RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES REORGANIZATION MEETING 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop, PA JANUARY 2, 2024

The duly advertised reorganization meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda were available to the public. Attorney Kristyn Giarratano Jeckell from the Township Solicitor's office 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

Also present were: Please see attached sign in sheet.

The Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on December 27th at 3:45 p.m. at the Township Building, 3000 Church Road, to discuss personnel matters.

Magistrate Webby administered the Oath of Office to supervisor-elect Tom Romanyshyn; Bryan Brown, EMC; Dave Allen, Planning Commission member; Felicia Bierzynski and Scott Dane, Auditors; and Secretary/Treasurer Beck.

Solicitor Jeckell announced that the regular meeting of the Supervisors would be held immediately following the reorganization and called for nominations for temporary Chair..

MOTION by Romanyshyn, second by Pipech, to name Rick Arnold as temporary Chair.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Romanyshyn - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Romanyshyn, to name Jeffrey Beck as temporary Secretary.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Romanyshyn - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Romanyshyn, to name Rick Arnold as Chairman for the year 2024.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Romanyshyn - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Romanyshyn, to name Bob Pipech as Vice-Chairman for the year 2024.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Romanyshyn - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Pipech, to name Jeffrey D. Beck as Secretary/Treasurer for the year 2024.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Romanyshyn - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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BUSINESS MATTERS Cont.:

MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by Pipech, second by Arnold, to adopt all the following motions on the agenda. ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes Pipech - yes Romanyshyn - yes MOTION CARRIED. **MOTION** by , to make the following appointments: , second by Police—Bob Pipech, Liaison Pensions—Tom Romanyshyn, Liaison Fire Departments--Rick Arnold, Liaison Personnel--Bob Pipech, Liaison Recycling—Tom Romanyshyn, Liaison Recreation--Rick Arnold, Liaison Roadmaster--Bob Pipech, Liaison Planning & Zoning--Rick Arnold, Liaison Mountain Top Regional Police--Rick Arnold, Liaison Mountaintop Area Joint Sanitary Authority -Tom Romanyshyn, Liaison ROLL CALL: Arnold -Pipech -Romanyshyn -**MOTION CARRIED? MOTION** by , second by , to make the following appointments: Zoning Officer – Regional Municipal Services LLC SEO—Brior Environmental SEO Alternate--Robert Fugate Planning Commission Administrator/Secretary--Jeffrey D. Beck Earned Income Tax Collector--H.A. Berkheimer, Inc. Local Service Tax Collector--H.A. Berkheimer, Inc. Tax Hearing Officer--H.A. Berkheimer, Inc. Deputy Tax Collector--Diane Kendig ROLL CALL: Arnold -Pipech -Romanyshyn -**MOTION CARRIED?** MOTION by , second by , to make appointments of personnel as per attached schedule which includes salaries/wages. [See Wages page] ROLL CALL: Arnold -Pipech -Romanyshyn -MOTION CARRIED? , to make the following appointments: **MOTION** by , second by Township Engineer--PennEastern Engineers Township Solicitor—Elliott Greenleaf & Dean Planning Commission Solicitor-- Elliott Greenleaf & Dean Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor--Jeffrey Malak, Esq. ROLL CALL: Arnold -Pipech -Romanyshyn -

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Zoning Hear	MOTION by , second by Planning Commission: David Allen		(4-year term)	
	ing Board: Jeffrey Held	(3-year term)		
UCC Appeal	Board: VACANCY		(5-year term)	
Vacancy Boa	ard: Albert Bierzynski		(annual)	
UCC Appeal	Board: VACANCY		(5-year term)	
Emergency N	Management Coordinate	or: Bryan Brown	(annual)	
Flood Plain A	Administrator: Regiona	l Municipal Services LLC	(annual)	
Flood Plain Administrator Alternate:		: Bryan Brown	(annual)	
ROLL CALI	L: Arnold -	Pipech -	Romanyshyn -	
MOTION CARRIEI	D?			
MOTION by TCC voting delegate		, to adopt Resolution 2024-2	, appointing Pam Heard as the Primary	
ROLL CALL: Arno MOTION CARRIEI	ld -	Pipech -	Romanyshyn -	
MOTION by	, second by	, to adopt Resolution 2024-3	appointing Jeffrey D. Beck as Chief	
Administrative Office	er of the Pension Funds	3.		
ROLL CALL: Arno	ld -	Pipech -	Romanyshyn -	
MOTION CARRIEI) ?			
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ROLL CALL: Arnold - MOTION CARRIED?		Pipech -		Romanyshyn -		
	ship Supervisors in the amount of \$1,625.00, based on Township population, which is a \$26.00 increase					
ROLL CALL: Arnold - MOTION CARRIED?	P	ipech -	Romany	yshyn -		
MOTION by , second by , to approve attendance of the 2024 PSATS Annual Conference in Hershey, PA from April 14th to the 17th at the expense of the Township, open to Supervisors and personnel, and to name Jeffrey D. Beck as the Voting Delegate.						
ROLL CALL: Arnold - MOTION CARRIED?	P	ipech -	Romany	/shyn -		
The Board of Supervisors is term). Residents may subm		~ * *				
Treasurer's Bond in the amo	ount of \$1,200,000	is in effect from .	January 2, 2024 to 1	January 2, 2025.		
The Board of Supervisors officially recognizes the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department as the <u>Primary Fire Protection Service for Rice Township</u> and assures that volunteers are covered by municipal policy as it applies.						
The regular meeting follow	s immediately.					
Motion by Romanyshyn, se PM	cond by Pipech, to	adjourn the reorg	anization meeting.	Meeting adjourned at 7:04		
Respectfully submitted:	Creacurer					