

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2021

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, January 4, 2021, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop with limited attendance capacity due to social distancing requirements. The meeting was also being conducted using ZOOM. Copies of the Agenda, draft minutes of the previous meetings and Treasurer Reports were available to the public at the meeting and electronically by request to the Secretary/Treasurer. Chair Robert Pipech called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. It is announced that the meeting will be recorded for preparing the minutes. Interior cameras were also recording the meeting.

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

Also present were: Please see attached sign in sheet.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Romanyshyn, member of the Planning Commission, asked about the process of forming a committee for the Ice Lakes. In discussion including Chair Pipech, Vice Chair Arnold and Solicitor Dean, the Solicitor is in the process of drafting a document including by-laws for the formation of a Recreation Committee for the Township. Arnold, liaison to the committee, noted that a committee for the Ice Lakes could be a subgroup of the Recreation Committee, but recreation suggestions needed to come from a broad representation of the Township. Dean and Arnold indicated that a draft could be available within 4-6 weeks. The Board of Supervisors would advertise for interest in membership. Romanyshyn noted that the lily pads were negatively impacting use of the lake. Arnold said that the number one Ice Lake issue is to retrofit the dam. Arnold added that we need to determine if we can fix the dry hydrant. Pipech added that the Fish and Boat Commission wants to stock the lake around the end of May. Romanyshyn suggested that some residents could get licensed to spray the lily pads. Dr. Greg Weiner, resident of Ice Lakes, suggested that Romanyshyn be a committee member. In response to concerns that the Supervisors were dominating the process, Dean explained that the very creation of such a committee with representation across the Township was evidence that the Supervisors were not dominating the process. Arnold and Pipech noted that such membership had been extended to Tom Romanyshyn. Nanci Romanyshyn stated her desire to be appointed a member of the Recreation Committee. Supervisor Smith pondered the best way to ensure broad representation on the Committee. Arnold speculated that a member might come from one of the baseball organizations and that the pickleball players would likely hope for a spot. Romanyshyn added that he thought that Ice Lakes residents could seek funding for lake improvements. The discussion concluded that Dean will draft a document to form such a committee for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Pasonick reported that 1.) mobilization for the dam project was scheduled for tomorrow and that dewatering was scheduled to begin next week; 2.) that he recommended approval of the reduction of \$41,059.29 in financial security requested by Bruce Fine for Jennifer's Way, and assured Roadmaster Pipech that the road in the project was still rough grade and would meet township standards when complete; and 3.) that he would have draft plans to bring the front of the building up to ADA compliance for the Supervisors to review within a week or so.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey D. Beck', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey D. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer