

▪ **MINUTES**
 ▪ **Pittston Township**
 ▪ **Board of Supervisors Meeting**
 ▪ **September 17, 2018**
 ▪ **Pittston Township Municipal Building**

Call Meeting To Order 7:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call Slezak ___P___ Vacant ___ Rinaldi __P___

Minutes: minutes of the August 20, 2018 were distributed to Supervisors for their review, comments and/or corrections.

Questions/Comments - NONE

- **Motion** - to ACCEPT minutes of the August 20, 2018 that were distributed to Supervisors

Slezak _Y___ Vacant ___ Rinaldi ___M___

- Roll Call: Slezak __Y___ Vacant ___ Rinaldi __Y___

Supervisors Comments -

Executive Committee meetings were held to discuss personnel. Discussion about hiring part time police officers, vacancy in supervisor position, police personnel

- **Supervisor Rinaldi** - discussed vacancy in Supervisors position. Thirteen applications were received, no interviews were conducted but all thirteen applications were reviewed in detail. After discussion between the Supervisors, it was mutually agreed that RALPH YANORA would be the choice. Resolution 9-01 of 2018 was presented which resolved to fill the vacancy in the office of Township Supervisor.
- **Motion** - to APOINT Ralph Yanora to the vacant position of Supervisor with a term ending January 6, 2020; inclusion in the Township health and dental plans; and adopt Resolution 9-01 of 2018.

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- Roll Call: Slezak __Y___ Vacant ___ Rinaldi __Y___

Mr. Yanora will be contacted and notified of his appointment. Mr. Bonita is to arrange to have him come to the building to have the Oath of Office administered.

Received from Office of Community Development CDBG Grant executed Cooperation Agreement for Street Improvements in the amount of \$110,000. Proceeds used to fund East Railroad Street project. East Railroad Street and Coal St. projects were advertised for bid. Bids are due on September 24, 2018.

Work on Baker Road is expected to begin in September.

Letter from Luzerne County Recycling center October 6th, 2018 Drums, Pa and October 13, 2018 Hanover Twp. recycling event for tires.

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New Business

Received from Duda Actuarial Consulting the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO) for the Pittston Twp. Police Pension and Pittston Township Non-Uniform Pension Plans. Calculations are based on the assumption that members of each plan contribute 5% to the plan(s).

2019 MMO for the Pittston Twp. Police Pension	\$52,619
2019 MMO for the Pittston Township Non-Uniform Pension Plans	18,899

- **Motion** - to 2019 MMO'S form Police Pension Plan and Non Uniform Plan as outlined above as prepared by Duda Actuarial Consulting

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- **Motion:** To ratify August-Sept pre-paid bills in the amount \$ 42313.02 and bills payable in the amount of \$ 67072.73

AND

payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

8-22-18	40859.19
9-05-19	33765.40

AND

Harford EFT	625.92
Principal EFT	396.15
Hassler EFT	120.00
AFLAC	95.38

AND

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Fire Department - no matters

Zoning

Lot 8 & 10 Centerpoint West - Letter from PennEastern recommending granting approval subject to addressing his comments and any comments of the Planning Commission

CPCTP East, Phase IIB - Letter from PennEastern recommending granting approval subject to addressing his comments and any comments of the Planning Commission

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- **Motion** - to Lot 8 & 10 Centerpoint West & CPCTP East, Phase IIB subject to addressing PennEastern comments and any comments of the Planning Commission.

MOTION WAS TABLED. Will be revisited when comments and conditions are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Planning Commission and Township Engineer

Police

Application for employment received from Chad Jacobs and Domenic Oliveri for part time employment as police officers. Both candidates were interviewed.

- Motion - To APPOINT Chad Jacobs and Domenic Oliveri as part time police officers in accordance with the CBA

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Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Oliveri will be contacted and notified of their appointment. Mr. Bonita is to arrange to have them come to the building to have the Oath of Office administered.

Police Report

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

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Recreation Board - no matters

Public Comment Speakers are reminded of the 10 minute time allotment

Samanth Strunk - Elaine Strunk - excessive speeding on church Drive. Zigler stop sign being ignored. Presents a safety hazard. Police do not patrol. Steve will discuss with the police department and possible consider speed bumps in the road.

Brenda Buckler and Melissa Walker - represent Wisker World a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization which traps cats, neuters and returns them rather than having them euthanized. Requesting the Twp. give them the OK to pull cats from SPCA. \$35 per cat which includes rabies shot. Supervisors will consider.

Curt Muffley - questioned if Twp. has fireworks ordinance in place. Stated that there is a firework problem in the Suscon Area. Steve stated that it exists in the Twp. and will look into enacting an ordinance.

Lynn Hetro - Baker Road project. Questioned how this project was approved. Letters from prior Solicitor stating that the project would not be done unless all residents affected would agree. She did not agree. Presented letter from Solicitor. Does not want the project to continue in that it would adversely

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affect her property. Steve tried to reassure her that there would be no damage to home. Concerns from the audience about the how and why this project was being done. Questions as to who owns the road, whether or not parts of the road could be shut down. Supervisors and Mr. Amato did visit the site and once again went over the project. Steve stated that the Supervisors if future problems would occur they would not be left unresolved.

Ron Kielb - Asked if Supervisors were aware of a lawsuit filed against the PTSAuthority by Feilinger Construction in the amount of \$2,000,000; were they aware that his estimation of the project would be \$1,000,000 over budget and the project is not completed. Costs has escalated far in excess of \$3.3 million bid. His opinion is that escalated costs were caused by errors in the design by the engineering firm and found by PDOT and DEP. He has information that there was actually a work stoppage filed against the Contractor - were the supervisors aware? He questions as to who will stand the burden of these additional costs. MOVE THE LINE

Solicitor Sanguedolce stated that it is not proper for the Supervisors to discuss these matters in that there was a lawsuit filed.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

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