

- MINUTES
- Pittston Township
- Board of Supervisors Meeting
November 16, 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 _P__ Steve Rinaldi __AB_____

Agenda - Inserted on Web Page on Saturday, November 14, 2020

Minutes: minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled October 19, 2020 were distributed to Supervisors for their review, comments and/or corrections.

Questions/Corrections

- **Motion:** To ACCEPT minutes of October 19, 2020 as presented to the Supervisors for their review, comments and/or corrections.
 - Slezak _M__ Hawk __S__ Rinaldi _____
 - Roll Call: Slezak _Y__ Hawk _Y_ Rinaldi _____

Supervisor Comments

Mr. Bonita reported to the Supervisors that there has been significant progress in updating the records of the Township to reflect e-mail address' of residents. Based on the response from residents when seeking reimbursement for sewer and ambulance a file of approximately 500 e mails has been created and will only be used by the Township in case of emergency or public notice is necessary as determined by the Supervisors. The e-mail address' will be kept in strict confidence.

Yard Waste:

LAST PICKUP FOR 2020

November 17, 2020 Pickup for Corklane, Browntown, etc.

November 24, 2020 Pickup for Suscon, Glendale, etc.

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

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LSA Grant Application - Administrator is preparing a submission for 2021 LSA Grant which is due November 30, 2020. Reimbursable expenditures will approximate \$300,000.

Discussion and Comments

- **Motion:** To enact Resolution 11-02 of 2020 Application for 2021 LSA Gaming Grant and authorize Administrator to prepare and submit the grant application
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 - Roll Call: Slezak__Y__ Hawk __Y__ Rinaldi

Grandview Drive - Stauffer Point Twp. engineer, Dave Slezak, Roadmaster and Stauffer Point representatives met at site and reviewed the request to have the road dedicated. Legal information forwarded to solicitor for his review and comments.

Discussion and Comments

Mr. Bonita stated that some confusion seems to exist at the top of Grandview Drive involving approximately 200'. Atty Terrana stated that the development does not own that 200' area and is not included in the request to take over Grandview. Supervisors stated that since it is unclear as to ownership of this area they are moving to table further discussions until this matter is cleared up. This was conveyed to Atty Terrana.

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LNG Transportation - Last Meeting representatives made a presentation regarding overland transport of Liquefied Natural Gas thru the Twp. A Model Transportation resolution was forwarded for the Supervisors comments and if acceptable adoption.

Supervisor Hawk discussed the importance of enacting this resolution especially since it is not only the Commonwealth's duty fulfill its constitutional duty to protect the public by taking necessary measures to prevent the transportation of LNG though Pa by truck or rail but also the Township.

- **Motion:** To ENACT Resolution 11-01 of 2020 Model LNG Transportation Resolution calling on the Commonwealth to fulfill its constitutional duty to protect the public by taking necessary measures to prevent the transportation of LNG though Pa by truck or rail.

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Audit of 2020 Financial Records

Supervisors wish to have the books and records of the Township for 2020 audited by an independent certified public accountant with the approval of the elected auditors.

- **Motion:** To ADVERTISE NOTICE of intent to have the books and records of the Township for 2020 audited by an independent certified public accountant with the approval of the elected auditors.

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 Roll Call: Slezak__Y__ Hawk __Y____ Rinaldi ____

New Business

- **Motion:** To ratify pre-paid \$ 118051.40 blls payable in the amount of \$61777.96 , Transfer \$69930.00 to Police Pension Plan (2019MMO) and payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

10-28-2020	51896.19
11-07-2020	59990.31

HARFORD	931.56
PRINCIPAL	563.98
AFLAC	95.38
HASSLER	100.00

BHW building Inspectors \$ 6283.43

Question/Comments on the Motion

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Fire Department

Police Report

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- Motion - to ACCEPT police report as submitted by Chief Angelella

Question/Comments on the Motion

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- Roll Call: Slezak__Y___ Hawk __Y___ Rinaldi _____

Road Department - Supervisor Slezak commented on the progress being made on the Salt Shed located at 590 Suson Road.

Zoning/Code

Letters were received from Mike Amato, PennEastern Engineers relating to

1. Centerpoint Lots 30, Lot 31
2. New Prime, Inc. Parking Lot, 135 Armstrong Road

All letters contained a recommendation to grant approval subject to addressing comments of the engineer and planning commission.

Question/Comments

Terry Best was asked to comment on the above. He stated that PennEastern has not received the required information requested by PennEastern.

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Mr. Bonita reported that based on recent expenditures by the Township on behalf of the Storm Water System of the Township an application was submitted to WVSA for reimbursement of related expenses in the amount of \$51,441.19 and \$10,200. This amount was received and deposited in the Twp. general fund.

First Reading of 2021 Budget

Prior to the meeting Mr. Bonita met with department heads to determine the requests for 2021. Supervisors were give a draft of the proposed 2021 operating budget to review. Mr. Bonita then proceeded to outline certain items in the budget and noted that the operating budget for 2021 including capital budget \$4,648,340. There would be no increase in taxes and reimbursements to fire, ambulance and residents would remain the same. Supervisor Slezak stated that he would like to have the \$25 sticker cost eliminated

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as was done in 2020. Mr. Bonita stated that this was done in 2020 because of the pandemic and if such occurred in 2021 it could be eliminated is the supervisors agreed.

As advertised in the Citizen Voice the line item 2021 budget will be posted November 20, 2020 at the municipal building and on the Twp. webpage. The budget if approved is scheduled for adoption December 21, 2020.

Public Comment

Beckie Kobi - Baker Road Complained about tractor trailer traffic not using the road. A safety issue is being created. Feels that the road should be widened and paved from the outlet to Mericle property. Sewer Authority promised that when the sewers were put in that this portion of the road would be widened and paved. Supervisor Slezak commented that some property owners are against the widening and paving and some are for it. He also stated that the road is being surveyed to determine boundaries and that it might be revealed that residents have encroached on Twp. property. The PennDot Modial Grant was discussed and Mr. Bonita pointed out that his project might not even be on the horizon for 2021. Several roadblocks with property and easements have caused delays.

Dave Walsh - Pine Street - has issues with tractor trailers using their jakebrakes on the Pittston Bypass. Supervisors will send letter to PDOT regarding this matter.

Dennis Fritz - wanted update on this many complaints. Supervisor Hawk tried to discuss the issues with Decker trailer park and what was done to date. He then asked the status

1. Woodpile and camper Terry was to follow up
2. Modern Gas excavation - Terry was to follow up
3. Unlicensed vehicles - Terry was to follow up

He then questioned a garage built in 2015-2016 on two lots. How was this legal. Brookside sewer hookup.

- Motion to Adjourn
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