

August 2, 2022
3000 Church Road, Mountaintop, PA

ROLL CALL: Arnold - here
Pipech - here
Smith - here

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont.):

year. Beck pointed out the year-to-date equipment repairs of over \$34,000 on the State Fund Budget Versus Actual report, \$21582.18 over budget and demonstrating the costs associating with maintaining an older truck fleet. Beck highlighted the Recreation Fund expense of \$3,250 for the replacement of the grinder pump for the Henry Drive rest room. Beck reported that the General Fund balances totaled \$645,771.12, Liquid Fuels balances totaled \$80,800.46 and Recreation Fund balances totaled \$4,944.79, all for a total of \$731,516.37 cash on hand. Restricted balances include \$500.30 in the DCNR Grant Account, \$5,004.60 in the Developers' Escrow Account and \$5,502.58 in the ARPA Account for a total of \$11,007.48 of restricted funds, all as of July 31, 2022. Smith asked about the timing of the order for a new truck. Pipech noted that all 4 trucks are back and the Ford 550 will have a new steel box added to replace the damaged one.

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 July, 2022: Roadmaster Pipech reported that the 2022 Pave Project had accomplished much and noted that using the excess material on Ice Harvest Drive would help that poorly constructed road. Pipech also asked Pasonick to get the bids out early in 2023 for the double tar and chip project and asked Beck to see if Dorrance would want to partner on the ad and project. Pipech noted also that the Public Works crew was out milling and patching as weather permitted.

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 July, 2022 as presented by Beck, the Chief being at National Night Out.

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 July, 2022 as presented by Zoning Officer Henry Mleczynski.

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold -yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Received the SEO Report for July, 2022 as presented by Beck: Beck noted that one apparent malfunctioning septic system appears to be resolved.

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont.):

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to adopt Ordinance 2022-1 amending the non-uniform pension plan to comply with IRS rules. Attorney McLaughlin reported that the duly advertised public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting and that no public comment was received.

ROLL CALL: Arnold -yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to replace the current camera system for the Township Building and surrounding area with new Hikvision system installed by C-K Alarm Systems as quoted for \$4,222.50. Attorney McLaughlin noted that he had worked for Wilkes-Barre and said that good quality video cameras were important to crime deterrence. He noted that the cost for good technology was worth it.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to install a Hikvision proximity lock system on four doors of the Township Building as quoted by C-K Alarm Systems for \$5,280.00.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to install 2 Hikvision solar-powered remote cameras for the two Ice Lakes Park restrooms as quoted for \$3,753.00 by C-K Alarm Systems. Smith stated that this was money well spent to give the Police the tools that they need to do the job.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to donate \$200.00 to the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company in memory of John "Curt" Hardiman, long-time employee of Rice Township.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Pipech reported that Abe Solomon, Inc., has terminated the collection of steel, tin and aluminum cans at the recycling center due to frequent contamination of the product by recycle users. As recycle centers cease to operate, the Supervisors ask residents to bring only clean items for recycling, no soiled cardboard or paper, rinsed plastic bottles only and clean cans, no other scrap metal, to help keep our recycle center open . Arnold added that signs should be posted noting the items taken and that permits are required.

Pipech also reported that the Planning Commission did not meet on July 27, 2022 for lack of agenda items.

Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Vice President Gary Price presented the Report & Fire Police Incident Recap.

Pipech announced that the Township received \$10,803.96 from PEMA to reimburse expenses incurred because of IDA and that an additional \$1,000 or so is expected later.

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Pipech concluded his announcements noting that the Board of Supervisors wanted to acknowledge the passing of Curt Hardiman, long-time resident, fireman, fire policeman, and recycling attendant. All who knew Curt appreciated his dedication and soft conversation. He will be missed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Drew McLaughlin representing the Solicitor's office noted that a duly advertised public hearing had been held before the Supervisors regular meeting to hear public comment regarding the adoption of Ordinance 2022-1 and there was none. McLaughlin will determine if the Ordinance is required to be delivered to the County law library.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Manosky questioned whether the dam gate, given weight, rust and water pressure could actually be lifted when it will be required. Pasonick noted that the pressure on the gate will be 1,600 pounds.

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Jeffrey D. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer