

- MINUTES
- Pittston Township
- Board of Supervisors Meeting
- July 20, 2020
- Pittston Township Municipal Building

Meeting will be open to the public

Call Meeting To Order                      7:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance -
- Roll Call    Slezak \_\_\_P\_\_\_    Hawk \_\_\_    Rinaldi \_P\_\_\_\_\_

Swearing in of Police Dog, Sasha.

- Motion to appoint Sasha as canine police officer of Pittston Township
  - Slezak \_S\_\_    Hawk \_\_\_\_\_    Rinaldi \_\_M\_\_
  - Roll Call: Slezak \_Y\_\_    Hawk \_Y\_    Rinaldi \_\_\_Y

Oath of office administered by Steve Rinaldi

### **Special Presentation**

A special presentation was made by the supervisors and police department to Supervisor Rinaldi recognizing the years of service as police chief. A collage of his original shirt emblem, his chief's badge and the final shirt emblem was displayed in a case and presented to him by Chief Angelella.

**Minutes:** minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled June 16, 2020 was distributed to Supervisors for their review, comments and/or corrections.

Any Questions/Corrections - NONE

- **Motion:** To ACCEPT minutes of June 16, 2020 as presented to the Supervisors for their review, comments and/or corrections.
  - Slezak \_S\_\_    Hawk \_\_M\_\_    Rinaldi \_\_\_\_\_
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## Supervisor Comments

**Mr. Bonita** presented the report on refunds issued to residents for sewer, ambulance and septic reimbursements as of 7-17-2020

<b>Sewer Reimbursement</b>	<b>\$103,610.00</b>
<b>Ambulance Reimbursement</b>	<b>28,785.00</b>
<b>Septic Reimbursement</b>	<b>1,680.00</b>

## Yard Waste:

Residents are reminded that they must call before Tuesday in order to be on the list for yard waste pickup.

**e-mail from Angelo Terranna** regarding TIF project on Grandview Drive..... Wants to extend TIF (Tax Incremental District). School District, Pittston City have approved request. Waiting for County. Wants Ptn Twp. to agree to the extension. Will not affect the tax revenue the Twp. received from Grandview Drive residents.

Questions - Comments NONE

- Motion - to extent Tax Incremental District, Grandview Drive conditioned on the County approving the TIF.

• Slezak\_\_\_\_\_ Hawk \_S\_\_\_\_\_ Rinaldi \_M\_\_\_\_  
 Roll Call: Slezak\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Hawk \_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Rinaldi \_\_\_Y\_\_\_

Letter - Mike Amato - AVP Airport Car Rental.- AVP engineer seeking permission to demolish existing building and do limited site work. Awaiting Component 3 sewage planning approval from DEP before actual project can proceed. PennEastern recommends that the Twp. permit the demolition and limited site work.

Supervisor Rinaldi questioned the site work and was advised by T. Best that the site work is in conformity with what was presented to the planning commission and that M. Amato agreed that the site work would be acceptable awaiting the DEP permit

Questions - Comments - NONE

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- Motion - to . permit the demolition and limited site work and adopt Resolution 7-01 of 2020

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 Roll Call: Slezak\_\_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Rinaldi \_\_Y\_\_

**Letter from Pasquale Mascaro**, President JP Mascaro. explained the problems they have been having since COVID-19 and assured the Twp. that they are doing all possible to correct problems. Asked Twp. to be understanding. Employee problems, landfill problems and recycling company problems.

**Laura Beers - Luzerne County:** County is proposing to extend Face period to December 31, 2020 thereby eliminating the penalty period for 2020.

Questions/Comments - NONE

- Motion - to extend Face period to December 31, 2020 thereby eliminating the penalty period for 2020 if allowed by Luzerne County.

• Slezak\_\_M\_\_ Hawk \_\_S\_\_ Rinaldi \_\_  
 Roll Call: Slezak\_\_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Rinaldi \_\_Y\_\_

**Office of the District Attorney** - District Attorney's office has taken control of the DUI Enforcement and Processing Programs previously administered by Catholic Social Services. A DUI Task Force has been created thereby allowing more effective collection and tracking, evidence and monitoring and the needs of the processing center. Certain documents must be adopted by the Twp.

1. Memo of Understanding - represents the agreement to participate in the program
2. Ordinance - approving the agreement and participation of Ptn Twp. in the DUI Task Force
3. Ordinance approving Ptn. Twp. to participate in the Luzerne County Drug Task force
4. Memo of Understanding - the agreement between Luzerne County DA and Twp. to participate in the Driving under the Influence Task Force

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- Motion to advertise the proposed Ordinances

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### Church Street Improvement Project

Work awarded to M&J Excavation. Change order approved by Supervisors and executed for additional work on project. Supervisor Slezak gave a briefing on the status of the project. His position is that the work is progressing and that the contractor is performing satisfactorily. Mr. Bonita commented that the initial project will be completely funded by a Community Block Grant in the amount of \$193,000 and the change order will be the responsibility of the Township

### New Business

- **Motion:** To ratify pre-paid \$78,455.42 and bills payable in the amount of and \$77,636.26
- payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

6-24-2020	53750.73
7-8-2020	58352.78

HARFORD	931.56
PRINCIPAL	563.98
AFLAC	95.38
HASSLER	500.00

BHW Building Inspector \$ 4070.60

Questions/Comments - NONE

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## Police

### POLICE REPORT

**Mr. Bonita** commented on the increase in mileage as reported. He also stated that the revenue generated from police work has significantly increased. This month the Twp. received a check from the magistrate in excess of \$2000. Previous months ranged from \$300 to \$500

**Supervisor Hawk** - read a letter from Kimberly Smulek commending the actions and professionalism of Officer Peter Hockenberry. Letter will be placed in his file.

### Questions/Comments

- Motion - to accept police report as submitted by Chief Angelella.

• Slezak\_\_\_\_\_ Hawk \_\_S\_\_ Rinaldi \_M\_  
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## Fire Dept.

## Zoning/Code

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Melanie Yozwiak** - Broad St. speeding. wants street patrolled and tickets issued. Chief Angelella stated that the department will run patrols. Also commented on traffic exiting Law St. and questioned as to whether it could be made a one way.

**Curt Muffley** - asked about fire pits. Location as to distance from home. Supervisors commented that "homemade" fire pits are not allowed but "commercial" fire pits are allowed. Mention was made of patio fire pits.

**Melisa Walker** - asking for donation for feral cats. Represents Whisker World. She tracks, neuters and returns the cats

**Dennis Fritz** - complained about inaction of Decker situation. Solicitor set up meeting with Mr. Fritz to discuss the actions taken by the Twp. since the last meeting with Mr. Fritz. Questioned the work done on Ziegler Road by Twp. since this was a private road.

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Supervisors stated that there are Twp. residents living on the roadway and as such the Twp. has an obligation to service them.

**Anthony Grabowski** - asked about work being done on Kentril property. Supervisor Slezak stated that this is the site of a new storage shed which will aid in the time of snow removal. Asked about repairs to a bridge which was brought to the attention of the Supervisors previously; asked about Commerce/Freeport intersection and Supervisor Slezak stated that this was Dupont; asked about the taking of Ziegler Road. Solicitor stated that deeds have been prepared but due to COVID-19 there was an interruption. He will continue to attempt to get this resolved. Supervisor Slezak stated that the Church Road project also held up the taking of Ziegler Road.

**Dan Vocozilchak** - Trailer 33 commented on the Decker situation and stated that he was attempting to clean up at his own expense.

**Jim Sulima** - asked about the RDM Group zoning use hearing which was denied by the Twp. Board. Solicitor advised that a lawsuit has been filed disputing the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board. No time frame has been set to hear the case. . Solicitor stated that deeds have been prepared but due to COVID-19 there was an interruption. He will continue to attempt to get this resolved. Supervisor Slezak stated that the Church Road project also held up the taking of Ziegler Road.

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn

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Roll Call: Slezak\_\_\_Y\_\_\_ Hawk \_Y\_\_\_\_\_ Rinaldi \_\_\_Y\_