

▪ MINUTES
 ▪ Pittston Township
 ▪ Board of Supervisors Meeting
 ▪ May 29, 2018
 ▪ Pittston Township Municipal Building

Call Meeting To Order 7:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call Slezak ___P___ Attardo _P_ Rinaldi _P___

Minutes: minutes of the April 16, 2018 were distributed to Supervisors for their review, comments and/or corrections.

Questions/Comments

- **Motion** - to ACCEPT minutes of the April 16, 2018 were distributed to Supervisors

Slezak _____ Attardo __M_ Rinaldi __S__

- Roll Call: Slezak _Y___ Attardo ___Y_ Rinaldi _Y___

Supervisors Comments -

Township will hold an electronic pickup on June 9, 2018 at the municipal building parking lot between the hours of 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Residents were informed by letter as to dates, times and eligible items which can be dropped off. A similar notice is posted on our website and in the local Sunday papers.

Mr. Bonita was asked to prepare a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$148,870 for Church Drive for base repairs, paving, grading swales and milling. The criteria for eligibility for these CDBG grants is that the area must be surveyed and determined to be low to moderate income with standards established by HUD.

- **Motion** - to SUBMIT prepare a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$148,870 for Church Drive for base repairs, paving, grading swales and milling cartway.

Slezak ___S_ Attardo _____ Rinaldi _M___

- Roll Call: Slezak _Y___ Attardo _Y___ Rinaldi _Y___

There is also a pending Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$110,000 for East Railroad Street which is scheduled to be awarded in July, 2018.

Freeport Road project has been finalized with the contractor and work is expected to begin in June, 2018.

Grass Pickup - Effective May 15, 2018 pick up began.....Residents must contact the business office to arrange for pickup. Letters outlining dates of pick up and items eligible for pickup were distributed to residents at the bag drive. Additional letters are available for pickup up at the business office.

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Baker Road

- Motion to have Penn Eastern prepare bid documents for the Baker Overlay Project
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- Slezak __S__ Attardo _____ Rinaldi _M_
 Roll Call: Slezak __Y__ Attardo __Y__ Rinaldi __Y__

New Business

- **Motion:** To ratify April-May pre-paid bills in the amount \$215083.85 and bills payable in the amount of \$ 46,641.50
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- payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

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| 4-18-2018 | 40722.08 |
| 5-02-2018 | 38410.16 |
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Harford EFT 625.92
 Principal EFT 396.15
 Hassler EFT 100.00
 AFLAC 95.38

Slezak __M__ Attardo _____ Rinaldi _S_
 Roll Call: Slezak __Y__ Attardo __Y__ Rinaldi __Y__

- Transfer \$150,000 from General Account to Special Reimbursement account for distribution to residents for (2) Sewer Reimbursement and (b) Ambulance memberships. A complete accounting will be available in the business office.

Slezak __S__ Attardo _____ Rinaldi _M_
 Roll Call: Slezak __Y__ Attardo __Y__ Rinaldi __Y__

SEWER PERMITS

An ORDINANCE OF PITTSTON TOWNSHIP, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA has been prepared and duly advertised in the Citizens Voice on May 8, 2018 ESTABLISHING MANDATORY SEWER PERMIT, TAPPING FEE & CONNECTION FEE AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF. A copy of the ordinance was available for public inspection at the business office located at 421 Broad Street between the hours of 9:00 Am to 4:00 PM Monday to Friday.

- Motion - To ADOPT Ordinance 5-01 of 2018 ESTABLISHING MANDATORY SEWER PERMIT, TAPPING FEE & CONNECTION FEE AND SETTING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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Zoning

E-mail from Penn Eastern indicating that all outstanding issues were properly addressed by the developer and recommends removing any conditions and accepting the Land Development Plan as presented to the Planning Committee on January 10, 2018 meeting for New Industrial Building for Petroleum Service Co.

- **Motion** - to ACCEPT Land Development Plan as presented to the Planning Committee on January 10, 2018 meeting for New Industrial Building for Petroleum Service Co.

Slezak __M__ Attardo ____ Rinaldi __S__
 Roll Call: Slezak __Y__ Attardo _Y__ Rinaldi Y

Police

Police Report

- Motion - To ACCEPT police report as submitted. Mr. Bonita read the report to the public in attendance.

• Slezak __S__ Attardo ____ Rinaldi _M_
 Roll Call: Slezak __Y__ Attardo _Y__ Rinaldi _Y_

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Recreation Board

Two positions are available for any interested residents

Public Comment

Speakers are reminded of the 10 minute time allotment

Rosalee Scatena - Laurel St. World of Brew (Border Bar) - informed the Supervisors of changes which were posted regarding band, etc. Wants to know if Twp. issued a permit for outside entertainment. Informed not necessary but LCB had to approve changes. Supervisors stated that a nuisance ordinance is in effect and would be enforced in the event of violations. Mr. Bonita will notify Ms. Scatena of any action taken by the Supervisors.

Ron Kielb - same as before. Concerns about water damage to his property which he contends is the result if the sewer line being on the wrong side of the road

Janice Lane - asked about MS-4 program and questioned why the Twp. is aligned with the WVSA. Mr. Bonita tried to address her questions and concerns and invited her to meet with him, Terry Best and Matt Chesniak to discuss the status and progress made by the Twp. and WVSA.

Lori Adams - returned a reimbursement check erroneously given to her at the bag drive. Being returned since they are not hooked up and have never paid a sewer bill. Mr. Bonita explained that they went off lists given by the WVSA and Lackawanna SA. Both authorities will be contacted to discuss this problem. Wanted to know about penalties for failure to hook up. How can they be penalized since they have no lateral

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or grinder pump? Who is going to impose the fee? According to her, she was told by LLack to throw the bills away if they are not hooked up. Why the bill in the first place? Who will answer these questions?

Kris Vanesco - upset about the hook up costs which accompany grinder pumps, eg. electric, maintenance, generators. He was told by his homeowners insurance company that his insurance will not cover sewer backup. What happens if power goes out and he does not have a backup generator? He stated that HE WILL NOT hook up and wants to know what the Sewer Authority will do about it. Solicitor Sanguedolce discussed the recently enacted ordinance which addresses some of this questions. He was advised that a complete copy of the ordinance is available upon request. Additionally, the Second Class Twp. Code covers the hook up requirements.

Gordon Maxwell - (1) Also has grinder pump which is not hooked up. Was told by WVSA representatives present at the bag drive that if he is not producing sewage he does not have to pay. Called the WVSA and was told the same. (2) Contends that as a result of the sewer project there are two dead trees which the Sewer Authority said they would take care of - NOTHING TO DATE. (3) He contends that his well water has gone bad as a result of this project. (4) are not being properly closed, that is pumped out, etc. (5) Inspections are not being done in a timely manner.

Joseph Antal - has water in his grinder complaint. Has sent the Sewer Authority complaint 2 months ago and no response to his complaint to date.

Megan Galonis - wants to know if Ridge Road is on the schedule for paving. Steve responded not at this time.

Supervisors promised to ask the Sewer Authority for a listing of all complaints received to date for review. Mr. Bonita asked those in attendance to raise their hands if they have problems as a result of the project. Of the 35-40 in attendance approximately 10 hands were raised. Supervisors asked that all complaints issued past or present be copies to the Supervisors.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

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