

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES

June 2, 2020

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, minutes for the previous meeting, and Treasurer's Reports were available to the public by email and when the building reopens to the public. Vice-Chair Richard Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded for preparing the minutes. Interior cameras were also recording the video. The meeting was also accessible via conference call.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - here

Pipech - here, via telephone

Smith - here, via telephone

Also present were: Please see attached sign in sheet. Also attending via telephone were Solicitor John G. Dean, Esq., Township Engineer Pasonick, Planning Commission member Mark Manosky, Elvio Benzi, Pat Rushton and Rebecca Sodergren.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Arnold called for public comment. Manosky reported that pave cuts and lawn damage from the installation of the Atlantic Broadband cable last year have not been repaired. Secretary Beck will work on solving this issue. Elvio Benzi, resident of Wilderness Estates, complained about water getting into his basement from the road. Arnold and Pipech agreed that Pipech would inspect, and Pipech will call Benzi when Pipech will be coming over. Benzi thanked Chief Franks and Beck for their help.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Pasonick reported that the pre-destruction meeting would be held on Thursday the 4th at 10 am and Pipech will attend. Documentation relating to the project has been delivered to the County. Pasonick also reported that he had received no response to inquiries for pickleball court painting. Pipech noted the Township employees could paint the court as an alternative plan. Pipech asked Beck to give the T-477 bridge report to Pasonick.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by Arnold, second by Pipech, to accept the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on May 5, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:

Received the Treasurer's Report for May, 2020: Treasurer Beck reported that results through May 2020 were essentially the same as year-to-date last year, good news given the dip in the economy. Beck noted that the expenditure for the roller and trailer was \$10,000 under budget, and there was nothing else remarkable about the report for this month.

MOTION by Arnold, 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 May, 2020: Roadmaster Pipech reported that the road crew was milling, patching and using the new roller on Ice Harvest Drive with excellent results. Pipech also explained that additional guide railing will be installed on the Weyhenmeyer (T-477) bridge as required by PennDOT.

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 May, 2020 as presented and filed:

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to accept the Zoning Report for May, 2020, as presented by Beck and filed.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to accept the SEO Report for May, 2020, as presented by Beck and filed.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to accept the Planning Commission's 2019 Annual Report as presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to ratify the decision by poll to approve the Gallagher minor subdivision on May 8, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to grant the 7 waivers requested by Presidential Lands for the Woodberry Manor PRD so noted on the plans of the PRD as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Pipech, to ratify the decision by poll to purchase a used Wacker RD12A roller with 57 hours for \$9,800 from A & R Supply and a new Cam Superline Tilt-Bed trailer from Wide World RV Center for \$4,350.00 with straps.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Pipech, to approve Resolution 2020-7 to extend the face value without penalty to August 19, 2020 to conform with the same action taken by the Council of Luzerne County.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to access the PSATS Conference Virtual Workshops at a cost of \$99.00.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Pipech, to open the ball field and other open areas of the parks, but keep the playground equipment closed until a green condition is declared to protect the children and community.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Arnold reported that: the Planning Commission met on May 27, 2020 and that draft minutes are available to the public. The Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap was received. The annual bazaar is canceled and hall rental has been postponed into July.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Dean reported that a violation of protocol had occurred at the recycling center regarding social distancing. Users must wear a mask. This protocol to protect our employees and others in the area will be enforced.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Secretary Beck will send a letter to the resident about the mask requirement. Pipech asked Beck to forward the bridge report to the Supervisors. Arnold thanked everyone for working around the COVID-19 restrictions and hoped for green soon. Pipech thanked Rick for the good job that he was doing.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m..

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey D. Beck, Secretary/Treasurer