

**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 Rose Ann Hoover (present at Community Center); Patti Hartle (present by Zoom); 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) and Chuck Beck, Public Works Lead (present at Community Center).

Residents & others in attendance (In-person): Ryan Hamilton, Clearwater Conservancy, Donnan Stoicovy, Donna Hughes, Scott Sheaffer; Mason Sheaffer, Gina Motter, Reed Moyer, Brian Hockenberry, WMFC, Dan Truax, WMFC, Jerry Seeger, WMFC, John Witherite III, PMFC, Mason French, PMFC, Mark Lively, Ida Lively, Tammy Perkins, Virginia Squier, Steve Kibe, Abbie Spackman and Michelle Schellberg.

Residents & others in attendance (Zoom): Lenore & Wayne Foster, Susan Person and Abbey Carr.

**2. 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.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

Mr. Piper announced the board would adjourn to a brief executive session to discuss personnel at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Piper reconvened the meeting at 7:29 p.m. No decisions were made.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Hamilton stated Clearwater Conservancy is working with Ms. Joanne Fisher to permanently preserve about 53 acres of woodland in conjunction with the Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation Board who is working to permanently preserve the ag portion of approximately 170-acre property. Mr. Hamilton stated he attended the May 10<sup>th</sup> Open Space Preservation Board meeting and the board recommended that the Board of Supervisors commit 50% of the funding, \$26,500, needed to permanently preserve the woodland. Mr. Hamilton stated he is in attendance to request that the board consider this recommendation. Mr. Piper stated that if an answer is not needed tonight, this can be placed on the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

Mr. Mason Shaffer a player of the State College Little League baseball organization, provided a list of safety concerns regarding the baseball fields. Mr. Shaffer stated that the scoreboard is no longer in working order, there were safety concerns with the lack of a warning track and there are branches and debris in the outfield.

Ms. Donnan Stoicovy provided the board with statistics from the April Watershed Clean-Up Day. Ms. Stoicovy also provided the board with the Centre Outdoors Passport which highlighted 19 hiking trails within Centre County. Ms. Stoicovy thanked Ms. Smith for posting the information regarding the Centre Region Composting Program on the township Facebook and email listserv.

Mr. Steve Kibe the newly appointed president of the Port Matilda EMS(PMEMS) Board of Directors introduced himself to the board. Mr. Kibe stated the EMS hoped to have the 2024 budget to the municipalities by late August. Mr. Kibe added that currently the EMS has 12 staff members and have made 98% of their calls because they are now staffed 24/7. Mr. Kibe invited all elected officials to the board's meeting on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Mr. Servello questioned if the EMS had an official spokesperson. Mr. Kibe said all non-operational questions could be directed to himself or the Vice-President Clifford Neal and that the PMEMS handled their own operational duties. Mr. Kibe will forward a complete list of the Board of Directors to Ms. Smith.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2023 & June 12, 2023; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items listed on the Consent Agenda portion of the agenda may be approved with a single motion by a member or if a member of the public requests that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for a question or further discussion.

- a. Approval of the Bills List for the period of 06/03/2023 to 06/16/2023 from the following funds:
  - i. General Fund in the amount of \$70,989.84
- b. Acknowledgement of David Pick resignation from Planning Commission, effective June 16, 2023  
(EMAIL)
- c. Appointment of Charles "Chip" Jones to the Planning Commission, term expires December 31, 2025  
(VOLUNTEER APPLICATION)

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

**7. PORT MATILDA FIRE COMPANY**

Mr. John Witherite, Port Matilda Fire Company Chief, provided a preliminary 2024 budget to the board and stated he has plans to work with Ron Servello, Brett Laird and Tim Reese prior to the budget becoming officially presentable.

Mr. Piper questioned what outstanding debt the fire company currently had.

Mr. Witherite stated that currently the fire company had debt on their engine rescue which is paid by the municipalities through their operating account and the brush truck which is paid by the fire companies fundraiser account.

**8. WARRIORS MARK FIRE COMPANY**

Mr. Brian Hockenberry, Treasurer and Mr. Jerry Seeger, Secretary/Fire Chief of the Warriors Mark-Franklin Fire Company provided a preliminary 2024 budget to the board. Mr. Hockenberry stated operationally the company was solid due to a consistent outpouring of community support and fundraisers. Mr. Seeger stated although financially solvent the company is set to begin discussing the possibility of replacing their 1987 Pumper.

**9. RESOLUTION 2023-16 PORT MATILDA EMS FUNDING**

Mr. Laird stated based on the discussions from the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the consensus of the board was to have a resolution paying 41% of the line-item municipal contributions, in a budget that was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

- **MOTION: Ms. Hartle moved to approve Resolution 2023-16; A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Halfmoon Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, approving a percentage formula for contributing to the Port Matilda EMS for Emergency Medical Services within Halfmoon Township; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.**

**10. RESOLUTION 2023-17 LIBRARY FUNDING**

Mr. Laird stated that based on the discussions from the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, a resolution was created to begin discussions starting at \$5.00 per person and paid to the Centre County Federation of Public Libraries.

Ms. Hartle stated she was comfortable with providing the funds to the Federation but felt \$11.00 per person would be a better agreement because it would bring the funding to \$30,000.00, which may help the township not lose as many services as possible.

Ms. Hoover stated she was in favor of the resolution as written.

Mr. Beck stated he was more in favor of \$5.00 per person.

Mr. Servello agreed.

- **MOTION:** *Ms. Hoover moved to approve Resolution 2023-17; A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Halfmoon Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, approving a formula for contributing to the Centre County Federation of Public Libraries to provide library services to residents of Halfmoon Township; Mr. Servello seconded; Vote 4-1-0; Mr. Servello, yea; Mr. Piper, yea; Mr. Beck, yea; Ms. Hoover, yea; Ms. Hartle, nay; No abstentions; Motion Carried.*

**11. TOWNSHIP REPORTS**

Mr. Beck stated the public should expect traffic delays next week on Tow Hill Road, Shanelly Drive, Lynn Circle and Buckhorn Road since New Enterprise was set to finish the overplay projects.

Mr. Piper questioned if the consulting had obtained the soil samples needed for DEP regarding the park incident. Mr. Beck stated that the samples had been collected but the results would take a few weeks.

**12. AUTHORITY, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Piper stated that all reports are available online by using the links within the individual meeting agendas.

**13. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

Ms. Squier stated that June is a very busy month in the community and highlighted several events in recognition and observance of these occasions.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 5-0-0; Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,



Amy M. Smith,  
Township Secretary

