

- MINUTES
 - Pittston Township
 - Board of Supervisors Meeting
 - October 18, 2021
 - Pittston Township Municipal Building

Call Meeting To Order 7:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call Slezak ___P___ Hawk ___AB___ Rinaldi _P_____

Minutes: minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled September 20, 2021 was presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

Questions/Corrections -

- **Motion:** To ACCEPT minutes of September 20, 2021 as presented to the Supervisors for their review, comments and/or corrections.

• Slezak _M___ Hawk ___ Rinaldi _S___
 Roll Call: Slezak _Y___ Hawk ___ Rinaldi __Y___

Supervisors Comments

State of Emergency Declaration

- **Motion:** To RECIND State of Emergency Declaration

• Slezak _M___ Hawk ___ Rinaldi _S___
 Roll Call: Slezak _Y___ Hawk ___ Rinaldi __Y___

Letter from Mericle - requesting the Twp. to provide Robert K. Mericle d/b/a Mericle Properties with a charitable contribution letter acknowledging labor and equipment his firm supplied to the Twp. at the salt shed in Suscon

- **Motion:** To provide Mericle with a letter acknowledging labor and equipment provided to the Twp. at the salt shed.

• Slezak _M___ Hawk ___ Rinaldi _S___
 Roll Call: Slezak _Y___ Hawk ___ Rinaldi __Y___

PDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Grant -

Twp will submit Phase II of the Baker Chapel Infrastructure Improvement Grant (previously submitted Commonwealth Financing Authority) to PDOT. This submission is in addition to the CFA grant Application. Ashburn Advisors will act as project managers under this grant.

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- **Motion:** To adopt Resolution 10-01 of 2021 authorizing the submission of PDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant and to appoint Ashburn Advisors as Administrative Support for this grant

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Lucknow-Highspire Terminals (LHT)

Lucknow-Highspire has challenged the Township's tax collector, e-Collect on their assessment of mercantile taxes with respect to revenues it derives from certain activities its engages in at its facility located in Ptn. Twp. In order to avoid expensive and time consuming litigation the Twp. has agreed to a financial resolution to the manufacturing challenge. This will not affect the ability to collect mercantile tax revenue on diesel fuel delivered from their facility.

Supervisor Rinaldi asked for more information on this grant. Mr. Bonita explained that at similar agreement was accepted 5 years ago granting the Manufacturing Exemption for the predecessor for LH. The amount of the exemption is \$512,500 less commission to e-collect who is negotiating the settlement agreement on behalf of the Twp. Mr. Bonita recommends that the agreement be entered into.

- **Motion:** To ADOPT Resolution 10-02 of 2021 agreeing to the terms of the proposed settlement agreement with LHTY and authorize the Board to execute the proposed settlement agreement.

• Slezak _ _M_ Hawk ___ Rinaldi ___S___
 Roll Call: Slezak __Y_ Hawk ___ Rinaldi _ Y

2022 Budget

Supervisors, Department heads and Mr. Bonita will begin to work on the 2022 budget and will have the first reading tentatively scheduled for the monthly meeting to be held on November 15, 2021.

Financial

- **Motion:** To ratify September-October pre-paid bills in the amount \$ 126,042.22 and bills payable in the amount of \$41,098.35 and payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

9-29-2021	47952.22
10-13-2021	55190.06

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PLSIC - Life Insurance	665.68
Hartford - Disability Insurance	994.17
Walmart	247.84
Harbor Freight	1,3160.00
AFLAC	66.86
Walmart	506.48
Covercraft	379.40
Neopost	100.00
Badge Wallet	629.64
Amazon	714.23

Transfer to Police Pension	81,553.80
Transfer to Fire Relief Fund	22,224.68

BHW \$ 6,133.45

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Motion to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

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 Slezak __Y_ Hawk ____ Rinaldi __Y__

Bag Drive -

Reimbursements to date	
Sewer Reimbursement	\$ 97,235
Ambulance Reimbursements	26,990
Septic Tank Reimbursements	2,320
Ptn. Twp. Resident Reimbursement	9,355

BAG DRIVE REIMBURSEMENTS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Emergency Management Report

Fire Department

Incident Report

- Motion to approve incident report.

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QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Road Department -

New Caterpillar Loader -

LSA Grant Funds	\$100,000
Sale of Case Loader	15,000
Twp Funds	3,887

Grant money has been received on the LSA Grant and the funds from the sale of the Loader have been deposited in the Twp. checking account.

- Motion to pay Cleveland Bros \$118,887 upon receipt of their invoice.

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 Slezak _Y__ Hawk ____ Rinaldi ___Y__

Recreation - Parks

Halloween Party -The recreation board will hold their annual Halloween Party at St. Joseph Marelo Parish Center from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. on October 23, 2021. MASKS REQUIRED. Music, food and prizes for Halloween costumes.

Haunted House - The Emergency Management Department in conjunction with the Volunteer Fire Dept. will host a haunted house Halloween Party on October 30, 2021 Music & snacks will be provided There will be a Trunk or Treat starting at 5:30 PM. haunted house opens at 6:00 PM

Police

POLICE REPORT - submitted by Chief Angelella -

- Motion ACCEPT police report as submitted

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 Slezak _Y__ Hawk ____ Rinaldi ___Y__

Chief Angelella read into the minutes a letter from Plains Twp. Chief of Police recognizing the help of Office Navarro in a recent situation involving the Plains Twp. Police. They reached out of Chief Angelella to request the help of Officer Navarro with a Spanish

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speaking suspect. Officer Navarro did assist the Plains Twp. Police and they commended him about his professionalism in this matter. The letter will be placed in his personnel file..

.Chief Angelella advised those in attendance that there will also be a Trunk & Treat to be held at Skyzone on October 29, 2021.

Zoning/Code Enforcement

Planning Commission -

Minutes

At the Wednesday October 13, 2021 meeting a subdivision application for Galli properties located on the Pittston By-Pass was accepted by the Board. Also, Kim Warunek presented exhibits of damage done to her home as a result of blasting by Mericle. Jack Dean, Solicitor was to follow up with Mericle.

Vesper

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors was properly advertised and held on October 14, 2021 to consider an amendment to the official Zoning Map specifically changing the zoning designation of C-1 Conservation to I-1 industrial for property owned by John Urash, formerly Goex, Inc. site. Representatives of Vesper presented a outline of the project to the Supervisors. Supervisor Rinaldi and Slezak had several questions and concerns about the project. Representatives assured the Supervisors that the neighboring municipality and the airport are in support of the project. The proposed building was stated to be warehousing. Supervisor Slezak was concerned about the impact on neighboring residents. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN** by the Supervisors. It was decided that there would be further investigation and that it would be taken under consideration at the November monthly meeting.

Mericle Lots

On October 14, 2021 the Planning Commission received a letter from Mericle requesting an extension of both their submitted Land Development and Subdivision applications for Lots 45A research , Lots 30, 30A and 34 Independence Drive for 90 days in order for them to address outstanding issues. Kim Warunek stated that since this was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting held on October 13, 2021 and all members of the Planning Commission voted in denial of submissions it should not be overruled by the Supervisors. Both Supervisors supported this position and **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN** by the Supervisors. Mericle representatives were present and were advised to discuss the outstanding issues with CNA Engineering to see if there could a resolution to this matter.

Ms. Warunek also discussed damages to her home which, according to her, is being caused by the blasting and heavy equipment on site. Again, Mericle representatives agreed to meet to discuss. She was also concerned bout the potential buffer zone and landscaping which will be done.

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Engineering Report - September-October Attached

WB Scranton Access Road & Localizer

CNA reviewed the applicants material and found the plans and calculations to be in compliance with the Stormwater Management Ordinance and issued a letter September 27 recommending approval

- Motion APPROVE WB Scranton Access Road & Localizer

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MS-4 In accordance with the agreement with WWSA a reimbursement of \$38,475.64 was made for expenditures to date on the Lewis St. project. Expenses relating to storm water problems are reimbursable from funds accumulated by WWSA from rain tax fee collected from business and commercial property holders in the Twp.

2021	Reimbursement #1	\$ 8,100.00
2021	Reimbursement #2	\$ 38,475.64

Public Comment

Kim Warnuk - discussed above

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

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