

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES

October 1, 2019

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 1, 2019, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, previous meeting minutes and Treasurer Reports were available to the public. Chair Robert Pipech called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 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: Resident Jude Fritz requested that his name be correctly spelled on line two in the September 3rd minutes. Resident Marty Wentz requested an update on the Ice Pond Dam lawsuit, but there was no new information. Resident Dariel Stolpe reported that Atlantic Broadband was still determining whether or not to complete the project on Wilderness Drive. Upon question, Secretary Beck reported that grant money was not available to be used to pay expenses incurred by a for-profit company. Planning Commission member Bob Smith expressed concern that the driveway cuts made on Wilderness Drive be properly filled in before winter sets in. Pipech noted that the contractor should repair the driveway. Resident Charles Kirkutis requested that the other side of Wilderness Drive near Heslop be filled in. Fritz expressed concern about the condition of roads and asked for a plan regarding road repair and whether some cooperation agreement with other Townships would help manage the costs. Pipech and Engineer Pasonick responded that while a road survey was completed in 2015, there is no plan per se because it is dependent on available funding. They explained the grant process where a number of roads, including Basswood and Wilderness Drive, would be included in the effort to secure grant money for the roads. Pipech explained that low-impact roads would likely be double tar and chipped rather than paved since it is one third the cost. Ed Wiernusz requested that 1st street be swept at the intersection with Nuangola Road.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Andy Pasonick reported that the paving of the pickleball court was targeted to be done by Smith's since the net posts have been set in concrete. He also reported that he was working on bids for the demolition of the fire hall to be opened and submitted on November 6th.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to accept the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on September 3, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

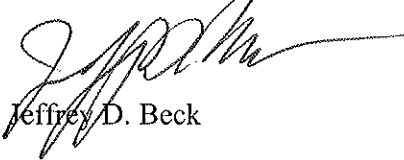
MOTION CARRIED.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Planning Commission member Mark Manosky asked for the name of the SEO and clarified the roles of Code Inspections, Inc. and Barry Isett in order to offer a choice to residents. Fritz asked for and received a quick overview of Liquid Fuels funds and its restricted uses.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey D. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer