms. Hoover seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

17. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Ms. Rovansk and Mr. Houseknecht questioned whether the board would be willing to consider a Resolution recognizing Asian Pacific American Heritage month. No action was taken by the board.


Ms. Squier requested that the reports be provided in paper form or summarized so everyone has the opportunity to see or hear what is being reported.

18. ADJOURNMENT

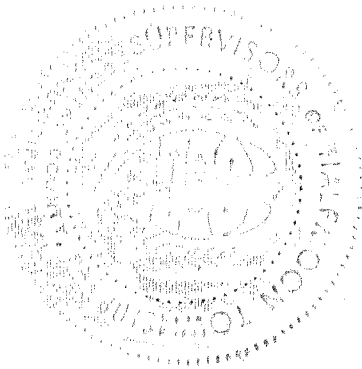
There being no further business before the board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

- *MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,



Amy M. Smith,
Township Secretary



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