RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

3000 Church Road Mountaintop, PA 18707 **MINUTES** July 27 2023

The duly advertised special meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road. Copies of the Agenda were available to the public. Chair Robert Pipech called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded for preparing the minutes. Interior cameras were also recording the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Arnold

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Pipech

- here

Smith

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Also present were Solicitor Jeckell and Engineer Pasonick via telephone. Please see attached sign in sheet.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: There was none.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to approve purchase and installation of guide rails at 1715 and 1725 Henry Drive not to exceed \$6,750.00 from Chemung.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to approve the purchase of 6 taser 7s inclusive of warranty, training, and live cartridges to replace the current tasers at the end of their operation life at an annual cost of \$4,562.64 for 2023 through 2027 for an estimated savings of \$7,012.80 for the 5 years compared to not participating in this bundle plan.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to approve the payment of \$58,868.91 for the COSTARS price of upfitting the 2022 Chev 5500 truck including the cab painting to be reimbursed by the LSA grant for the trucks. Payment to be made to Powell Sales and Service.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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BUSINESS MATTERS (CONT):

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to adopt Resolution 2023-7 authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to apply for a DCED Multimodal grant in the amount of \$611,500 to repair the Henry Drive trestle bridge and replace the Laurel Drive culvert, to request the waiver of the required 30% matching funds, and to pay the \$100 application fee.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

The following motion was presented as an amendment to the motion on the agenda given guidance received from DCED.

MOTION by Smith, second by Pipech, to adopt Resolution 2023-8 whereby Nuangola Borough will apply for a DCED Multimodal grant in the amount of \$250,222 in partnership with Rice Township to repave Van Avenue jointly owned by the Rice and Nuangola, to request the waiver of the required 30% matching funds, and to reimburse Nuangola.\$50 for the application fee.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Smith, second by Pipech, to adopt Resolution 2023-8 authorizing the Secretary/Treasurer to apply for a DCED Multimodal grant in the amount of \$250,222 in partnership with Nuangola Borough to repave Van Avenue jointly owned by the Rice and Nuangola, to request the waiver of the required 30% matching funds, and to pay the \$100 application fee, \$50 to be reimbursed by Nuangola.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to ratify the decision by poll to engage Smith Blacktopping to repair a section of Ice Harvest Drive at a cost not to exceed \$12,199 and implement the 2023 Pave Project change order to provide additional pave repair to Ice House Drive by H&K at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - ves

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Arnold, second by Smith, to approve change order #3 in the amount of \$148,027 for concrete facing, dewatering, spillway and masonry work and change order #4 presented by PennEastern for Fabcor for the Ice Ponds Dam – Outlet Works Improvement Project. Change order #4 totals \$4,019.81.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Solicitor report.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m..

Respectfully submitted:

Jeffrey D. Beck, Secretary/Treasurer