

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - AGENDA

November 1, 2022

3000 Church Road, Mountaintop, PA

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors is held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 4, 2022.

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

Received the Treasurer's Report for October, 2022:

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 October, 2022:

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Roadmaster's Report as presented.

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

Received the Police Report for October, 2022:

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Police Report as presented.

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

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont):

Received the Zoning Report for October, 2022:

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Zoning Report as presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

Received the SEO Report for October, 2022:

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the SEO Report as presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, to authorize Engineer Pasonick to create specifications and bid documents for the Vista Drive and Nuangola Drive stormwater projects and to advertise the same.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, to approve and pay for 3 pepperball launchers for a price not to exceed \$3,500.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, to authorize the Police Department to raise funds for a K-9 unit within the Rice Township Police Department to serve the Mountaintop area with a goal of no cost to the Rice Township taxpayer.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, to ratify the decision to pay New Enterprise Stone and Lime for the 2022 Pave Project as recommended by the Township Engineer, the payment to be comprised of \$100,000 from the General Fund, \$24,814.05 from the Liquid Fuels fund, and the remaining \$360,172.00 coming from LSA contract C000080472.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to adopt Resolution 2022-11 which declares a revenue shortfall for all funds including the final second tranche received from the American Rescue Program Act in accordance with Final Treasury Guidance and as recommended by consultant Zelenkofske Axelrod.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont):

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to adopt Resolution 2022-12 which directs the expenditure of second tranche of ARP funds received in 2022 as revenue shortfall for reimbursement of payroll since 3/3/2021 in accordance with Final Treasury Guidance and as recommended by consultant Zelenkofske Axelrod.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, to close the bank account designated for ARPA funds since the program distribution has ended and the received funds have been dispersed.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, to adopt Resolution 2022-13 in accordance with Act 57 to implement property tax penalty waiver provisions

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, to accept the offer by the Birk family to provide one metal bench for the Rice Township Park, which will not include a QR code or any other link to social media on the bench, in memory of their son, Ronald Daniel Birk, III.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to adopt the following proposed budget for Rice Township for 2023 and authorize its advertisement.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

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			PROPOSED
			BUDGET
			2023
Receipts			
	Total 300.00 · TAXES		\$ 1,160,700
	Total 320 · LICENSES AND PERMITS		\$ 19,700
	Total 331.00 · FINES AND FORFEITS		\$ 5,800
	Total 340.00 · INTEREST, RENTS AND ROYALTIES		\$ 55,774
	Total 354.00 · STATE CAPITAL & OPER GRANTS		\$ 400,000
	Total 355.00 · STATE SHARED REV. & ENTITLEMENT		\$ 77,835
	Total 356.00 · STATE PMT IN LIEU OF TAXES		\$ 1,277
	Total 357.00 · LOCAL GOVT. GRANTS ,CAP. & OPER		\$ 34,000
	Total 358.00 · LOCAL GOV PMT CONTRACTED SVCS		\$ 34,000
	Total 360-370 · CHRGS FOR SERVICE(DEPT EARNING)		\$ 52,500
	Total 380 · Miscellaneous Income		\$ 61,264
Total Receipts			\$ 1,902,850
Expense			
	Total 400-409 · GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 162,995
	Total 410-419 · PUBLIC SAFETY CAT		\$ 735,615
	Total 426-429 · PUBLIC WORKS-SANITATION		\$ 24,250
	Total 430-439 · PUBLIC WORKS-HWYS /STREETS		\$ 662,050
	Total 450-459 · CULTURE/RECREATION		\$ 2,750
	Total 481-484 · EMPLOYER PAID BENEFITS \$ WITHHO		\$ 156,747
	Total 486.00 · INSURANCE		\$ 59,900
	Total 487.00 · HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT		\$ 205,200
	Total 491.00 · REFUND PRIOR YEAR REVENUE		\$ 10
	Total 492.00 · INTERFUND TRANSFERS		\$ 70,000
	Total 493.00 · EMPLOYEE RELATED BENEFITS		\$ 500
	6560 · Payroll Expenses		\$ 1,150
Total Expense			\$ 2,081,167
			\$ (178,317)
Drawn from prior year's surplus			\$ 178,317
	2023 Budget Surplus/Deficit		\$0.00

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		PROPOSED
RICE TOWNSHIP		BUDGET
LIQUID FUELS		2023
Receipts		
	Total 341.00 · INTEREST ON DEPOSITS	\$290
	355.02 · LIQUID FUEL TAX	\$132,505
Total Receipts		\$132,795
Expense		
	Total 432.00 · SNOW REMOVAL	\$40,000
	Total 433.00 · ROAD SIGNS	\$1,000
	434.00 · Street Lighting	\$23,000
	Total 437.00 · REPAIRS & MAINT. TO EQUIPMENT	\$30,250
	Total 438.00 · MAINT. & REPAIRS TO ROADS	\$15,000
Total Expense		\$109,250
Surplus		\$23,545

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RECREATION FUND			BUDGET
			2023
Receipts			
	Total 341.00 · INTEREST EARNINGS		\$ 8
	Total 360 · Charges for Services		\$ 3,500
	392.00 · Transfer from General Fund		\$ 70,000
Total Receipts			\$ 73,508
Expense			
	Total 450 · Recreation		\$ 67,000
	457.00 · CELEBRATIONS		\$ 6,000
Total Expense			\$ 73,000
Surplus			\$ 508

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Thanks to Henry and Andy for taking notes at last month's Supervisor's meeting.

The pickleball and tennis courts lights are turned off for the winter.

The Roadmaster announces that leaf drop off concludes on Saturday, November 19th. Leaves can be left by the dumpster in the recycle area and must be in clear plastic bags. Branches cut to a length of 3 feet and no more than 1" in diameter may also be left. Holders of the Rice Township 2021-22 Recycle Permit will be allowed to leave their leaves. Cameras record the area.

The Planning Commission did not meet on October 26, 2022 for lack of agenda items.

Form 706B was filed with the Auditor General's office.

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.