The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors is held on Tuesday August 3, 2021, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, draft minutes of the previous meeting and Treasurer Reports are available to the public. Chair Robert Pipech calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. It is announced that the meeting will be recorded for preparing the minutes. Interior cameras are also recording the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Arnold -
 Pipech -
 Smith -

Also present are: Please see attached sign in sheet.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

 **BUSINESS MATTERS:**

**MOTION** by , second by , to accept the Minutes of the meeting on July 6, 2021.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

Received the Treasurer's Report for July, 2021:
**MOTION** by , second by , to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and all bills to be paid.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

Received the Roadmaster's Report for July, 2021:
**MOTION** by , second by , to accept the Roadmaster's Report as presented.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

**BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont):**

Received the Police Report for July, 2021:
**MOTION** by , second by , to accept the Police Report as presented.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

Received the Zoning Report for July, 2021:
**MOTION** by , second by , to accept the Zoning Report as presented.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

Received the SEO Report for July, 2021:
**MOTION** by , second by , to accept the SEO Report as presented.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** , second , to ratify adoption of Resolution 8 of 2021, which raises the micro-purchase amount associated with the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) funds from the federal level of $10,000 to the State level of $11,500.00.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Smith, to approve Resolution 2021-9 opening the Rice Township General Fund ARPA interest-bearing account as best management practice for the ARPA federal fund grant.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by , second by , to enter into a contract with Zelenkofske Axelrod for their assistance with the management of ARPA funds at a cost of $11,000 total, payable as $5,500 in 2021 and 2022 from the ARPA funds in order to avoid fund expenditures that might not comply with ARPA.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by , second by , to enter into a contract with R.A.T.T., Inc ( an independent franchise of Orkin Systems, Inc.) to apply herbicide to selected sections of the park at a COSTARS price of $1,025.00.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

**BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont):**

**MOTION** by , second by , to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to advertise for a part-time Zoning Officer since Strategic Municipal Group is ceasing operation on August 31, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by , second by , to ratify the decision by poll to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to attend the PSATS Centennial Dinner Thursday, October 14, at a cost of $100.00.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

The electronic recycling event will be held on Saturday, August 7 from 2pm until 5 pm at the Wright Township recycling center. Flyers are in the lobby, posted on the door and posted on the website. Any questions call the office at 570-868-6400 option 1.

Rice Township received the first tranche of the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) of $185,578.51. The Federal program limits the utilization of these funds and requires annual reporting to the U. S Treasury of the expenditures.

The 2021-2022 recycling stickers have arrived. Residents may obtain their sticker by turning in their 2020 recycling permit to the office. Call 570-868-6400 option 1 with any questions.

The Ice Lake Park has reopened for the summer until dam construction resumes after from the Department of Environmental Protection grants permission to complete the project to their specifications. Note the new signage at the park. Boats must stay away from the dam construction site.

Ecological Solutions completed its first application of herbicide on the lower Ice Lake to control the lily pads and Naiad. The company reports evidence of aquatic plant death upon its arrival to complete its application. The Lakes are part of the Township park system and unauthorized application of any chemical within the park system is prohibited. Any application of any chemical to the lakes violates PA Department of Environmental Protection and PA Fish and Boat regulations. Unauthorized applications of chemicals can harm the delicate ecology of the lakes.

The Planning Commission met on May 26, 2021 and draft minutes are available.

Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**MOTION** by , second by , to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at p.m.