

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – AGENDA
3000 Church Road, Mountaintop, PA
March 5, 2024

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors is held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, draft minutes of the previous meetings and Treasurer Reports are available to the public. Chair Arnold calls the meeting to order at 7:00 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 February 6, 2024.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Treasurer's Report for February, 2024, 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 February, 2024 as presented.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Police Report for February, 2024 as presented.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Zoning Report for February, 2024, as presented.
ROLL CALL: Arnold - _____ Pipech - _____ Romanyshyn - _____
MOTION CARRIED?

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont.):

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Emergency Management Coordinator report for February, 2024, as presented.

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

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the SEO Report for February, 2024, as presented.

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

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to ratify the decision by poll to authorize the Chief of Police to advertise and pursue the hiring of a full-time officer.

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

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to ratify the decision by poll to authorize the Emergency Management Coordinator to attend FEMA training in Harrisburg.

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

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to accept the Township’s Engineer’s recommendation to approve the reduction of the Letter of Credit securing the Jennifer’s Way project by \$26,797.80 leaving a remaining balance in the LOC of \$48,849.42.

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

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to spend up to \$3,500 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt .

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

MOTION by _____, second by _____, accept the Township Engineer’s recommendation to pay application #2 to Columbia Excavating, LLC. totaling \$24,826.50 for work completed on the 2023 Drainage Improvement Project.

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

MOTION by _____, second by _____, to approve sending Supervisors and/or staff to the Luzerne County Boroughs and Townships Association dinner on March 21, 2024 at a cost of \$10.00 per attendee.

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

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BUSINESS MATTERS (Cont.):

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

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 rights-of-way. 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 rights-of-way in Laurel Lakes and will notify residents if they need to remove items placed in the rights-of-way. 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..