

▪ MINUTES  
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 ▪ Board of Supervisors Meeting  
 ▪ January 19, 2021  
 ▪ Pittston Township Municipal Building

Call Meeting To Order                      7:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call        Slezak \_\_p\_\_    Hawk \_\_p\_\_    Steve Rinaldi \_\_p\_\_

**Minutes:**                minutes        of        the        Supervisors        regularly        scheduled December 21, 2020 and Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2021        were distributed to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

Any Questions/Corrections

- **Motion:**        To        ACCEPT        minutes of        December 21, 2020 and Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2021 as presented to the        Supervisors for their review, comments and/or corrections.

- Slezak \_M\_\_    Hawk \_\_S\_\_    Rinaldi \_\_\_\_\_
- Roll Call: Slezak Y\_\_    Hawk \_Y\_\_    Rinaldi \_Y\_\_

**New Business**

At the annual reorganization meeting held by the elected auditors on January 5, 2021 it was confirmed:

David Slezak	Roadmaster
Joseph Hawk	Emergency Director
Stephen Rinaldi	MS-4 Coordinator

- **Motion:**        To        ACCEPT the appointments        for 2021 as        confirmed by the elected auditors.

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

Supervisors requested a traffic study on Pittston Bypass to enact a Jake Brake restriction and PDOT granted the request. Based on the study, PDOT agreed that a Engine Brake Retarder prohibition can be implemented on SR2021 between Oak St and William Street intersections, a total distance of 0.7 miles. Solicitor prepared an Ordinance which approved by PDOT.

Ordinance was duly advertised in the Citizens Voice on 12-28-2020. No comments from the general public.

Questions/Concerns

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- **Motion:** To ADOPT 1-01 of 2021 to enact a Jake Brake restriction on SR2021 between Oak St and William Street intersections, a total distance of 0.7 miles.

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

November 30, 2020 Solicitor sent certified mail to T Pittston Crossings PA, LLC concerning property located at Rt. 315 Pittston Township regarding Abatement of Nuisances. This was in direct response to a petition which was filed by taxpayers whose properties have been adversely affected. Solicitor commented that no response was received to date and the Twp. should consider having a citation issued by Terry Best, Code Enforcement officer or sending a letter via certified mail giving 30 days to act on our request. If ignored again, the citation should be issued. Mr. Bonita will discuss with Terry Best who was not in attendance.

At the work session held on January 14, 2021 Solicitor Sanguedolce made a recommendation that the Twp. solicit bids to codify the Ordinances of the Township. Attorney Sanguedolce commented that this is a professional service and bids are not required and that the motion should be.....to solicit proposals rather than bids.

- **Motion:** To have Mr. Bonita and Solicitor Sanguedolce solicit proposals regarding Codification of Township Ordinances.

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

## Financial

- **Motion:** To ratify December-January pre-paid bills in the amount \$ 84544.58 and bills payable in the amount of and \$55584.31
- payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

12-23-2020	56741.39
01-06-2021	58375.00

Aflac	95.38
Blue To Gold	298
Sign & Shirt	750
Harford	931.56
Badge & Wallet	263.41

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Malware	26.45
Amazon	148.39
Amazon	74.66
Aflac	66.86
Plsic Insurance	609.83

Outlook Construction - Refund Bldg. Permit \$ 4386.78

Mr. Bonita commented on the increased use of the Twp. credit card for the purchases listed above. Also, Outlook Construction paid in the prior year for two townhouses which they did not construct.. Instead, they are now applying for a building permit for four townhouses in the same development.

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

## Police

### POLICE REPORT

- Motion ACCEPT police report as submitted.

Chief Angelella was asked if there was anything she wish to comment on. She talked about increased patrols, increased mileage, etc.

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

**Fire Department** Supervisor Hawk recognized Alan Capozucca as the newly elected Fire Chief of the Pittston Township Volunteer Fire Department. He also recognized the outgoing Fire Chief Anthony Angelella, Sr. for his many years of service to the volunteer organization.

### Emergency Management

Supervisor Hawk commented on his plans for expansion of the emergency management functions in Pittston Twp. He asked Chairman Slezak to swear into office the members of his newly formed committee. Supervisor Slezak administered the Oath of Office of Appointed Township Officials: Anthony Ranielli (Fire background), Michael Savokinas (Police background) and Jeffrey Alaimo (Ambulance background)

### Planning Commission

Mr. Bonita read information obtained from the recent Planning Commission meeting:

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1. McNamara Sub-division. Plans were submitted and referred to CNA Engineers for their review and comments. No action taken by Supervisors

2. Mericle 1201 Oak Street sub-division. Plans were submitted and referred to CNA Engineers for their review and comments. E Mail from CNA that all comments have been addressed and their recommendation that a wavier be granted for Section 606.d and that the plan be approved.

- **Motion:** to accept recommendation of Planning Commission and CNA Engineers regarding Mericle 1201 Oak Street sub-division

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

3. Mericle Lot 46 Research Drive. Plans were submitted and referred to CNA Engineers for their review and comments No action taken by Supervisors

Mr. Bonita commented on the Engineer's report received from CNA Consulting Engineers dated January 18, 2021 outlining their work done for the month of December. It covered general engineering, planning and zoning and design work. (attached to minutes)

#### **MS-4**

Mr. Bonita read, on behalf of Supervisor Rinaldi, an accounting from WVSA regarding a Savings Account held by WVSA for Pittston Twp which results from the collection of "rain tax" by WVSA from Twp. residents. to be used for storm sewer repairs and maintenance. During 2020 \$62,641 was spent on storm drain repairs/maintenance and was reimbursed from the Savings Account. . Balance as of December 31, 2020 \$56304.64.

During 2020 much time and effort was spent overhauling the Website to comply with MS-4 regulations. On January 7, 2021 a letter was received from WVSA regarding the Township Website stating that their audit of the website showed that the website was in compliance with current requirements.

An audit was done at the Twp. Recycling Center by WVSA regarding stormwater management and compliance. Supervisor Slezak commented on the audit and stated that although a final report has not been issued he felt that the results would show that the building would be in compliance and that no violations would be noted.

#### **Public Comment**

**Dennis Fritz** requested an update on the various complaints which he has aired over the last several meetings. Since Mr. Best was not in attendance little information could be give. He complained about T.Best not doing his job, not returning phone calls, not returning e mails. He complained about the lack of extensive narrative in the minutes to which Mr. Bonita responded that his complaints are the same every meeting. His complaints related to a specific trailer park. He questioned the time given to clean up - 30 days - when he was given 10-15 days. To mention a few issues he was seeking

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information on; fuel tanks which he contends are illegal, easement agreements, work done without permits, clean and green violations, debris from demolition of trailer, gray water, etc.

Supervisor Sanguedolce mentioned a recent e-mail from the Twp SEO officer. Mr. Fritz was told that this seems to be getting to be a private dispute and if he feels it necessary he should seek legal advice. Mr. Fritz responded that he would not have to consider court action if Terry Best did his job.

**Melanie Yozwiak** - Law Street/Bryden St. speeding. Stop signs being ignored. Wants a "do not enter sign". Chief Angelella addressed the issue and stated that police cars were stationed for some time in the area, speed signs were put up and lines were painted on the road and no violations were found. Solicitor Sanguedolce was asked to research to see what is necessary to use "do not enter signs" or possibly "right turn only" signs.

**Robert Miller** - Ziegler Road Wanted an update on the status of Twp. taking of Ziegler Road. He was once again reminded that this was a private road and that the deed to turn the road over to the Twp. was never signed. Supervisor Slezak stated that the road is not up to Township specifications and to do so would be very costly. Solicitor Sanguedolce said that there would be a way to improve the road and pass the costs on to residents. The improvement of the road would cause increase in traffic and speed which some residents did not want. The other issue was whether to consider adoption of the whole road or exclude the top.

**Curt Muffley** - addressed some of the issues Mr. Fritz complained about and read several items which he felt were violations by Mr. Fritz eg. leaf blowing into stream banks, outdoor refrigerator not locked, porta potty, equipment with no inspection stickers, etc. Mr. Muffley was told that no verbal complaints are acted upon. If he wished he would have to follow the procedures for a written complaint.

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn

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