

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES

July 2, 2019

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 2th, 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: Resident Karl Kaminski reported that two cars on Nuangola Road were moved. Kaminski discussed the tree removal with Pipech who responded that, for liability purposes, the Township could not touch those trees. Kaminski requested a copy of the Planning Commission minutes. Resident Tony Smigelski renewed his query regarding property jointly held by the Township and him. After discussion, Attorney McCormick from the Solicitor's office suggested that his attorney discuss this with Solicitor Dean.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Township Engineer Pasonick reported that two pickleball courts were set up. After discussion with Pipech, the one nearest the tennis courts could be graded to be filled with 2A modified and prepared to pave with a 1% pitch.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to purchase one Hydro Tek HD25004E2G Hot Water Pressure Washer, to replace the current 30-year old unit which is no longer usable since parts are no longer available, for the COSTARS price of \$4,295.00.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to accept the Minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 4, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes
MOTION CARRIED.

Received the Treasurer's Report for June, 2019: Beck noted the \$60,000 transfer back into the checking account, and noted the expense for insurance, the pressure washer and the quarterly payment to WTVFD. The Budget versus Actual income is skewed by delay in receipt of the backhoe and social hall demolition grants. Beck reported that General Fund balances totaled \$403,924.40; Liquid Fuels totaled \$155,515.73; and Recreation Funds totaled \$4,014.87 for total cash on hand of \$563,455.00. The report was filed.

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BUSINESS MATTERS Cont.:

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 June, 2019: Pipech noted that the double tar and chip is tentatively scheduled for the week of the 19th, would take about 2 days to apply and would be followed up several weeks with a polymer fog spray to extend its life. If this process wears well, this will likely become the standard for low impact roads. Pipech reported that a photo op with Senator Baker and Representative Mullery with the JCB backhoe was held yesterday.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to sell the existing Case backhoe and accessories to the Borough of Nuangola for \$7,500. The quoted trade-in value was \$5,000.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to authorize Roadmaster Pipech to contract up to \$10,000 (at no more than \$0.50/square yard) to fog spray Henry Drive and Prospect Road to finish the double tar and chip process, to be paid by Liquid Fuels funds or a combination of Liquid Fuels and General Funds as determined by our PennDOT representative.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Resident Felicia Bierzynski expressed concern about the closure of Henry Drive. Pipech responded that the fog seal dries quickly and should be drivable when the process is completed.

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 June, 2019 as presented by Chief Franks and filed.

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 June, 2019, as presented by Beck and filed.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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BUSINESS MATTERS Cont.:

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to accept the Sewer Enforcement Officer Report for June, 2019, as presented by Beck and filed.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to donate \$20.00 to the American Legion Parade of Champions from the Recreation Fund to purchase tickets for 2 under-privileged children. Last year we donated \$20.00.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Pipech reported that: the Planning Commission met on June 26th. Draft minutes are available to the public. Arnold, Chair of the Planning Commission, noted that the Comprehensive Plan is under review and that the conclusion will be delivered to the Board of Supervisors; 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; Arnold presented the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap, thanking the Police and Fire Department for keeping the Church Road fire and traffic under control, thanked everyone for their support for the bazaar and thanked the Ayers family for their donation to the fireworks. Pipech also reported that ISO, the vendor to insurance companies for risk ratings, confirmed that Rice Township fire coverage was primarily provided by Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney McCormick noted that there was nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kaminski asked about plans for the RTVFD property. Pipech and Arnold responded that no plans currently existed except for the demolition of the social hall but it may have commercial value. He also inquired about the fence at 232 Heslop Road, and Pipech noted that a citation and permit is being pursued.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m..

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey D. Beck
Secretary/Treasurer