

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – AGENDA
3000 Church Road, Mountaintop, PA
JANUARY 2, 2024

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors is held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop immediately following the Reorganization Meeting. Copies of the Agenda, draft minutes of the previous meeting and Treasurer Reports are available to the public. Chair _____ calls the meeting to order at 7:___ p.m. It is announced that the meeting is being recorded for preparing the minutes. Interior cameras are also recording the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Arnold -
Pipech -
Romanyshyn -

Also present are:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting on December 5, 2023.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Treasurer's Report for December, 2023, as presented, and all bills to be paid.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Roadmaster's Report for December, 2023 as presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

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

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Zoning Report for December, 2023, as presented.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont.):

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the SEO Report for December, 2023, as presented.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to submit a new Salt Contract Participation Agreement to DGS COSTARS for the August 2024-July 2025 Season. We requested 500 tons for the 2023-2024 Season.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to adopt the proposed Geisinger health plan for 2/1/2024 to 1/31/2023 at an annual cost of \$227,868.06, an increase of 4.6%.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to hire Pinnacle Cleaning Service for twice monthly service at a monthly rate of \$150.00. Pinnacle Cleaning Service is bonded and insured.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to donate \$400 to Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Dorrance in memory of Bob and Roger’s mother, Myrtle Duffy.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to pay the Secretary/Treasurer's Health Care Expenses for 2024 as stated in the annual petition for coverage in accordance with the Township’s Personnel Manual, not as compensation, saving the Township an estimated \$13,138 in health care expenses this year.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to ratify the decision by poll to advertise for a part-time police officer.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

The Auditors meeting will be held at 5:00 PM tomorrow, January 3, 2024 as advertised.

The Planning Commission did not meet on December 20th, 2023 for lack of agenda items.

The Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Fire Police Incident Recap was received.

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The Rice Township books were closed December 31, 2023 and an Audit of the Township books will be conducted.

With the snow season here, the Police Department asked that residents remove all portable basketball hoops and refrain from parking on Township roads or rights-of-way during storms for safe snow removal.

It has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors that property owners have placed encroachments onto the Township road right-of-ways. Consistent with Pennsylvania Act 75 and Township ordinances, these encroachments can create hazards, and their existence is in violation of Commonwealth law. In anticipation of the 2024 Pave Project which will occur in Laurel Lakes, Township officials will conduct an assessment of the right-of-ways in Laurel Lakes and will notify residents if they need to remove items placed in the right-of-ways. Such assessments will occur across the Township as time permits. Residents' timely cooperation in removing any encroachments is greatly appreciated.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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