

## **RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES**

**November 7, 2018**

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on November 7, 2018, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, previous meeting minutes 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 attached sign in sheet.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairman Pipech called for public comment. There was none.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Township Engineer Pasonick reported briefly on the Henry Drive culvert, the pickleball court relocation, and the upcoming estimates to pave the remainder of Henry Drive.

### **BUSINESS MATTERS:**

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Smith, to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting held on October 2, 2018 and the special meeting held on November 1, 2018.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Received the Treasurer's Report for October, 2018, as presented by Treasurer Jeffrey Beck: Beck noted the payment to AmTrust for the final workers compensation audit adjustment, the payments made in Liquid Fuels and the transfer of \$1,000 from the General Fund to the Recreation Fund to pay the Barry Isett bill. The report was filed.

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Arnold, 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 October, 2018 as presented by Roadmaster Pipech: Pipech reported that some cold patching on roads was done, but the weather was an impediment. Pipech explained that the location of the pickleball court had to change due to poor drainage at its proposed location, and will now be adjacent to the tennis courts. The public works crew created additional parking to make up for the area that will be taken by the court, and the new parking is consistent with Park Master Plan. Pipech also reported that one truck is back in the shop with electrical problems, and that he is researching new trucks, with one likely to be purchased through financing in 2019.

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**BUSINESS MATTERS: (Cont'd)**

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Police Report for October, 2018, as presented by Chief Franks, and filed.

**MOTION** by Smith, second by Pipech, 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 October, 2018, as presented by Secretary Beck, and filed.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Smith, to adopt the revised Rice Township Park Master Plan as updated and presented by Barry Isett.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Arnold, to appoint Grevera & Associates at the cost of \$3,475 to conduct the 2018 Audit.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Arnold, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and to grant tentative approval to the major subdivision known as Jennifer's Way, all conditions having been met by the developer.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Pipech and Supervisor Richard Arnold commented that the subdivision will be good with curbing, strong storm water management and street lighting. They wished Bruce Fine, the developer, success.

Pasonick responded to Pipech's question that the logging off of Prospect Road was complete and that his inspection of Prospect Road revealed no damage by the logging operation. Pasonick recommended the release of the bond.

**MOTION** by Smith, second by Pipech, to release the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit #7146140-178 securing Prospect Road from potential damage by Wagner Millwork, LLC, by recommendation of the Township Engineer.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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**BUSINESS MATTERS: (Cont'd)**

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Smith, to give full-time employees a holiday bonus of \$32 (to cover taxes) as a thank you for their dedicated service.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Pipech then reported that:

the leaf drop off will conclude on Saturday, November 17th. Leaves can be left by the dumpster in the recycle area and must be in clear plastic bags. Branches cut to a length of 3 feet and no more than 1" in diameter may be left. Cameras record the area. Pipech noted that the new process saves a lot of money and that the time frame could be extended if need be;

asked Arnold for the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap. Arnold noted that the annual fund raising mailing had been sent and encouraged donations, and explained that the relocation of the dry fire hydrant along Nuangola Road will be coordinated with the Fire Company and the dam repair at the upper Ice lake;

that the Planning Commission met on October 24th and draft minutes of that meeting were available;

that due to the location within sight of the election machines, election laws required that the Township Office be closed on November 6th during the election. The Secretary worked remotely that day;

that on this Veterans Day, November 11, 2018, 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;

and that 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.

**BUDGET PREPARATION:**

Pipech reported that the Proposed 2019 Budget had been prepared at the special meeting held November 1st and was available for review and will be advertised. Adoption of the final budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held Tuesday, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building.

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Smith, to adopt the proposed budget for the year 2019.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Attorney Samantha Hazer from the Solicitor noted that there was nothing to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pipech called for public comment. Resident Mark Monosky asked about the location of Jennifer's Way and Pipech explained that it would be at the end of Burma Road. Resident Marty Wentz

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asked about the timing of the dam repair and the name of the new contractor. Arnold responded that the issue remained in the hands of the attorney and the bonding company and referred Wentz to Ray Wendolowski.

Resident Felicia Bierzynski wondered why there was no police presence at the Blytheburn Lake derby, but did recognize that there were sirens calling at that time.

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Smith, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey D. Beck  
Secretary/Treasurer