RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES June 4, 2019

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 4th, 2019, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, minutes for the previous meeting, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pipech called for public comment. Resident Karl Kaminski voiced displeasure with dead trees close to roads and cars parked in the right-of-way on Nuangola Road and the ditch along Heslop Road. The tree and automobile issues relate to state rights-of-way and Solicitor Dean explained our lack of jurisdiction. Pipech explained the on-going efforts to resolve the ditch along Heslop Road. Planning Commission member Mark Manosky inquired about drainage work. Pipech explained that the Public Works crew was focused on road repair right now. Manosky commented on the recent improvement of Church Road by PennDOT.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Pasonick reported that four bids were received for the Ice Pond Dam Outlet Works Improvements project. The low bid from Latona Trucking totaled \$490,000. The cover bid was \$590,000. Pasonick reported that the pickleball court will be moved towards Church Road next to the tennis courts since the land there is more level. Pasonick also reported that he had inspected the Deer Rack cul-de-sac in Laurel Lakes for drainage problems and the solution would be very expensive.

After discussion concerning the bids for the Dam, a...

MOTION by Arnold, second by Pipech to table the decision to award the Ice Pond Dam Outlet Works Improvements Project.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - ves

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED to table the issue.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to accept the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on May 7, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - ves

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Treasurer's Report for May, 2019: Beck pointed out the General Fund transfer of \$90,000 from checking to money market, noting the receipts of earned income tax, in order to increase interest income. The only expenditures of note were the payments for the fireproof cabinet and new desk. Beck reported that General Fund balances totaled \$427,339.76; Liquid Fuels totaled \$158,096.93; and Recreation Funds totaled \$

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BUSINESS MATTERS Cont:

\$5,260.253; for a total of \$590,696.94. The report was filed. Supervisor Smith inquired about the GTRP grant application for the soccer field. Beck replied that this grant request was submitted with the assistance of Barry Isett requesting \$243,946 in grant to be matched by \$43,049 of Township funds.

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.

Received the Roadmaster's Report for May, 2019: Roadmaster Pipech described the work done by the Township Public Works crew on 232 Heslop Road. The owner will be charged for the work. The double tar and chip on Prospect Road and Henry Drive will be scheduled when 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

Received the Police Report for May, 2019:

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to accept the Zoning Report for May, 2019, as presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Pipech reported that: the Ice Lakes Park remains closed pending the retrofit of the dam. While we are unhappy that the Park has been closed for such an extended time, it is for everyone's safety, and we will reopen the park as soon as the retrofit is completed and the lake has refilled with water; the park bathroom at the lower park has suffered vandalism events. If this continues, the bathroom will have to be permanently closed. Likewise, all park trash cans are being used for household items. Please use the park trash receptacles only for trash which originates at the park; the Planning Commission did not meet on May 22th for lack of an agenda; and 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.

Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap was presented by Harold Fisher.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Dean remarked in the rapid response to the issue at 232 Heslop Road. Pipech thanked Dean for his counsel and the involvement of the Supervisors and Police on the Memorial Day holiday

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BUSINESS MATTERS Cont:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat Rushton asked about the status of grant funds supporting the retrofit of the dam. The response was that about \$135,000 remained. Dean noted that typically the bonding company completes the project and sues the contractor.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:36p.m..

Respectfully submitted:

Jeffrey D. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer