

- **MINUTES**
- **Pittston Township**
- **Board of Supervisors Meeting**
- **February 22, 2022**
- **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 January 18, 2022 was presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

Questions/Corrections -

- **Motion:** To ACCEPT minutes of January 18, 2022 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

Ordinance 2-01 of 2022 Restatement of the Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan and Trust for the purpose of providing retirement benefits to non- uniform employees of the Township. Change the EMPLOYEE % OF CONTRIBUTION FROM 15% TO 25%. Township contribution remains at 5% of wages paid to FULL TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Supervisor Hawk asked to clarify that there is no financial impact on the Twp. Mr. Bonita responded that this change only affects EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION. Twp. financial obligation remains at 5%.

- **Motion:** To ADOPT Ordinance 2-01 of 2022

• Slezak ____ Hawk _S__ Rinaldi _M_____
Roll Call: Slezak _Y__ Hawk _Y__ Rinaldi __Y__

Resolution 2-01 of 2022 Replacing Resolution 12-20 of 2012 and 1-02 of 2022 revising the rules and regulations governing the compensation of the tax collector for real estate certifications, duplicate bills and returned checks.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Motion - ADOPT Resolution 2-01 of 2022

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Electronics Event - Pittston Twp. will sponsor a electronic event which will be held tentatively in July, 2022 More information as it becomes available.

Annual Bag Distribution - Supervisors will once again hold its annual bag distribution in May or June of 2022. Bags will be distributed free of charge, no charge for sticker, reimbursements for ambulance and partial reimbursement for WVSA and LLSA sewer bills. More information as it becomes available.

Supervisor Hawk questioned the bag purchase vs having the residents buy bags and get a sticker from the Twp. Mr. Bonita questioned as to how this differs from the Twp. paying for bags and have the residents pay the Twp. for the bags. That way, the Twp. controls the size of the bags and the thickness of the bags. Currently the Supervisors are resisting having the residents pay the Twp. for bags. This would be a complete reversal of their position.

Financial

- **Motion:** To ratify January - February pre-paid bills in the amount \$199,375.95 and bills payable in the amount of \$ 36,285.84 and payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

1-19-22	71,207.89
2-2-22	67139.96
2-16-22	61409.52

Aflac	66.86
Neopost	200.00
PLIC Insurance	655.68
Hartford Insurance	994.17
Transfer to PR	60449.69
Transfer to PR	50,000.00
Transfer to PR	27298.2
Sherwin Williams	379.08

From UCC Account

BHW 15,825.95

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- **Motion** - to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

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Emergency Management Report - Supervisor Hawk - nothing to report for the month.

Fire Department

Incident Report - December read by Mr. Bonita.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Supervisor Rinaldi commented on the 6 fires as to their location. Chief Capozocca responded that two were in the Twp. and others were the result of a Mutual Aid Agreement between municipalities.

- **Motion** - to approve incident report.

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 Slezak _Y__ Hawk _Y__ Rinaldi ___Y__

Greg Rhodes letter of resignation as a part time Firefighter/Operator effective January 3, 2022

- **Motion** - to ACCEPT Greg Rhodes letter of resignation a part time Firefighter/Operator effective January 3, 2022 and remove him from the PTVFD roster

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

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Picnic - Supervisors met with PTVFD representatives and received an outline as to dates, times and events which included a band. Supervisors asked that the Department try to schedule or somehow inform residents of this event with the times, dates and schedule of events.. Mr. Bonita offered to send a blind e-mail to the residents who have forwarded their e-mail information with a notice from the Department. He will wait for the notice from the Department.

Mr. Bonita also asked Solicitor if a lease was to be drawn up for the use of Twp. property for this event. He will draw up lease.

Mr. Bonita questioned the insurance and was advised that the Dept. has been in contact with their agent. They were advised to forward his recommendations as to insurance to Mr. Bonita and he would contact Twp. agent for him to review for proper coverage.

Supervisors were assured that there would be no financial obligation to the Twp.

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- **Motion** - to ALLOW the use of Twp. Property located at 79 Bryden St. for a 100th Anniversary Picnic which will be held June 17, June 18 and June 19, 2022.

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Road Department -

Supervisor Slezak asked that the State be contacted about the use of a Jake Brake in the Suscon Area from the gas terminals to Armstrong Road. Mr. Bonita will submit the letter of interest to the State and follow up. Also asked the we inquire about a No Tractor Trailer Left Turn - Right Hand Turn only sign be installed on Armstrong Road.

Supervisor Slezak addressed the water situation emanating from the St. Rocco Cemetery which affects residents in the area. He has walked the area with the Engineer and will continue to try to resolve the problem. Mr. Bonita commented that the root of the problem must be found before any corrective measures are in place.

Recreation - Parks

According to the Recreation Board one vacancy exists on the Board. Board received two inquiries from residents interested. Jacque Pramick and Lisa Morreale. Since members of the Board are limited to nine, both were contacted by the Board and it was mutually agreed that Jacque Pramick be considered first.

- **Motion** - to APPOINT Jacque Pramick to the Twp. Recreation Board.

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Mr. Bonita asked if an alternate could be appointed. If so, Lisa Morreale should be considered. The Board will research.

Police

POLICE REPORT - submitted by Chief Angelella and read into the minutes by Mr. Bonita

- Motion ACCEPT police report as submitted

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Supervisor Rinaldi questioned Chief as to the intent of Officer Demark. He stated he was under the impression that Officer Demark was to attend either Weights and Measures or Motor Vehicle classes. Chief stated that she has not been able to schedule any officer. Classes are filled.

Her recommendations are that Officer Demark be allowed to attend:

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March 1 to March 4

Reid Technique of Interview & Interrogation
Fee, Room, Food and Salary

April 11 to April 13

Advanced Investigative Techniques
Fee, Room, Food and Salary

- **Motion** - to AUTHORIZE Officer Demark to attend seminars March 1 to March 4 and April 11 to April 13

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Night Out - Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - Chief Angelella presented a letter to the Supervisors to authorize the Twp. to use the pavilion, restrooms, adjacent T-Ball field & parking area to host a National Night Out which is held in other municipalities every year on the first Tuesday of August. The event is used to promote and raise awareness of community policing. Chief would like to have a carnival atmosphere for the event.

- **Motion** - to -HOST annually a National Night Out to be held every year on the first Tuesday of August

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Chief passed out information she received from FCC about scams which occur and briefly outlined some of the more common scams. Mr. Bonita will try to scan the information and e mail it to residents and also post it on the Twp. web-site.

Zoning/Code Enforcement - According to the Engineering report no updates to existing applications - all held pending final approval of the engineer.

Planning Commission - According to the Engineering report no updates to existing applications - all held pending final approval of the engineer.

Engineering Report - January - February - discussed the various projects underway in the Twp. Copy given to all Supervisors and is attached to the minutes.

MS-4

T. Best notified WVSA about several blocked pipes and storm drains which will be fixed in accordance with our municipal agreement.

Employee Awareness - T. Best will schedule via zoom the required attendance by the employees of the Twp.

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T. Best mentioned the possibility of the drainage pond on a vacant piece of land to possibility handle the water runoff affecting the residents. He will discuss with WWSA and see if this a MS-4 project.

Public Comment

Tim Bartuska presented an outline of a block party which he would like to have for residents in the Oriole Park area. His intent is to have it on July 4, 2022. He would also like permission to block two streets in the area for this event. There would be no financial cost to the Twp. He did mention that his intent is to have a non-professional firework display. The event would be in the Oriole Park field. Mr. Bonita stated that the same type of liability insurance would be needed and possibly a lease for that single day. Residents in the area should be notified of the event.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

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