

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES

December 4, 2018

BUSINESS MATTERS (Con't):

Received the Police Report for November, 2018: Chief Robert Franks presented the Police Report and it was filed.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Zoning Officer Report for November, 2018: Secretary/Treasurer Beck presented the report and it was filed.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to purchase a Ford 550 truck from Kovatch Ford, as configured, for \$85,823.60 less the trade-in of the one ton truck for \$14,000 netting \$71,823.60 to be paid from Liquid Fuels funds.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

In compliance with the Police Contract:

MOTION by Smith, second by Pipech, to approve Resolution 2018-15 that payments into the police pension fund by members of the police department are eliminated for the year of 2019, and no deductions should be made from the pay of the members for the purpose of contributing to the police pension fund.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Smith, second by Pipech, to approve Resolution 2018-16 adopting the Rice Township Personnel Manual dated 11/29/2018.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to approve Resolution 2018-17 for the Local Share Account (Gaming) Grant Application of \$250,000 for the paving of Henry Drive, Basswood Court and associated application fees, and appoint Robert Pipech to execute all documents.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Con't):

Rice Township Tax Rates

Total.....0.26 mills (property assessed value x \$0.00026)
Real Estate Transfer Taxes.....1/2 of 1% collected
Local Services Tax.....\$5.00 Township; \$5.00 School District

There is NO tax increase for 2019.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to pass Resolution 2019-1 that the above millage and tax rate for Rice Township for 2019 be adopted as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Smith, second by Pipech, to adopt the proposed budget as the budget for Rice Township for 2019, amended to increase the grant request for the backhoe to \$150,000 and the Henry Drive culvert to \$180,000, both of which do not require a re-advertisement of the budget.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

In response to a question from Pipech, Pasonick reported that he used the experience for the Laurel Lakes culvert project as a guide to cost out the Henry Drive Culvert replacement. Since that culvert is under supporting structure for the Wilkes-Barre and Hazelton rail line, the extent of work will not be known until the section of road is removed and excavation begun. Pasonick also agreed that any repaving on Henry Drive will begin at Blytheburn Road and move north as far as the money will take the project.

Pipech reported that: the State Police Fines and Penalties Payment of \$1,066.42 was received on December 3, 2018;

the Supervisors wanted to thank residents for their cooperation and participation in the new fall leaf program this year. Leaves brought to the recycle center by residents resulted in 2 dumpsters being filled and is estimated to have saved close to \$30,000 in taxpayer expense, allowing our Public Works Crew to be proactive in plowing the last storm and allowing road patching to extend into the fall. The program also saved wear and tear on the trucks;

an executive session will be held prior to the 2019 Reorganization. Copies of the Township Officials list will be given to the Board of Supervisors;

the reorganization meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., and the first regular meeting of the Board will be held immediately following. The

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reorganization meeting of the Township Auditors will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.; and

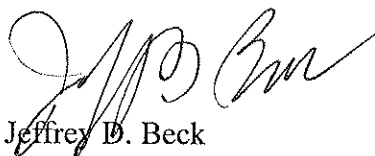
the Board of Supervisors, Police and Employees wish everyone a very happy, safe and healthy Holiday Season.

Public Comment: Pat Rushton of Citizen's Voice confirmed that the new truck is a 2019, not likely to be delivered before the spring, and that the Township was trading in the one ton 2000 truck.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Charles McCormick reported that there was no report.

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7.22 p.m..

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey D. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer