

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

July 7, 2020

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 7th, 2020, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, Minutes of the previous meeting, and Treasurer's Reports were available to the public. Chair Robert Pipech called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called for the Pledge of Allegiance. 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: Pipech called for public comment and there was none.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Pasonick noted that the equipment was mobilized for the fire hall demolition which should begin next week subject to weather conditions. Pipech added that he has spoken with Daryl Pawlush of PennEastern about repairs to Wilderness Drive by Advance Fiber Works, a subcontractor of Atlantic Broadband, and concluded that the Township will no do anything on that road until 2021 when all the cable repairs are complete.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to accept the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 2, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Treasurer's Report for June, 2020, as presented by Treasurer Jeffrey Beck. Beck referenced the General Fund check register and noted that June is always a high expense month. Beck noted the \$30,000 transfer to the Money Market Account to receive more interest income, the \$5,000 transfer to the Recreation fund to pay for the pickleball court painting, the \$29,745 annual payment for liability insurance and the quarterly payment to the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company of \$14,922.76 . Beck noted that tax receipts were a little ahead of last year for EIT and behind on property transfer taxes. However, we were receiving rental on the fire hall property which was adding to receipts. The surplus reported through the end of June versus the budget was primarily due to a delay in expected expenses. Referring to Liquid Fuels, Beck pointed out the \$8,175.82 expense for truck repair and the \$6,433.37 deposit reflecting the receipt of the insurance claim for vandalized contaminated fuel. Referencing the Recreation Fund, Beck noted the payment of the court painting. Beck reported that General Fund balances totaled \$464,409.89; Liquid Fuels totaled \$164,750.07 and Recreation Funds totaled \$10,496.75 for total cash on hand of \$639,656.71 as of June 30, 2020. The report was filed.

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BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:

MOTION by Pipech, 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 June, 2020: Pipech noted the repairs done on Ice Harvest with the new machinery making smooth patches, hoping to be done by the end of July, and suggested that it be double tar and chipped and fogged sealed and advertised and the Supervisors concurred with that strategy. Arnold stated that the job on the road was really good.

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 June, 2020, and filed: Beck presented the Police Report and was 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 June, 2020, as presented and filed.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Smith, second by Pipech, to accept the Sewage Enforcement Officer Report for June, 2020, as presented and filed.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, seconded by Arnold to grant final approval of the LIVIC/Coleman subdivision application conditioned on outstanding items as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to grant preliminary approval for LIVIC Civil/David Coleman land development application conditioned on receipt all outstanding permits as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to accept financial security for Jennifer's Way in the amount of \$498,027.50 in the form of a Letter of Credit drawn on FNCB Bank, the amount confirmed by Township Engineer Pasonick and recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to adopt Ordinance 2020-1 which approves the agreement and participation of the Rice Township Police Department with the Luzerne County Driving Under the Influence Task Force and the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to adopt Ordinance 2020-2 which approves the agreement and participation of the Rice Township Police Department with the Luzerne County Drug Task Force, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Attorney General and Luzerne County District Attorney's Office.

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

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to attend the PSATS Fall Forum on November 12 at a cost of \$75.00

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes
MOTION CARRIED.

The Planning Commission met on June 24th. Draft minutes are available to the public.

Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap was received.

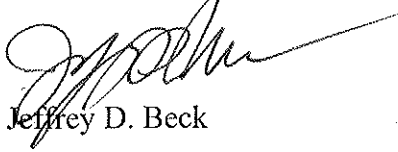
SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Dean reported his review of the Letter of Credit for Jennifer's Way and his requirement that the 30-day notice of termination of the LC be included in the document.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pipech reported that the Township is working on a method to help manage the waiting process for the pickleball court. Pipech also noted that he met with the electrician regarding the installation of lighting for the court. Arnold commented that the tennis courts and pickleball court were getting great usage. Smith noted that the tennis nets needed to be replace and Beck will order the same. Arnold wished LIVIC the best on their project. Dean reconfirmed with Pasonick that all conditions had been met regarding the LIVIC subdivision application and plan.

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MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey D. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer