

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES

November 8, 2017

Received the Treasurer's Report for October 2017: Treasurer Jeffrey Beck reported that the large expenditures for the month related to the pass through payments of pension and firefighter state aid received in the previous month and the payment of the principal and interest due on the loan for the Laurel Drive Culvert. Bank balances totaled \$126,053.94 for the General Fund, \$152,391.01 for Liquid Fuels and \$4,784.23 for the Recreation Fund. The report was filed.

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Thomas - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Township Engineer Andrew Pasonick reported that the Nuangola Ave Pave Project was completed with a savings reflected in the following motion to pay. Pasonick reported that the bids for the Ice Lakes Dam project were opened Monday, and that the low bid from AR Popple appeared to be in order. However, he recommended tabling the decision in order to allow time for the Township to determine funding sources since the bid was \$61,500 over the amount of LSA grants. The engineering preference is to find and use an operable sluice rather than bore through the hundred year old dam. Marty Wentz inquired about the coffer dam and the time to get the project started and completed.

After discussion, Thomas, Pipech, and Arnold concluded that a 30-day delay to work with Representative Mullery's and Senator Baker's office to seek funding would not imperil the project.

Supervisor Richard Arnold noted that the project was not being postponed indefinitely, and amended the following second motion. Wentz announced that he would be at the office at 8 AM on November 9th to inspect all the related documents.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Nuangola Ave Pave Project which zeros the quantities out for items not used, thereby saving \$3,443.40, and authorizing the payment from Liquid Fuels funds of \$42,471.60 to American Asphalt Paving for the project.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Thomas - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to table the decision regarding bids on the Ice Pond Dam project at the recommendation of the Township Engineer until the Township has been able to seek counsel with our state senator and representative and to make a decision before the end of 2017.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Thomas - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Roadmaster's Report for October, 2017: Pipech reinforced Pasonick reports that Nuangola Drive was done, bermed and painted. He also reported on the leaf program below:

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Thomas - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

The Township Leaf Collection program will conclude on Thursday, November 16th. Leaves ONLY must be placed in CLEAR plastic bags. Leaves may be brought to the Mountain Top COG after the pickup period ends, and a COG permit is required. The Township Secretary issues COG permits at a cost of \$10. The Mountain

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Due to the location within sight of the election machines, election laws required that the Township Office be closed on November 7th during the election. The Secretary worked remotely that day.

On this Veterans Day, November 11, 2017, the Board recognizes all Veterans of the Township for their service to our country and special remembrance to those who gave their lives for our country.

With the snow season coming, the Police Department asks that residents remove all portable basketball hoops and refrain from parking on Township roads or rights-of-way during storms for safe snow removal.

The Township Emergency Management Coordinator reports that the National Weather Service will begin to issue snow squall warnings beginning December 4th, 2017. He will have more information at the next Board of Supervisor's meeting.

BUDGET PREPARATION:

The Proposed 2018 Budget has been prepared and is available for review and will be posted and advertised. Adoption of the budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building.

General Funds

Summary Estimated Revenue	2018
	\$
RECEIPTS FROM TAXES	932,550
	\$
LICENSES AND PERMITS (CABLE TV)	24,938
	\$
INTEREST, RENTS AND ROYALTIES	12,260
	\$
CONTRACT POLICE SERVICES	45,465
	\$
PENSION & FIRE STATE AID	90,769
	\$
FEES, UCC INSPECTIONS, RECYCLABLES	8,700
	\$
LIQUID FUELS	130,000
	\$
MISC. RECEIPTS	2,500
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	\$
Total Receipts	1,247,182

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SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES: 2018

	\$
ADMINISTRATION	59,052
	\$
TAX COLLECTION	16,090
	\$
LEGAL SERVICES	15,000
	\$
GOVERNMENT BULDINGS	33,000
	\$
POLICE DEPARTMENT	362,961
	\$
FIRE DEPARTMENT	62,826
	\$
ZONING AND PLANNING	7,500
RECYCLING AND SEWAGE	\$
ENFORCEMENT	11,200
	\$
PUBLIC WORKS/GENERAL SERVICES	53,995
	\$
SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL (SUPPLIES)	14,407
	\$
GENERAL HIGHWAY SERVICE	80,259
LIQUID FUELS	130,000
	\$
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS	5,750
	\$
POLICE PENSION	56,289
	\$
NON-UNIFORM PENSION	16,796
	\$
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	52,500
	\$
PROPERTY AND BONDING INSURANCE	86,859
	\$
HEALTH INSURANCE	138,478
	\$
EMPLOYER PAID BENEFITS	43,299
	\$
MISC. EXPENDITURES	922
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	\$
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:	1,247,182

Solicitor Dean asked if there was any tax increase in this budget and Thomas replied in the negative.

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MOTION by Arnold, second by Pipech, to accept the proposed budget for the year 2018.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Thomas - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Planning Commission member Robert Smith asked if any Township funds had been used for the upgrades to the ambulance building adjoining Township property. Pipech assured him that no funds had been used.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Dean reported that he had no report. Pipech requested that Dean work on a new lease for the Ice House Pub since an increase in their lease payment was in order as the parking lot had been improved with millings.

Thomas announced that the Board of Supervisors will have an Executive Session prior to year-end to discuss personnel matters to prepare for the reorganization meeting.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:49p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey D. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer