RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2019

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, 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 video.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - here Pipech - here

Smith - here

Also present were: Please see attached sign in sheet.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Pipech asked for public comment. Planning Commission member Mark Manosky asked about the tree work that was being done along the roads. Pipech explained that the contractor was working for PPL, and Beck noted that he had asked the Davey Tree representative to consider the dead trees on Heslop Road.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Andrew Pasonick had no comment. Pipech asked Pasonick to begin the process of laying out the pickle ball court so that the public works crew could work on the excavation as weather permitted.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to accept the Minutes of the Reorganization and the Regular meeting held on January 7, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Beck reviewed the report, noting the transfers from the General Fund to the Recreation Fund, the pave cut amounts in the PennEastern payment, and the low cost to remove the two dumpsters of leaves. Beck explained that the Budget versus Actual report would gain value as more months were included. He pointed out the large salt payments due to increased cost, and Pipech added that the Public Works crew was keeping the shed full to be sure that we would not run out of salt. Beck corrected the bank balance report as of January 31, 2019 not 2018, and announced the fund balances: \$245,881.81 for the General Fund; \$122,415.92 for Liquid Fuels, and \$2,756.79 for the Recreation Fund.

Received the Treasurer's Report for January, 2019:

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.

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont):

Roadmaster Pipech reported that the Road Crew have kept the Township roads in better shape than most during the snow and ice storms, and thanked them for a great job. The crew is now power washing down the trucks to keep the salt off, and will be cold patching as weather permits. Carl Smith inquired about the timing of the new truck delivery, and Pipech responded that the truck should be delivered late April or May, and the small truck will be sent in trade.

Received the Roadmaster's Report for January, 2019:

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Police Report for January, 2019 as presented by Chief Bob Franks, and filed. Pipech confirmed with Chief that a no-parking sign had been erected at the Ice Lakes fire hydrant.

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary Beck reported that no Zoning permits were issued during January.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to accept the Zoning Report for January, 2019, as presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to approve a budget of \$1,100.00 from the Recreation Fund to hold an Easter Egg Hunt in the Rice Township Park, tentatively to be held on Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 am..

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Beck responded to Smith's question that the Staples Advantage program provided for steeper cost reductions than normally available, and was worth a try since it really was a no-risk trial.

MOTION by Smith, second by Pipech, to join Staples Advantage at an annual cost of \$299 for 1 year, understanding that if savings in the account does not exceed the cost, that the annual fee will be returned to the Township.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to adopt Resolution 2019-5 which accepts the deed of dedication for that section of Aleksander Boulevard, General Pulaski, and General Sikorsky known as Polonia Phase 2 and the southern-most section of Manor Drive subject to the modification of dates on the documentation to February 5, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont):

Pipech reported that: the Planning Commission held its reorganization and regular meetings on January 23rd, 2019, at 7pm. Draft minutes are available to the public. Rick Arnold was named Chair and Bob Smith was named Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission for 2019. Pipech congratulate both for their election, and welcomed Mark Manosky as the new member of the Planning Commission; the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap was submitted; and the Minutes of the Reorganization meeting of the Board of Auditors held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 were available and the Board of Auditors approved the wages of Supervisors working for the Township.

Rick Arnold announced that a new Salt Contract Participation Agreement for 500 tons was submitted to DGS COSTARS for the August 2019-July 2020 Season. We requested 500 tons for the 2018-2019 Season.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney McCormick responded to Pipech's inquiry that there was no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pipech called for public comment, but there was none. Pipech noted to Pasonick that the Township needed to test double tar and chip road covering which has been successful for Dorrance and runs about 1/3rd the cost of paving. They agreed to review the roads and chose a section for the test this summer.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7.23 p.m..

Respectfully submitted:

Jeffrey D. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer