The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors is held on Tuesday September 7, 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.

The Board of Supervisors held an executive session on August 24, 2021 and September 2, 2021 to discuss personnel matters.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

 **BUSINESS MATTERS:**

**MOTION** by , second by , to accept the Minutes of the meeting on August 3, 2021.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

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

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

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

**MOTION by** , seconded by , to approve Pay Application #2 regarding Change Order #1 from Fabcor, Inc.in the amount of $4,689.00 which recognizes 10% retainage of the expended amount of $5,210.00, to be submitted for reimbursement form existing grants.

ROLL CALL: Arnold Pipech Smith

MOTION CARRIED?

***Motion by Arnold, Second by Pipech, to amend the amounts of the original motion in order to cap the Liquid Fuels amount at $150,000 to conform with the original motion to proceed with the 2021 Pave Project, and not have to explain the difference during a Liquid Fuels audit.***

ROLL CALL: Arnold Pipech Smith

MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION by** , seconded by , to approve the request for payment by New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. for a total of $251,595.20 in completion of the 2021 Pave Project as recommended by the Township Engineer, ***$101,595***.20from the General Fund and ***$150,000*** from Liquid Fuels.

ROLL CALL: Arnold Pipech Smith

MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** , second , to adopt Resolution 10 of 2021, which.authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to apply for an LSA grant not to exceed $225,000 for the purchase of two Chevrolet 4500 trucks appropriately outfitted to replace the 2005 Chevrolet and GMC trucks for which parts are becoming difficult to source.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** , second , to ratify Resolution 11 of 2021 declaring a State Of Emergency for the Township on September 1, 2021 due to tropical storm Ida..
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

**BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont):**

**MOTION** , second , to.authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to attend the PSATS seminar “Budget with QuickBooks” on September 20 in Covington cost at a cost of $55.00.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by , second by to renew the annual maintenance agreement with Guyette Communications for a total of $324.00 payable quarterly.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -
MOTION CARRIED?

Tropical storm Ida severely impacted Rice Township on September 1, 2021. Nuangola Road, Henry Drive, and Aleksander Boulevard were closed due to flooding conditions. A section of Prospect Road was taken to one lane. Ten families in Valley Stream were evacuated due to the flooding. The county bridge on Heslop Road was flooded and is seriously damaged. That bridge is now reduced to one lane. The experience with this bridge merely reinforces the current plan to build a secondary access to Heslop Road as the Woodberry PRD is constructed.

Other stormwater issues exist throughout the Township. The Roadmaster and Township Engineer are currently reviewing those issues to determine those that can be fixed and the cost and process to do so. Some of the ARPA funds may prove useful for these repairs.

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.

Luzerne County is offering free tire collection on Saturday, October 9th, 2021 at the Hanover Area Jr/Sr/High School at 1600 Sans Souci Parkway. Flyers are available at the Township Office and is posted on our website.

The Planning Commission met on August 25, 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.