





# RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES

October 3, 2017

## BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:

**MOTION** by Thomas, second by Pipech, to hold a public hearing at 6:30 PM, November 8th, 2017 to hear public comment concerning: (1) the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance related to signs; and (2) the proposed curative amendment related to R-1, A-1 and C-1 Districts as they relate to Planned Residential Communities, and the removal of Article 6 as redundant, with the intent to adopt the amendments to the Ordinance at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 7:00 PM on November 8th, 2017, and to advertise the same.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - Yes

Pipech - Yes

Thomas - Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Meghan Carey from the Solicitor's office explained the purpose of the amendments.

Thomas explained that notification was received from the PA Department of Transportation(PennDOT) that Rice Township's Estimated Liquid Fuels(Act 655) for 2018 will be \$130,406.24.

Beck explained that PennDOT has awarded the contract to remove the Church Road bridge traversing Henry Drive to HRI Inc. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin the middle of April, 2018, and will last approximately 2 months, during which time Henry Drive and Church Road will be closed and detoured. A map of the new intersection with 4-way stop signs is on display in the Township meeting room. Beck responded to Thomas' question that PennDOT was alerted to notify the Crestwood School Board as suggested by Pipech. Herres asked for clarification that both roads will be closed at the same time, and the response is affirmative. Chief explained the detours. Mark Manosky expressed concern regarding fire services during this construction. Supervisor Richard Arnold explained that the Fire Department was aware and was building alternative routes in place.

Thomas reported that the Commonwealth's 2017 state aid allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association of the Wright Township Fire Company in the amount of \$21,132.43 was received September 25, 2017. Funds will be distributed to Wright Township Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association in October in accordance with Act 205. Form 706-B will be completed and returned to the Department of the Auditor General.

The Pension Plans' Minimum Municipal Obligation Reports were completed and filed by September 30, 2017.

The 2017 Commonwealth allocation of GENERAL MUNICIPAL PENSION SYSTEM STATE AID funds in the amount of \$69,788.87 were received on September 27, 2017. As directed by the PA Auditor General, a check in the amount of \$54,432.32 will be directed to Principal Financial Group for deposit into Rice Township Police Pension Fund #4-50708; and \$16,056.00 will be distributed to PMRS for Rice Township Plan (40-168-5N). This satisfies the Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2017.

Preparation of the 2018 Budget will begin this month and the first reading of the proposed budget will be at the November meeting and finalized at the December meeting.

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Thomas noted that a report on the Mountain Top Kite Festival has already been made

The County is providing used tire drop-off at Hanover Area Junior/Senior High on October 14th. Details can be found on the table in the lobby.

The Roadmaster announced that leaf pickup will begin on Monday, October 16th and will conclude on Thursday, November 16th. Residents must register with the Township Secretary for this service, and leaves will only be picked up from COG members. Leaves must be in clear plastic bags. After November 16, all COG members may take their leaves to the COG collections site. Pipech noted that this 4-week program will allow the trucks to be converted for winter weather use.

The recycle center is now on Winter hours and is open on Saturdays from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Arnold presented the Fire Department report. He thanked them for the fire truck at the kite festival, and noted that they will again be handing out glow bracelets during safety patrols during Halloween. He also thanked the Fire Police for their efforts. And he thanked the Supervisors for access to the Ice Lakes for their training exercise there.

Thomas asked EMC Bryan Brown if he had anything to say. He reported that the Governor had asked residents to keep 5 days worth of food, water and medical supplies on hand, given all the disasters which have recently occurred.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Carey stated that there was no additional report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Herres, as a former electronics engineer, complemented the Police, noting that the cost of the TraCs system was very low. Brown also expressed concern for the condition of the County bridge just west of I-81 given that Blytheburn will be the detour route for the Church Road project. Beck responded that the state is aware and Beck will partner with PennDOT and the construction company and our legislators to try to get some resolution on this.

**MOTION** by Thomas, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jeffrey D. Beck  
Secretary/Treasurer