

▪ MINUTES
 ▪ Pittston Township
 ▪ Board of Supervisors Meeting
 ▪ April 26, 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 March 15, 2021 was presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

Any Questions/Corrections -NONE

- **Motion:** To ACCEPT minutes of March 15, 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

Quail Hill - Joint applications were made with Dupont Boro for improvements to roads in the Quail Hill Development. The application for Commonwealth Financing was rejected but the application from PDOT was approved in the amount of \$716,379.

Letter from Comcast - Cable Franchise Renewal

Current agreement expires January 11, 2022. Requesting extension for ten (10) years. Referred to Solicitor. Supervisors Slezak asked if the time period could be shortened from 10 years. Mr. Bonita will discuss with Comcast.

Letter from The Weaver Group, LLC inquiring about whether or not the Township had any interest in leasing land for a cell tower. According to the letter there could be financial gain to the Township. Mr. Bonita was asked to contact the Weaver Group and set up a meeting to discuss.

Poole Street - Solicitor Sanguedolce presented a draft of a petition he would like to file against in the Commonwealth Court concerning a property located in the Rear of 17 Poole St. which is in substantial disrepair.

- Motion to AUTHORIZE Solicitor prepare and file a petition in the Commonwealth Court concerning a property located in the Rear of 17 Poole St. which is in substantial disrepair.

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 Slezak _Y__ Hawk _Y__ Rinaldi _Y__

Financial

Audit - Supervisors met with Tom Rainey, Rainey & Rainey and reviewed the 2020 audit report. Mr. Bonita commented about the opinion rendered by the accountant and highlighted the revenue and expenditures for 2020. He announced that the full audit report would be posted on the website

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beginning May 3, 2021 and will be published in the Citizens Voice. Mr. Bonita once again cautioned about a potential loss of revenue which could result due to COVID-19. Mercantile tax, local service tax and earned income tax will be affected. He estimates a loss of revenue of approximately \$500,000.

- **Motion:** To ratify March-April pre-paid bills in the amount \$ 217,650.20 and bills payable in the amount of \$26,830.41 and
- payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

3-17-2021	47,158.52
3-31-2021	49,585.13
4-14-2021	51,220.34

BHW \$ 4083.13

Hassler	\$142.00
Aflac	66.86
Sams Club	368.59
Hartford	994.17
Compliance Signs	80.56
PSLIC	609.83
Axon	375
PDOT	11

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Bag Drive - Scheduled for May 13 and May 14 at the Pittston Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. Building, Pittston By-Pass. Details were mailed to residents Same Format as 2020.

Emergency Management Report - Supervisor Hawk - NO REPORT

Fire Department

Incident Report - Mr. Bonita read the report into the minutes. There was an application for an additional fire hydrant on Lot 44 Patriot Drive which Chief Capozucca commented on. Chief Capozucca also commented on a fire at Walmart and a gasoline spill at the on ramp for I-81. Supervisors offered assistance in the way of money to replenish expenditures until reimbursements can be made from the party involved.

- Motion - to ACCEPT AND SIGN Application for Public Fire Hydrant - Lot 44 Patriot Drive

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 Slezak __Y__ Hawk __Y__ Rinaldi __Y__

Chief Capozucca discussed problem with barriers behind the Holiday Inn which present a problem in the event of a fire. He felt the barriers should be removed. T. Best was instructed to follow up.

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Road Department -

Supervisor Slezak is requesting that the Board consider hiring as full time Thomas Urbansky as full time to replace the vacancy in his department at a rate of pay of \$18 per hour with benefits. Mr. Urbansky has been employed part time for many years.

- Motion - to HIRE Thomas Urbansky as full time to replace the vacancy in his department at a rate of pay of \$18 per hour with benefits. Mr. Urbansky will be hired conditioned on medical and drug screening.

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 Slezak ___ Y ___ Hawk ___ Y ___ Rinaldi ___ Y ___

Recreation - Parks

DCNR Grant - The Board of Supervisors authorized John Bonita to secure the services of CNA Engineering to prepare and submit a grant in the amount of \$106,400 for park equipment and renovations. The grant was submitted April 14, 2021.

- Motion - to secure the services of CNA Engineering to prepare and submit a grant in the amount of \$106,400 for park equipment and renovations and to re-affirm Resolution 4-01 of 2021

Supervisor Hawk complemented John Bonita and Debbie Taroli in their efforts in putting together the grant information in such a short period of time.

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Advertisement for bids for grass cutting for the 2021 summer-fall season was advertised in the Citizens Voice. Bids were received from

	Cut & Bag	Mulched
Pa Landscaping	\$1350 per cut	\$700 Per Cut
DeAngelo Landscaping	\$1325 per cut	\$800 Per Cut
Spraying Fence Line	DeAngelo \$1200	
	Pa Landscaping 850	

- Motion - to AWARD the 2021 grass contract to PA LANDSCAPING in accordance with their bid for mulching.

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Police

POLICE REPORT - Chief Angelella read into the minutes the report and highlighted the activities since the report date.

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- Motion ACCEPT police report as submitted
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New Canine Fund Raiser - Chief Angelella discussed the recent fund events which took place to date and the future events scheduled. Proceeds will be deposited in a special account at FNCB and will be used to add an additional dog to the canine unit. Mr. Bonita added that Mericle, Inc. has offered to assist the Department in preparing the field for the softball event which will be held in the two large fields adjacent to the Little League Field

Hiring - Chief Angelella submitted to the Supervisors a application from George Spots. Chief Angelella recommended to the Supervisors that Mr. Spots be hired as a part time police officer in accordance with the CBA. Two part time officers have reduced availability necessitating the hiring of an additional part time officer.

- Motion HIRE George Spots as part time police officer in accordance with current CBA
 - Slezak____ Hawk __S__ Rinaldi _M__
Roll Call: Slezak_Y_ Hawk Y__ Rinaldi _Y__

Equipment and Clothing

Quote from Starr Uniform - Vests and Carriers	\$6650.
Witmer Public Safety Ammunition to be used by Officers to qualify	\$4600

Mr. Bonita asked Chief if it was necessary to purchase the vests immediately. There are two LSA grants pending which provide for police equipment which has not been awarded. The next scheduled meeting in Harrisburg is scheduled for late May. Expenditures prior to awarding the grant are not allowed. She agreed to hold off providing there was no need to replace any vest. Supervisors instructed Mr. Bonita to issue a purchase order for the ammunition.

Planning - Zoning

PROPOSED Ordinance 4-01 of 2021 - Supervisor Sanguedolce presented a Ordinance for advertisement concerning:

An Ordinance of the Township of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, amending the Pittston Township zoning ordinance increasing the minimum lot size requirement for lots not served by a public water system

- Motion - to ADVERTITISE Ordinance 4-01 of 2021.
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Letter from Timothy Bartuska requesting that his name be placed before the Supervisors as an ALTERNATE on the Zoning Hearing Board

- Motion approve Timothy Bartuska as an ALTERNATE on the Zoning Hearing Board
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Roll Call: Slezak__Y___ Hawk _Y___ Rinaldi _Y

GIP Ventures - PennEastern, Michael Amato, sent e-mail stating that all NPDES and Wetland concerns have been satisfied and is recommending approval if joint municipalities are in agreement. Representative of GIP asked to present to the Supervisors a review of the project. Supervisor Slezak raised several issues which concerned him. Solicitor suggested a motion to move to executive session.

- Motion to move to executive session
 - Slezak_S___ Hawk ___M___ Rinaldi ___
Roll Call: Slezak__Y___ Hawk _Y___ Rinaldi _Y
- Motion to reconvene the regularly scheduled meeting
 - Slezak_S___ Hawk ___M___ Rinaldi ___
Roll Call: Slezak__Y___ Hawk _Y___ Rinaldi _Y

GIP continued to explain the project. T. Best stated that it was agreed that all Zoning and SALDO would be in accordance with Pittston Twp. Zoning and SALD and confirmed this with a letter.

- Motion - to grant approval for land development and subdivision based on the e-mail received from PennEastern and letter dated 4-26-2021 from Terry Best
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Roll Call: Slezak__Y___ Hawk _Y___ Rinaldi _Y

Lucknow Highspire Terminal - Max Stoner, Sewer Authority Engineer asked for signatures pertaining to revisions of the Sewage Facilities Plan as adopted by the Township.

- Motion to ADOPT Resolution 4-02 of 2021 whereby the Supervisors adopt and submit to DEP for its approval as a revision to the Official Sewage Plan of the municipality.
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Engineering Report - March - April

MS-4 - Received from WWSA a statement indicating that as of March 31, 2021 Township funds available for MS-4 repairs was \$73,488.

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Public Comment

Kim Warunuk - concerned about construction adjacent to her home. Where is the buffer zone?; will a buffer zone be required? Terry Best stated that DEP protocol dictates when the buffer zone is to be established. There will be a buffer zone but not required during construction. Supervisor Hawk asked who monitors and T. Best stated the Twp. Supervisors asked T. Best to meet with Ms. Warnuk and Mericle to discuss this situation. .

Ed Warnek, Jr.- upset that the April 19 meeting was cancelled with no notice. Mr. Bonita stated it was advertised in the Citizens Voice and on the webpage. Ed stated he could not find it on his mobile app and this should be corrected. Mr./Mrs. Morotta stated from the audience that they were able to access the webpage from their mobile app and did see the cancellation posted.

Dennis Fritz - again started about selective enforcement of ordinances. Why did S. Rinaldi and T. Best cite him for vehicles, parts on his property yet nothing being done about Decker. What fines and penalties were imposed? T. Best stated the magistrate set fees. Chief Angelella stated that unlicensed vehicles on private property are OK. When unlicensed vehicles are on public property they can be removed. Questioned why T. Best did not show at magistrate hearings. What was the fine per day for trailer. Became unruly and was asked to sit.

Tim Bartuska - asked when the parks would be open. Supervisors Hawk stated that the parks have been open. The outside pavilion would available but until we get someone to clean and maintain the inside it will be closed.

- Motion to OPEN parks and pavilion.
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Mark Fagotti - same concerns as Kim Warunuk. Also questions the property located 860 Suscon Road. Supervisor Hawk stated there were several uses mentioned but nothing decided to date. Property is in residential district and nothing has been filed by Mericle to date. Any change to zoning would have to come before planning, zoning and supervisors.

Joe Lakowski - questioned hours of operation of the Compost facility. Mr. Bonita explained this is a multi-municipal arrangement and the Twp. has to abide by the rules of the organization.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

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