

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - AGENDA

October 11, 2023

3000 Church Road, Mountaintop, PA

The duly advertised rescheduled regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors is held on Tuesday, October 11, 2023, instead of October 3, 2023 at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road. Copies of the Agenda, draft minutes of the previous meeting 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 accept the Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 5, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

Received the Treasurer's Report for September, 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 September, 2023:

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Roadmaster's Report as presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

Received the Police Report for September, 2023:

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont):

Received the Zoning Report for September, 2023:

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to expend up to an additional \$1,500 for the Halloween Extravaganza.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to purchase required load limit signs for the Henry Drive steel girder bridge from Bassler Equipment not to exceed \$1,000.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to pay the H&K second request for the 2023 Pave Project in the amount of \$162,369.00 as recommended by the Township Engineer.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to advertise proposed Solar Panel Ordinance and the Stormwater Management Ordinance with a hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM regarding the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to adopt the K-9 Policy and K-9 Manual and Memorandum of Understanding pending final review by the Solicitor.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Smith - _____

MOTION CARRIED?

Budget preparation begins in October. Departments were asked to submit their budgetary needs for 2024.

The Commonwealth's 2023 state aid allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association of the Wright Township Fire Company in the amount of \$24,216.56 was received September 21, 2023, approximately \$100 less than last year. Funds will be distributed to Wright Township Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association in October in accordance with Act 205. Form 706-B will be completed and returned to the Department of the Auditor General.

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Pension Plans' Minimum Municipal Obligation Reports for 2024 were completed and distributed to the Supervisors and filed before September 30, 2022.

The 2023 Commonwealth allocation of GENERAL MUNICIPAL PENSION SYSTEM STATE AID funds in the amount of \$78,776.71 was received on September 28, 2022, a decrease of \$4,075.71 below last year. As directed by the PA Auditor General, a check in the amount of \$57,344.83 will be directed to Principal Financial Group for deposit into Rice Township Police Pension Fund #4-50708; and \$21,431.88 will be distributed to PMRS for Rice Township Plan (40-168-5N). This satisfies the Minimum Municipal Obligation payment for 2023. This result is that there is no required contribution from the General Fund this year.

The Township received \$1,062.13 for our Public Utility Realty Tax (PURTA) refund on 9/29/2023.

PennDOT estimates our Liquid Fuels allocation for 2024 at \$132,985.23, an increase of \$480.13 or a third of one percent increase. This increase is one tenth of the current inflation rate.

The recycle center will longer be open on Wednesdays due to darkness. Wednesday hours will resume in the Spring.

The Roadmaster announces that leaf drop off will begin on Saturday, October 14th and concludes on Saturday, November 21st. Leaves can be left by the dumpster by the Township Building and must be in clear plastic bags. Branches cut to a length of 3 feet and no more than 1" in diameter may also be left. Holders of the Rice Township 2023-24 Recycle Permit will be allowed to leave their leaves. Cameras record the area.

The Planning Commission met on September 27, 2023.

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

The Police Department wants to thank the Supervisors, all the Mountaintop area residents who contributed to the K-9 project to make the K-9 unit a reality and Rep Ryncavage and Senator Culver for the generous grant of \$40,000 for the K-9 vehicle. The Township has taken delivery of a 2023 K-9 police cruiser and a hybrid shepherd Malinois mix named Maverick. Maverick and Officer Stout are in 6 weeks of patrol, search and rescue and narcotics training beginning October 2nd.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.