November 3, 2021

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, draft minutes of the previous meeting 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 meeting.

ROLL CALL: Arnold

- here

Pipech

- here

Smith

- here

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Pasonick reported that the Ice Lake Dam project remained on hold as the water spilling over the dam made the next step impossible to engage. When the flow lessens or stops, the contractor will remove the remaining formwork inside the sluice, power wash and camera the sluice interior and send the results to Kirk Kreider at DEP. Kreider must then approve or deny the use of the sluice to meet the dewatering requirements of the dam. Pipech asked Pasonick to develop estimates for the 2022 paving project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Karl Kaminski asked if alternative locations are considered for the proposed community center and said that he would prefer that the location be used to generate tax base revenue. Arnold responded that the location was set ant that a recreation center would generate rental income to offset the cost of operation. Arnold also thanked the voters for their confidence in him and the Township team.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by Smith, second by Pipech, to accept the Minutes of the meeting on October 5, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Treasurer's Report for October, 2021: Treasurer Beck referred to page 3 of the General Fund Check register and noted the large insurance expenditure to H.A. Thomson for \$31,664, the \$75,000 transfer to cover expenses, the transfer from the ARPA account to cover this year's expense for the ARPA consultant and the \$16,000 transfer to the Recreation Fund. Beck then referred to the bottom of the first column of page 5 of the Budget versus Actual report and noted that removing the ARPA \$185,000 restricted grant leads to the conclusion that 2021 results are trending to a breakeven position for the year. Beck then referred to the Recreation Fund check register, noting the payments to Barry Isett will be reimbursed from grants and also noted the expenditures for the Halloween Extravaganza. Beck concluded with bank balances as of 10/31/2021; General Fund balances totaled \$379,817.17; Liquid Fuels balances totaled \$44,096.67; Recreation Fund balances totaled \$2,963.70 of which \$385 are restricted donations for a new pickleball court, all for a total of \$426,877.54 cash on hand. Restricted balances include \$500.12 in the DCNR grant account, \$5,002.73 in the Developers' Escrow Account and \$185,691.41 in the ARPA account for a total of \$191,194.26 of restricted funds.

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont):

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, 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 October, 2021: Roadmaster Pipech reported that the Public Works crew was using cold patch for pothole repair due to the weather and that plants were no longer producing hot mix, though earlier the crew used about 6 tons of hot mix to make repairs to Ralph Street. Pipech also reported that Roger Duffy was healing.

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 October, 2021:

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Zoning Report for October, 2021:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to accept the Zoning Report as presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

There was no SEO Report for October, 2021:

MOTION by Pipech, seconded by Smith, to adopt Resolution 2021-12 designating Jeffrey D. Beck as contact person and authorized signer for FEMA/PEMA IDA reimbursement documents.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, seconded by Smith, to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement known as the "BusPatrol Agreement".

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes MOTION CARRIED.

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

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| MOTION by Pipech, second Smith | to ratify the decision by poll to nominate Jeffrey l | D. Beck as a candidate |
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| for the PIRMA Board. | | |

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech -

Smith -

MOTION CARRIED?

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{MOTION by} & & \textbf{, second by} \\ \end{tabular}$

, to adopt the following proposed budget for Rice Township for

2022 and authorize its advertisement.

ROLL CALL: Arnold -

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

| November 3, 2021 | |
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| | PROPOSED |
| Rice Township-General Fund | BUDGET |
| | 2022 |
| Income | |
| Total 300.00 · TAXES | \$1,102,000 |
| Total 320 · LICENSES AND PERMITS | \$ 18,000 |
| Total 331.00 · FINES AND FORFEITS | \$ 5,650 |
| Total 340.00 · INTEREST, RENTS AND ROYALTIES | \$ 32,180 |
| Total 352.00 - Federal Sared Payments and Ent | \$ 185,579 |
| Total 354.00 · STATE CAPITAL & OPER GRANTS | \$1,283,318 |
| Total 355.00 · STATE SHARED REV. & ENTITLEMENT | \$ 92,310 |
| Total 356.00 · STATE PMT IN LIEU OF TAXES | \$ 1,277 |
| Total 358.00 · LOCAL GOV PMT CONTRACTED SVCS | \$ 31,249 |
| Total 360-370 · CHRGS FOR SERVICE(DEPT EARNING) | \$ 13,100 |
| Total 380 · Miscellaneous Income | \$ 3,500 |
| Gross Profit | \$ 2,768,163 |
| Expense | |
| Total 400-409 · GENERAL GOVERNMENT | \$ 165,130 |
| Total 410-419 · PUBLIC SAFETY CAT | \$ 531,539 |
| Total 426-429 · PUBLIC WORKS-SANITATION | \$ 23,400 |
| Total 430-439 · PUBLIC WORKS-HWYS /STREETS | \$1,118,701 |
| Total 481-484 · EMPLOYER PAID BENEFITS \$ WITHHO | \$ 167,731 |
| Total 486.00 · INSURANCE | \$ 48,629 |
| Total 487.00 · HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT | \$ 200,786 |
| Total 491.00 · REFUND PRIOR YEAR REVENUE | \$ 100 |
| 492.00 · INTERFUND TRANSFERS | \$ 562,690 |
| Total 493.00 · EMPLOYEE RELATED BENEFITS | \$ 500 |
| 6560 · Payroli Expenses | \$ 1,100 |
| 69800 · Uncategorized Expenses | \$ 100 |
| Total Expense | \$ 2,820,406 |
| et Income | \$ (52,244 |
| Transfer from Prior Years | \$ 52,244 |
| Net surplus (deficit) | \$ 0 |

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| | | PF | ROPOSED |
|--|---|--------|---------|
| RICE TOWNSHIP 2022 | | BUDGET | |
| | LIQUID FUELS | 2022 | |
| Incom | е | | |
| Total 341.00 · INTEREST ON DEPOSITS | | \$ | 200 |
| 355.02 · LIQUID FUEL TAX | | \$ | 124,601 |
| Total Income | | \$ | 124,801 |
| Expens | se | | |
| Total 432.00 · SNOW REMOVAL | | \$ | 33,000 |
| 434.00 · Street Lighting | | \$ | 21,000 |
| Tot | al 437.00 · REPAIRS & MAINT. TO EQUIPMENT | \$ | 20,000 |
| Total 438.00 · MAINT. & REPAIRS TO ROADS | | \$ | 46,500 |
| Total E | xpense | \$ | 120,500 |
| t incom | ie | \$ | 4,301 |

| RICE TOWNSHIP RECREATION FUND | | | PROPOSED BUDGET | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|---------|
| | | | | |
| Income | | | TO THE TOTAL STATE OF THE TOTAL | |
| | Total 341.00 · II | NTEREST EARNINGS | \$ | 10 |
| · | Tota | I 367 · - RECREATION | \$ | 3,500 |
| 392.00 · Transfer from General Fund | | | \$ | 562,690 |
| Total Income | | | \$ | 566,200 |
| Expense | | | 1, 1 | |
| | Tota | l 454.00 · PARKS | \$ | 561,200 |
| 457 · CIVIL AND MILITARY CELEBRATIONS | | | \$ | 5,000 |
| Total Expense | | | \$ | 566,200 |
| Net Income | | 1 | \$ | _ |

MINUTES

November 3, 2021

Officer Dimmick resigned the day after his hire. The Police Department has renewed its search for a new

officer.

The Supervisors thank Bruce Fine Construction for their generous \$500 donation to the Recreation Fund

towards the Halloween Party.

The Roadmaster announces that, according to PennDOT, it's latest assessment places the annual gap of its needs in all state-level modes and facilities at \$9.3 billion, growing to an annual \$14.5 billion gap by 2030. Additionally, infrastructure maintained by local governments faces an annual shortfall of nearly \$4 billion.

which is expected to grow to \$5.1 billion per year by 2030. This in some way explains the condition of the

roads and bridges in Pennsylvania.

The Roadmaster announces that leaf drop off began on Saturday, October 16th and concludes on Saturday,

November 20th. Leaves can be left by the dumpster by the Township Building and must be in clear plastic bags. Branches cut to a length of 3 feet and no more than 1" in diameter may also be left. Holders of the Rice

Township 2021-22 Recycle Permit will be allowed to leave their leaves. Cameras record the area.

Ice Lake park and restrooms closed early effective 10/25/2021 due to vandalism of the restrooms. This is the

second year that the restrooms have been vandalized just prior to closing the park for the season.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: There was no report

PUBLIC COMMENT: EMC Bryan Brown reported that he has begun the process for reimbursement of IDA expenses. He noted that two of the flooded trailers at Valley Stream did not have insurance and FEMA will not cover the damage. Brown explained to Kaminski that Valley Stream leases the land to the owners of the trailer

and that valley Stream does not carry flood insurance for the private lessees.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeffrey D. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer

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