

- MINUTES
 - Pittston Township
 - Board of Supervisors Meeting
 - March 15, 2021
- Pittston Township Municipal Building

Call Meeting To Order 7:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call Slezak ___P___ Hawk _P__ Rinaldi ___P___

Minutes: minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled February 16, 2021 were presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

Any Questions/Corrections -NONE

- **Motion:** To ACCEPT minutes of February 16, 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_____

Supervisors Comments

Letter from PA Dept. of Environmental Protection regarding Streambank Stabilization project. Mr. Bonita read the letter cancelling the grant and explained that the residents affected by the project were sent easements of which 3 responded as agreeing, others either did not respond, wanted to be paid for the easement or refused the easement outright. There was no choice by the Supervisors but to let this project lapse.

Langans Road re-addressing - several conversations between 911 and the Supervisors over the past month concerning a address problem and the request by a new home builder for an address.

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- Motion - to have the block of number previously assigned to 526 Langans Road be eliminated and instead the apartments at 526 Langans Road be assigned Apartment Numbers. The home being built on Langans Road will be assigned the number 534 Langans Road.

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Roll Call: Slezak _Y__ Hawk _Y__ Rinaldi _Y___

Questions/Concerns

Letter from Pittston Twp. Little League - asking for donation

Discussion by the Supervisors as to 2020 season. Mr. Bonita was told by Anthony Cook that residents who paid for the cancelled season either were reimbursed or would receive credit for the 2021 season. The 2021 season at this point is being planned and the intent of the Little League, which joined with surrounding communities, is to use the three fields but they will not use the Oriole Park field.

Questions/Concerns

- **Motion:** To donate \$2000 to the Pittston Twp. Little League to defray costs associated with the 2021 baseball season.
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Ordinance 3-01 of 2021.

Township duly advertised the proposed ordinance listed below on March 4, 2021 in the Citizens Voice and posted the same at the Business Office and on the Web Page:

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Ordinance 3-01 of the Township of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania monitoring and regulating the use and occupancy of leased property and property in which title of ownership is transferred and requiring an inspection of such property to ensure compliance with the township property maintenance, use and zoning codes and requiring the issuance of a certificate of use and occupancy prior to the transfer of property in the Township

Questions/Concerns

Resident asked about the effective date and questioned that it will apply to rentals. Supervisors responded that at the bag drive the receipt will be asked for tenant information. Supervisor Hawk stated that this was being done for emergency and safety reasons.

- **Motion:** To enact Ordinance 3-01 of the Township of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania monitoring and regulating the use and occupancy of sale/leased property.
- Slezak _M__ Hawk _S__ Rinaldi _____
 Roll Call: Slezak __Y_ Hawk _Y__ Rinaldi _Y _____

Resolution 3-01 of 2021 amending 12-13 of 2020 Fees Structure

Mr. Bonita discussed the changes in the resolution and the effect it would have on individuals dealing with Zoning/Code. Basically, the only fee changed was for Occupancy Permits. Rather than Twp. advancing money for engineering fees and related costs and then billing the applicant it would be better to establish an escrow account to account for fees. The funds advanced would not bear interest and an accounting would be made at the end of the project. If required, replenishment of escrow funds would be required. Unused fees would be returned to the applicant at the end of the project.

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Questions/Concerns - NONE

- **Motion:** To adopt Resolution 3-01 of 2021 establishing an escrow account to account for zoning/planning fees.

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Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Slezak discussed the possibility of securing a grant for Armstrong Road. CNA engineers were on site with Supervisor Slezak and they will prepare a cost estimate. Mr. Bonita advised that a Commonwealth Financing Grant could be applied for but the deadline for submission is June 30, 2021 and the award possibly by year end. Project would not begin, if at all, until 2022. Mr. Bonita asked that Ashburn Administrators be hired to prepare the grant and administer the project. He will request a engagement letter for the April meeting.

Supervisor Slezak discussed Ziegler Road. He met with Buckeye Pipeline Co. which has high pressure lines on Ziegler Road which are at a very shallow depth and would be very costly to move or bury deeper which would be necessary if renovations of the road took place.. It has to be looked at very carefully before we consider taking over the road.

Financial

- **Motion:** To ratify February-March pre-paid bills in the amount \$ 145,036.60 and bills payable in the amount of and \$ 101,343.50
- payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

2-17-2021	54273.07
3-03-2021	53000.53

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Hassler	\$100.00
Aflac	66.86
Sams Club	135.26
Blumburg Excelsior	233.60
Hartford	994.17
Street Cop	447.00

BHW Building Inspectors \$1478.71

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Bag Drive - Scheduled for May 13 and May 14 at the Pittston Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. Building. Details will be mailed to residents shortly. Same Format as 2020.

Emergency Management Report - Supervisor Hawk

Supervisor Hawk commented about

1. Sanitary devices which were being installed in the Township Building;
2. Recent architect quote received and after discussion with Supervisors decided to temporarily halt any further expenditures at 79 Bryden St.
3. Wants to secure prices on replacing street signs on private road making them red which would better serve emergency personnel
4. Blood Drive cancelled

Fire Department

Asst Chief Angelella III - submitted the incident report for February which Mr. Bonita read.

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Chief Capozucca submitted the annual accounting of expenditures relating to the monies received from the Township as required by the Second Class Township Code.

- Motion - to accept the annual accounting as required by the Second Class Township Code of the monies allocated and paid to the Volunteer Fire Department in 2020

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Volunteer Ambulance Association

Received from the Ambulance Association an annual accounting as required by the Second Class Township Code of the monies allocated and paid to the Volunteer Ambulance Association in 2020

- Motion - to accept the annual accounting as required by the Second Class Township Code of the monies allocated and paid to the Ambulance in 2020

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Police

POLICE REPORT - read by Chief Angelella outlining the activity of the Police Department for the month of February-March

Letter of resignation from Chad Jacobs part time police officer

Chief Angelella has presented to the Supervisors an application received for part time police officer of the Township. Her recommendation is to

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hire Aiden McIntyre effective immediately and to begin the training process.

Questions/Concerns - NONE

- Motion ACCEPT police report as submitted
- Motion to accept letter of resignation for Chad Jacobs
- Motion to hire Aiden McIntyre effective immediately
- Slezak____ Hawk _S____ Rinaldi _M__
Roll Call: Slezak_Y_ Hawk _Y_ Rinaldi _Y__

Chief Angelella requested that Officer DeMark be authorized to attend taser training to be held in Hughestown.

Chief Angelella requested that Officer Anthony DeMark be reimbursed for all travel, hotel and wages incurred as a representative of Pittston Township Police at a 3 week training course which would qualify him as a MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY INSPECTOR (MCSAP). He will be available to check weights of trucks traveling thru the Township and inspections of vehicles. According to Chief Angelella there is a substantial benefit both safety wise and monetarily once certified. To clarify, Supervisors will authorize Hotel, Meals and Travel. Course is free.

Questions/Concerns - NONE

- Motion to allow Officer DeMark to attend taser training
- Motion to allow Officer DeMark to attend 3 weeks MCSAP weights and measures training class in Harrisburg.
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Planning Commission -

1. Letter from John Dean, Esq. Planning Commission Solicitor to recommend disapproval of land development application of VESPER NORTHEAST LOGISTICS PARK

Supervisors instructed T. Best to follow up on this matter.

- Motion disapprove of land development application of VESPER NORTHEAST LOGISTICS PARK

- Slezak____ Hawk __M__ Rinaldi _S__
Roll Call: Slezak__Y__ Hawk __Y_ Rinaldi _Y__

2. CNA Engineering letter recommending the approval of the Joseph McNamara subdivision plan

- Motion approve the subdivision plan of the Joseph McNamara

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Roll Call: Slezak__Y__ Hawk _NO__ Rinaldi __Y__

3. CNA Engineering letter recommending the approval of the Musto-Higgins subdivision plan

- Motion approve the Musto-Higgins subdivision plan

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3. CNA Engineering letter recommending the approval of the Mericle Development Plan 1201 Oak Street

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- Motion approve Mericle Development Subdivision Plan 1201 Oak Street

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Engineering Report - Feb - March

Mr. Bonita read the report as submitted by CNA Engineers which outlines the services performed by their firm for the month.

Planning Commission

Planning Commission minutes were read into the minutes.

MS-4 - No report

Public Comment

Brian Giambra - update on Baker, Chapel, etc. Noted that there were stakes in the ground indicating surveys. Mr. Bonita talked about the stall being attributed to prior misconceptions about easements and environmental study. CNA is going to finish survey when snow disappears and we will continue to push forward. Concerned about ice forming on the road. Asked about rumors circulating about homes being build and was told by T. Best no applications are pending.

Will Koons - also wanted update on Baker Chapel, etc. Also mentioned that he was one of the individuals who agreed to the Steambank project and sent in his easement and he remembered the meeting and the problems. Still thinks it is a good idea. Talked about blacktop being done on driveways without drainage pipes being restored. By not replacing the pipes a water runoff problem is being created. T. Best was asked about

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permits - no permit for blacktop work on existing homes; Highway Occupancy Permits necessary on new homes but not required on existing homes. Feels pipes must be replaced if drainage is to be proper.

Dennis Fritz - started with the underground tanks on Decker Trailer Park and wanted to know from the Solicitor the status. He stated he was told DEP signed off but according to conversations with DEP they did not sign off. Solicitor tried to explain but was not successful. He continued with other complaints and accusations against T. Best and Steve Rinaldi. His complaints ranged from easements, not proper acreage, trailers being removed-brought in without permits, tarps, wood piles, grey water, work done without permits, etc.. According to him nothing is, nor has been, done about all these problems. Why is Decker allowed to get away with violations. All his complaints are being ignored. Records he has provided in the past now are lost Why? What happened to the records, photos? Nothing is ever done? He want answers..... Supervisors are not doing their jobs. Steve Rinaldi has been aware of the problems but does nothing. Why? T. Best has been aware of the problems but continually ignores his calls, e mails and does nothing. Why?

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

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