

**RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES**

August 4, 2020

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 4th, 2020, as a virtual meeting via ZOOM. Copies of the Agenda, Minutes of the previous meeting, and Treasurer's Reports were available to the public electronically by request to the Secretary/Treasurer. Vice-Chair Richard Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called for the Pledge of Allegiance. It was announced that the meeting is being recorded for preparing the minutes.

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

Also present were: Mark Manosky, Chad Sweigart, Andrew Pasonick, Bruce Fine and Pat Rushton.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Arnold called for public comment but there was none.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Arnold noted that the Engineer's report was presented in written form.

**BUSINESS MATTERS:**

**MOTION** by Arnold, second by Smith, to accept the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on July 7, 2020.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Treasurer's Report for July, 2020. Treasurer Beck reported that the General Fund bank balances totaled \$384,252.62, Liquid Fuels totaled \$159,116.90, and the Recreation Fund totaled \$5,851.15 for total cash on hand as of July 31, 2020 of \$549,220.67.

**MOTION** by Arnold, second by Smith, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and all bills to be paid and filed.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Roadmaster's Report for July, 2020. Roadmaster Pipech reported that the Public Works Crew continues to mill and blacktop and will do so as long as the weather permits.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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**BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:**

Received the Police Report for July, 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.

Received the Zoning Report for July, 2020 as presented and filed:

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the SEO Report for July, 2020 as presented and filed:

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION** by Arnold, second by Smith, to purchase a Guaranteed Maintenance Agreement from Guyette Communications covering the telephone system for one year at an annual cost of \$324, paid on a quarterly basis.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION** by Arnold, second by Smith, to adopt Resolution 2020-8 for the Plan Revision for New Land Development for the Dollar General Sewage Facilities Planning Module and authorizes Secretary/Treasurer Beck to sign the application and related documents.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION** by Arnold, second by Smith, to accept the request for reduction of financial security for Jennifer's Way from the current \$498,027.50 by \$69,728.56 to the reduced \$428,298.94 as recommended by the Township Engineer.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION** by Arnold, second by Pipech, to permanently close Willowby Road from Nuangola Road to its intersection with Front Street for safety reasons.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Pipech will take care of closing off the section of road and Beck will notify PennDOT in response to a question from Smith. Arnold suggested investigating the possibility of incorporating the closed road into the parcel.

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**BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:**

Arnold responded that the conditions will be reviewed and signed off on before signing the plans, in response to Pipech's question. Sweigart noted that the Solicitor's office was working on the Developer's agreement.

Arnold reiterated that the conditions will be met before the plans are signed. Fine dropped off the Developer's agreement and Dean should have or will be getting the HOA and covenants.

**MOTION** by Arnold, second by Smith, to grant final approval to the Jennifer's Way major subdivision subject to conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Attorney Sweigart reported that the Solicitor's Office was working on the Dollar General agreements along with the Jennifer's Way project but there was nothing else to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pasonick responded to Pat Rushton's question that one bid was received from New Enterprise Stone and Mine Company for \$157,748.00 for the 2020 Pave Project. Pipech confirmed that no action would be taken at this meeting. Pipech also reported that guide rails had been installed on the Weyhenmeyer bridge and that Beck would contact PennDOT and the inspector. Fine asked if he could start marketing his lots at Jennifer's Way. Arnold replied that he should check with his attorney and our Solicitor to determine the time when he can start marketing lots. Pipech added that the plans have to be signed before marketing begins.

**MOTION** by Arnold, second by Smith, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m..

Respectfully submitted:

  
Jeffrey D. Beck  
Secretary/Treasurer