

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 the Community Center). Staff present were Amy Smith, Township Secretary (present at Community Center) and Brett Laird, Township Treasurer (present at Community Center).

Absent: Tammy Perkins

Residents & others in attendance (In-person): Brian Hockenberry, WMFC; Jerry Seeger, WMFC; Jimmy Brokenshire, WMFC; Dan Truax, WMFC; Leah Steele, WMFC; Matthew Steele, WMFC; Mike Moyer, PMFC; John Witherite III, PMFC; Donna & Dan Hughes and Bruce Helms.

Residents & others in attendance (Zoom): Susan Person.

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

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MOTION: Mr. Servello moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 9, 2024; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. 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.

- i. Ratification of the Bills List for the period of 05/04/2024 to 05/20/2024 from the following funds:
 1. [General Fund](#) in the amount of \$180,390.60
 2. [Open Space Preservation Fund](#) in the amount of \$217,894.26
 3. [Park & Recreation Fund](#) in the amount of \$1,581.06
- ii. Ratification of the Bills List for the period of 05/21/2024 to 06/10/2024 from the following funds:
 1. [General Fund](#) in the amount of \$57,257.98
 2. [Fire Protection Fund](#) in the amount of \$36,390.89
 3. [Open Space Preservation Fund](#) in the amount of \$1,765.00

- **MOTION: Ms. Hartle moved to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Servello seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.**

6. WARRIORS MARK – FRANKLIN FIRE COMPANY (PRESENTATION)

Mr. Hockenberry provided financials for 2023 and 2024 up to 5/31/2024. Mr. Hockenberry stated they are financially sound.

Mr. Piper questioned if Huntingdon County provides funding to the Warriors Mark Franklin Fire Company. Mr. Hockenberry stated that they provided ARPA funds last year.

Mr. Piper questioned what the WMFC had for purchases in the next 5 (five) years. Mr. Seeger stated they would like to purchase a grain bin rescue kit. Mr. Brokenshire stated they had requested a grant for a grain bin rescue kit but because there have not been any incidents needing this type of equipment, they did not receive the grant. Mr. Brokenshire stated unfortunately there will be a time it is needed, and it won't be available, but they will do what they can. Mr. Seeger stated they would also like to purchase paratech struts, high lift bags and rescue tools. Mr. Seeger commented that their next big purchase is a wildland attack 4WD unit. Mr. Brokenshire commented that federal grants are getting more difficult to get.

Mr. Hockenberry stated their next fundraiser is the gun raffle. There are 55 prizes, and the tickets are \$10.00 per ticket. Mr. Hockenberry commented that last year they netted a \$30,000 profit with the gun raffle.

Mr. Hockenberry stated they received a grant from the State Fire Commission that will be used for debt reduction on the truck payment.

Mr. Piper questioned how the fire house is holding up. Mr. Hockenberry stated the building is 32 years old and needs some TLC.

Mr. Piper stated that possibly the board could help with the grain bin rescue kit.

Mr. Brokenshire stated there were 90 calls last year. There have been 6 (six) calls year to date in Halfmoon Township and a total of 12 calls year to date.

Ms. Hartle questioned where the insurance claim funds came from. Mr. Hockenberry replied that it came from a break-in and robbery that happened last year. Mr. Brokenshire added that security cameras were installed to help keep this from reoccurring.

The WMFC attendees thanked the board for their support.

7. WARRIORS MARK – FRANKLIN FIRE COMPANY (AGREEMENT)

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to approve forwarding the agreement to the solicitor for final review; Ms. Hartle seconded; Ms. Hartle questioned what the .270 mils equated to in dollars. Mr. Laird stated that as of 3/31 it would amount to \$22,114.81; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.*

8. PORT MATILDA FIRE COMPANY (PRESENTATION)

Mr. Witherite provided call information for Halfmoon Township. Mr. Witherite added that the response time has improved due to the lack of severity of the accidents.

Mr. Piper questioned what the PMFC had for purchases in the next 5 (five) years. Mr. Witherite stated they will need to replace the utility vehicle. Mr. Servello stated that Alpha Fire Company will be replacing several vehicles and that may be an option. Mr. Witherite stated they will also need to replace hydraulic tools on the rescue that are 25-26 years old. Mr. Servello questioned whether these tools were available with a battery version. Mr. Witherite confirmed that they would be replacing them with battery powered tools. Mr. Witherite added that they would also need to replace radios.

Mr. Piper questioned how the fire house is holding up. Mr. Witherite stated it is 70+ years old and did have an update but still needs some TLC.

Mr. Witherite thanked the board for their support.

9. PORT MATILDA FIRE COMPANY (AGREEMENT)

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to approve forwarding the agreement to the solicitor for final review; Ms. Hartle seconded; Ms. Hartle questioned what the .890 mils equated to in dollars. Mr. Laird stated that as of 3/31 it would amount to \$72,896.95; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.*

10. PORT MATILDA FIRE COMPANY & UPPER BALD EAGLE HALFMOON COG AGREEMENT

Mr. Servello stated the agreement was revised to update the duties of the COG/Fire Company Treasurer.

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to approve the amended agreement; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.*

11. PORT MATILDA EMS AGREEMENT

- **POSSIBLE MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to approve forwarding the attached agreement to the solicitor for final review; Mr. Beck seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.*

12. MUNICIPAL LANE TENNIS COURT NETTING BUDGET REQUEST

Ms. Hartle commented that the net poles were fixed straight down on the court and questioned whether the court would need to be disturbed to replace the poles. Mr. Piper stated that there should be sleeves. Mr. Laird suggested that if the board wanted to include the poles, they could make a motion that costs shall not exceed \$585.00 and then if there is an issue with the poles, they do not get replaced right now and further discussion could ensue.

- **MOTION:** *Mr. Servello moved to approve the purchase of one tennis net and poles for a total cost not to exceed \$585.00 from the Park & Recreation Capital Fund; Ms. Hartle seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.*

13. TOWNSHIP REPORTS

Staff reports were provided and there were no additional comments.

14. AUTHORITY, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Hartle stated that the June Public Safety Committee meeting was canceled but in May they had a tour of the Centre Life Link facility and their operations. Ms. Hartle added that the Centre Life Link captain and Mount Nittany Medical Service were present to discuss back-up support and their specialties.

Mr. Piper questioned whether the board was open to discussing funding issues such as equipment or radios at the next meeting for the fire companies' needs to see if the board can contribute. Mr. Servello stated this would give Mr. Laird time to look at the budget. Ms. Hartle stated she would like to see a short list of prioritized items.

15. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Piper announced at the adjournment of this meeting there would be an executive session to discuss personnel.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy M. Smith,
Township Secretary

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