

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES

MAY 1, 2018

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 1, 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 7:00 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 the sign in sheet.

Robert Pipech, Chairman, reported the following:

The County Engineer reported that they are awaiting the necessary DEP permit for the repair to the Blytheburn road bridge. Once received, they will put the project out for bid.

The contractor for the removal of the Church Road overpass reported that they have been delayed materially by the slow relocation of communication wires and cables and the removal of their poles. They hope to start by the end of May.

The new Police Cruiser had been purchased, and the Township will seek reimbursement from the designated grant for this purchase. Pipech thanked Representative Mullery for his efforts in securing this grant.

The latest grant for the Ice Lakes Dam Project for \$60,000 was received. This will be transferred from the General Fund Checking Account to its own Money Market account to support the transparent use of these funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pipech asked for public comment, and Janeann Lokken noted that they were working on the communication lines along the Church Road overpass yesterday.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Township Engineer Andrew Pasonick reported that we had received a permit extension of 6 months from the Fish and Boat Commission to draw down water at the Ice Lakes. Pasonick reported that we had also received the permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and DEP to install the rock coffer dam. Pasonick explained, after a question from Marty Wentz, the reasons to use the initially-proposed rock coffer dam rather than the inflatable dam. Pasonick recommended payment of the second request from AR Popple. Pasonick, Pipech and Vice-Chair Richard Arnold explained the reasons to make the payment questioned by Karl Kaminsky. Pasonick also explained the proposed repairs to Laurel Drive and Ice Lake Drive.

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MOTION by Pipech, second by Carl Smith, to pay AR Popple Construction \$36,810.00 as recommended by the Township Engineer.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to authorize PennEastern Engineering to prepare a bid packet and advertise the Laurel Drive repave project and the Ice Lake Drive base repair, together known as the 2018 LSA Paving Project, in accordance with DECD grant requirements.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to accept the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on April 3, 2018.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Jeffrey Beck: Beck reported that the Township was running about a \$5,000 surplus for the first 4 months of the year. He noted the bills to be paid as presented on the General Fund, State Fund and Recreation Fund check register reports, and noted the bank balances below: Ending bank balances as of April 30, 2018: General Fund checking, \$130,178.52; General Fund MM, \$169,384.19; Liquid Fuels checking, \$449.07; Liquid Fuels MM, \$166,010.27; Recreation checking, \$323.35; Recreation MM, \$4,001.86; for total cash on hand of \$470,347.26. The report was filed.

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Roadmaster's Report for April, 2018 as presented by Roadmaster Robert Pipech: Pipech reported that the road crew has started to use hot patch with the break in the weather and that new tanks had been purchased and installed in the tar buggy. The Building and Grounds person was now focused on that job, cutting park grass, painting picnic tables, spreading playground mulch, and spreading Diamond-tex on the ball field. Pipech added that a new merry-go-round will be installed this May to replace the old one that collapsed last year, and also reported that the Township was looking into installing sinks in the park bathroom.

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 April, 2018 as presented by Chief Robert Franks, and filed:

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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Arnold asked if the Township had received any deposits for the recreation fund. Beck replied that he was sending a letter this week to seek such funds for the year 2017.

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Smith asked and Beck confirmed that this action was required.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to adopt Resolution 2018-11 which authorizes the opening of a money market account at First Keystone Community bank into which the \$60,000 dam grant will be placed and drawn down as expenses are presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to donate \$250.00 to the Wright Township Recreation Board from the Recreation Fund for the 2018 fireworks display. This is the same amount which was donated last year.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

The Planning Commission met on April 25th and draft minutes of that meeting are available.

Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap. A report was given by Patrick Irving, Lieutenant of the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company, and filed. Discussion was held regarding the need to repair the dry hydrant at the Ice Lakes. Pasonick will check with AR Popple about the repair.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: There was no Solicitor's report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment. Arnold commented that the Township grounds looked terrific. Pipech added that there was a late pickup regarding the single stream recycle dumpster and that would be monitored. Curt Hardiman concurred.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7.28p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeffrey D. Beck
Secretary/Treasurer