

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2018

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda and Treasurer Reports were available to the public. Chair Robert Pipech called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded for preparing the minutes. Interior cameras were also recording the video.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - here
Pipech - here
Smith - here

Also present were: Please see attached sign in sheet.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Robert Pipech called for public comment, but there was none.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Township Engineer Andrew Pasonick reported that the upper lake was being dewatered, with the plan to erect an inflatable coffer dam to allow work to proceed on the spillway. The weather has been a hindrance to the project.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to accept the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on March 6, 2018.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Jeffrey Beck reported that the audit had been completed, and the good news was that the Township ended the fiscal year with an approximate \$64,000 surplus, compared to two consecutive years of deficits. The bad news is that, of that \$64,000, approximately \$80,000 was from one-time revenue sources. The conclusion is that the Township budget remains very lean. Beck noted the Treasurer's report is now a copy of the check book register for the period since the last Supervisors' meeting, allowing a view of all checkbook activity for the period, including the bills to be paid. This follows a recommendation by the Auditor. The same presentation is made for the Liquid Fuels account. Beck also pointed out the ending bank balances as of March 31, 2018: General Fund checking, \$99,662.15; General Fund MM, \$169,328.52; Liquid Fuels checking, \$335.09; Liquid Fuels MM, \$170,455.61; Recreation checking, \$183.35; Recreation MM, \$4,001.70; for total cash on hand of \$443, 966.42. The report was filed.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to accept the Treasurer's Report for March, 2018, as presented, and all bills to be paid.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to eliminate the petty cash account and deposit the cash in the General Fund.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Smith, second by Pipech, upon recommendation by the Auditor, to close the Recreation Fund checking account and money market account and deposit the cash in the General Fund, as contemplated by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development(DCED) chart of accounts.

After discussion, **MOTION** by Pipech, second by Arnold, to table the above motion.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

We received the 2017 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report from Grevera & Associates. Copies of the Concise Financial Statement are available to the public and the full report is available for public inspection. There were no findings in the 2017 Audit.

Received the Roadmaster's Report for March, 2018: Roadmaster Pipech reported that the road crew has been actively plowing and salting with all the nuisance snow storms that we have had. They are cold patching pot holes whenever they can, and clearing drains where necessary. Pipech also thanked Senator Baker and Representative Mullery for their efforts in securing the \$286,530 LSA grant for road repair and the \$34,000 grant for a new police cruiser.

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Police Report for March 2018: Chief Franks presented the report for the month, and it was filed.

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to accept the Zoning Report for March, 2018 as presented and filed.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

The Planning Commission met on March 28th and are recommending approval of the tentative plan for the Woodberry Manor Planned Residential Community, as presented via this motion passed at last week's Planning Commission meeting: "Motion by Tom Romanyshyn, second by Paul Ward, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that approval be given to the Woodberry Manor PRD as modified pursuant to the meeting discussion relating to the reduction in units to 197 from 205 which includes the deletion of the 4 lots which do

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not qualify for the PRD and the addition of phasing and timetable and conditioned on the delivery of a letter by the Township Engineer that verifies that the Plan meets tentative approval requirements. All in Favor - all.
Motion Carried"

Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap--Arnold reported that the bazaar date has been set. He noted that two fire trucks were here at the Township Building for the Easter Egg Hunt, and they were a big hit with the children. Arnold also thanked Representative Mullery for the donation of two bikes as prizes for the Hunt, and thanked both Senator Baker and Representative Mullery for their support and efforts to secure the LSA grants for the Township. He also thanked Holly Guydish and her family for all the work they did to run the Easter Egg Hunt again this year. Arnold also suggested that work be done on fixing the dry hydrant off of Nuangola Road at the upper ice lake while the dam was being repaired. Matt McGowan suggested that it should be a schedule 8 pipe. After discussion, Pasonick agreed to look at it and come back with a recommendation.

The Supervisors then broke into an Executive session with Solicitor Dean. Subsequent to the Executive Session, the following was presented:

Motion by Arnold, seconded by Pipech, to grant tentative approval of the planned residential development known as Woodberry Manor PRD, subject to and conditioned on traffic studies being performed to address that concern and the other specific concerns that were raised at the public hearing and being satisfactorily resolved.
Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - recuse
Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Dean had no report to present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Pipech called for public comment. Karl Kaminski requested that the dead tree at the corner of Heslop and Nuangola Road be removed. Pipech noted that the tree was in the State's right of way. After discussion, Pipech agreed to check with PennDOT.

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:39p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeffrey D. Beck
Secretary/Treasurer