

**RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**3000 Church Road**  
**Mountaintop, PA 18707**  
**AGENDA**  
**September 5, 2023**

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors is held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road. Copies of the Agenda, draft minutes of the previous meetings and Treasurer Reports are available to the public. Chair Robert Pipech calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. It is announced that the meeting will be recorded for preparing the minutes. Interior cameras are also recording the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Arnold -  
Pipech -  
Smith -

Also present were: Please see attached sign in sheet.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**BUSINESS MATTERS:**

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 1, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - \_\_\_\_\_ Pipech - \_\_\_\_\_ Smith - \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTION CARRIED?

Received the Treasurer's Report for August, 2023:

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and all bills to be paid.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - \_\_\_\_\_ Pipech - \_\_\_\_\_ Smith - \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTION CARRIED?

Received the Roadmaster's Report for August, 2023:

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the Roadmaster's Report as presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - \_\_\_\_\_ Pipech - \_\_\_\_\_ Smith - \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTION CARRIED?

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**BUSINESS MATTERS (CONT)**

Received the Police Report for August, 2023:

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the Police Report as presented.  
ROLL CALL: Arnold - \_\_\_\_\_ Pipech - \_\_\_\_\_ Smith - \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTION CARRIED?

Received the Zoning Report for August, 2023:

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the Zoning Report as presented.  
ROLL CALL: Arnold - \_\_\_\_\_ Pipech - \_\_\_\_\_ Smith - \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the purchase, from existing K-9 funds, of one German shepherd police dog package from K9 Guardian, Inc. for \$18,500.00.  
ROLL CALL: Arnold - \_\_\_\_\_ Pipech - \_\_\_\_\_ Smith - \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the first payment request from H&K Group Inc. for \$132,373.25 as recommended by the Township Engineer and authorize submission for the LSA grant to pay this bill.  
ROLL CALL: Arnold - \_\_\_\_\_ Pipech - \_\_\_\_\_ Smith - \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to authorize PennEastern to advertise the modified project for the 2023 Stormwater management project to open bids on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.  
ROLL CALL: Arnold - \_\_\_\_\_ Pipech - \_\_\_\_\_ Smith - \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to adopt Resolution 2023-8 authorizing the application for an LSA grant for \$541,000 for the 2024 Pave Project.  
ROLL CALL: Arnold - \_\_\_\_\_ Pipech - \_\_\_\_\_ Smith - \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to adopt Resolution 2023-9 authorizing the application for an LSA grant to support the repair of the Rice Elementary School parking lot not to exceed \$250,000, the \$100 application fee to be reimbursed by Crestwood School District.  
ROLL CALL: Arnold - \_\_\_\_\_ Pipech - \_\_\_\_\_ Smith - \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTION CARRIED?

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**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to ratify the decision by poll to purchase reflectors for the guiderails on Henry drive at a cost of \$186.00 for Chemung supply and have the reflectors installed by the Public Works group.

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

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to renew the annual maintenance agreement for the Township phones with Guyette Communication for an annual fee of \$324.00.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -  
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to set the date and time for the 2023 Halloween Extravaganza for Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM and to authorize costs not to exceed \$3,000 for the event.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -  
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to send a letter to the Mountaintop Area Joint Sanitary Authority Board of Directors asking them to reverse their decision to no longer support grinder pump repairs and to request the Rice Township member of that Board to introduce such a Resolution and vote for the same.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -  
MOTION CARRIED?

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the attendance of the Secretary/Treasurer at the Luzerne County Boroughs & Townships Association meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$10.00.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - Pipech - Smith -  
MOTION CARRIED?

The Planning Commission met on August 23rd, 2023 and draft minutes will be available when completed.

Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap.

Rice Township has received a stormwater – MS4 waiver from the Department of Environmental Protection with an expiration date of August 15, 2028. This is the second waiver received since the first waiver expired. The receipt of this waiver saves the taxpayers of Rice Township significant amounts of costs associated with MS4 stormwater management requirements. Thanks to Andy Pasonick, Township Engineer and PennEastern Engineers for the work to get this waiver.

The County expects to begin mobilization and replacement of the Heslop Road bridge today.

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**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**MOTION** by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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