The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 7th, 2019, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, minutes for the previous meetings, and Treasurer's 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.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Chairman Pipech asked Township Engineer Andrew Pasonick to present his report. Pasonick noted that no bids were received for the Ice Pond Dam Outlet Works Improvements Project. Feedback from contractors indicated that they were overwhelmed with work right now and would like bid with a second advertisement process. Pasonick reported that several possible sites had been suggested for the pickleball court but that drainage/slope issues were an impediment. Pipech asked Pasonick to open the bids for the 2019 Tar and Chip Project. Pasonick reported that Midland Asphalt Materials bid \$50,974.90, Pocono Spray Patching bid \$49,187.80, and Asphalt Maintenance Solutions bid \$52,251.40. Each provided a 10% bid bond.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Pipech, to award the 2019 Tar and Chip project to Pocono Spray Patching at a cost of \$49, 187.80.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes MOTION CARRIED

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Burt Scouten expressed frustration that nothing was happening with the bocce ball court. Resident Jude Fritz asked about paving Basswood and Catalpa. Pipech responded that Basswood was on the list to repave this year, but not Catalpa. Pipech and Arnold noted that the new truck had been delivered and the new backhoe is on the way and that would help improve the quality of our road repairs. While we do not share equipment, we did coordinate the tar and chip project with Dorrance Township. Mr. Smigleski asked the Supervisors to consider re-dividing property that he owns jointly with the Township. Attorney McCormick from the Solicitor's office said that they would look into it.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to authorize the Township Engineer to prepare and execute the bid process to engage a capable contractor for the completion of the Ice Pond Dam Outlet Works Improvements Project, as the second round upon receiving no bids on the first round.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to accept the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on April 2, 2019 and the Minutes of the Special meeting held on April 30, 2019...

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

Received the Treasurer's Report for April, 2019. Beck noted that no General Fund expenditures were remarkable, but referred to the accelerated property tax receipts and lag in property transfer tax as items to watch. He pointed out the purchase of the truck in the Liquid Fuels fund, and the new pump for the Ice lakes bathroom out of the recreation account. Beck reported that General Fund balances totaled \$328,299.55; Liquid Fuels totaled \$233,636.90; and Recreation Funds totaled \$6,345.03; for a total of \$568,281.48. The report was filed.

MOTION by Smith, second by Pipech, 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 April, 2019: Pipech reported that he had inspected the JCB 4CX backhoe at the PSATS conference in Harrisburg. The new truck with a stainless steel body and electric tarp was delivered today and the one ton truck was delivered in trade. Pipech met with a representative from National Gunite and a repair of the deteriorating Henry Drive culvert may be possible. We are waiting on a quote from them. The Public Works crew continues to patch ahead of the tar and chip project on Henry Drive and Prospect Road. Smith suggested that we make the JDB 4CX road repair youtube video available for residents to see.

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 April, 2019. Sargent Ehret presented the police report and it was filed.

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - ves

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to follow up the motion made at the last meeting, with the adoption of Resolution 2019-6 which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer, in coordination with Barry Isett, to apply for a \$243,946 grant from Greenways and Trails for the Soccer field, and to commit \$43,049 from the General Fund and/or the Recreation Fund as the match towards the grant, as well as authorize the payment of the \$100 application fee.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to ratify the decision by poll to purchase a JCB 4CX-15 Super backhoe loader with 94" Sweeper Collection system with Sprinkler System and Patch Planer through COSTARS for \$154,501.70, to be paid by LSA Grant # C000071214 of \$150,000, the remainder paid out of the General Fund..

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - ves

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to ratify the decision by poll to provide an additional \$37.41 to Holly Guydish for additional supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt, to be expensed to the Recreation Fund.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - ves

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to authorize the purchase of 1 Brookside Design VR165 map rack from Amazon for \$238.50.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

We received a request from Rice Elementary School to use the overflow parking lot at the Township Building for pick-up/drop off space and parking for chaperones of field trips. Such request was approved last year. **MOTION** by Pipech, second by Arnold, to approve the request from Rice Elementary School to use the overflow parking lot at the Township Building for pick-up/drop off space and parking for chaperones of field trips for the dates contained in the request letter.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

Pipech announced that: we want to acknowledge and thank Senator Baker and Representative Mullery for their support in securing the \$150,000 LSA grant for the backhoe; this piece of equipment not only replaces a very old backhoe, but the ability of the new machine to mill and sweep roads will improve the quality of our road repair; the Planning Commission met on April 24th at 7pm and draft minutes are available to the public; a representative from Representative Mullery's office will be on site at the Township building every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10 am until noon to help you with issues; the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap was received; Arnold presented the report, noting the amount of training done, the need for new members, and thanking the Fire Company for their presence at the Easter Egg Hunt; which was another grand success; thanks go out to Holly Guydish and her family and friends who did so

BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:

much work to run the event again this year as well to our Police Department for their help with the event; Wright Township acknowledged our donation to the fireworks for 2019; we received the refund of \$2,110 for overpayment of Workers Compensation insurance for 2018; upon requests for proposals from 3 brokers, we received one quote for insurance for the 8/1/2019 to 7/31/2020 time frame resulting in an approximate annual savings of \$26,000; and a letter is being sent to Richard Roman, Acting District Executive for PennDOT, requesting repairs to Church and Nuangola Roads.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney McCormick representing the Solicitor's office had no report to make.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pipech called for public comment. Resident Felicia Bresinski inquired concerning a donation by A & R that would fully fund the Wright fireworks. Journalist Sodergren noted that the amount was not that large. In response to a question from Planning Commission member Mark Manosky, Pipech explained that the new backhoe would help improve pot hole repairs but that it was not a paving machine. Resident Scouten noted that no progress had been made on the park. Pipech said that we continue to work with our Engineer to find the most efficient site for the pickleball court. Arnold noted that we are engaging Barry Isett for the park plan, but the bocce court is not the immediate priority. Pipech thanked the supervisors, and Smith pointed out the fireproof cabinet.

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:46p.m..

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary/Treasurer