

- MINUTES
- Pittston Township
- Board of Supervisors Meeting
- March 21, 2022
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Call Meeting To Order 7:00 PM

Supervisor Slezak asked for a moment of silence for the Ukraine suffering at the hands of the Russian government.

Students from Wyoming Area School were present and would be taking notes for a class assignment

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call Slezak ___P___ Hawk _P___ Rinaldi __P___

Special

- **Motion:** To HIRE Adyn McIntyre as a full time police officer in accordance with terms of the collective bargaining agreement

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 Roll Call: Slezak __Y_ Hawk __Y_ Rinaldi __Y__

Judge Alexa Kokura was present and issued the oath of office to Officer McIntyre a copy of which would be placed in his file.

Minutes: minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled February 22, 2022 meeting was presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

Questions/Corrections - -- Mr. Bonita mentioned that there was a error in the original minutes concerning a sign. The error was corrected in the minutes

- **Motion:** To ACCEPT minutes of February 22, 2022 as corrected

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Supervisors Comments

Truck Traffic on Broad Street - residents in the audience wanted to talk about the tractor trailer traffic on Broad St. and were upset with the lack of action by the Supervisors and police. They were assured that corrective action was being taken and contact was made with Amazon who blamed a glitch in the Google map system and advised all carriers not to use Broad St. to get to Amazon. Residents stated that other Amazon was involved. Police Chief Angelella stated that she was aware of another entity causing the problem and has tried on several occasions to visit the business and correct the situation. She stated that citations were being issued for trucks violating the signage on the road. Supervisor Slezak stated that he installed more signs but to no avail. He suggested that a one way be enacted from the By-pass to Bryden St. Residents agreed but not enough. Property was being damaged by truckers who either did not understand the signs or simply disobeyed them. Suggested lines painted on the road, an overhead device to prevent tractor trailers, an overhead sign, etc. Supervisor Rinaldi suggested a name change for Rock St. Supervisors stated that they would continue to look into this problem and try to come up with a solution.

Electronics Event - Pittston Twp. will sponsor an 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 on May 12 and 13, 2022. Bags will be distributed free of charge, no charge for sticker, reimbursements for ambulance and partial reimbursement WVSA and LLSA sewer bills and Ptn Twp. Sewer Authority Maintenance Fee. Letters are being prepared to mail to residents.

Deadline for reimbursements will be September 30, 2022.

Resident returns after that date will not be eligible for reimbursements.

Financial

- **Motion:** To ratify Feb-March pre-paid bills in the amount \$179,986.09, Grant Expenditures \$87,398.51 and bills payable in the amount of \$ 20,537.39 and payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

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3-02-22	62828.06
3-16-22	56023.92

Aflac	66.58
Neopost	100
PLIC Insurance	655.68
Hartford Insurance	994.17
Transfer to PR	67139.96
Transfer to PR	61289.32
Mavis Tire	69.99
Amazon	73.89
American Trust	5648
John Reid Training	600

From UCC Account \$8145.70

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Motion to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

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Emergency Management Report - Supervisor Hawk stated that his department has secured 1000 bags from Luzerne County EMA and has to date filled approximately 100 bags to be used for future flooding. He will continue to monitor the progress of filling the bags.

Fire Department

Incident Report - December
 Report of 2021 Expenditures of Twp. Appropriation
 QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Motion to approve incident report and Report of 2021 Expenditures of Twp. Appropriation
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Paid Fire Apparatus Operator/EMT1 job description - Mr. Bonita stated that he has reviewed by proposal by the Fire Dept and has several questions. He feels any action on this would be premature.

QUESTIONS/CONERNNS

- Motion to TABLE any action and/or discussion on this matter

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Picnic -

e-mail to approximately 700 residents with information as well as a public meeting

Supervisors issued letter authorizing the event to be held on Twp. property conditioned on letters from Liquor Control Board and execution of a lease being drawn up by the Solicitor. It was agreed that the Twp. would have little or none financial responsibility for this event

QUESTIONS/CONCERNNS

Road Department -

Jake Brake - letter was sent to PDOT and Supervisor Slezak is to meet with representatives. Supervisor Slezak has a meeting set up with PDOT to further explain the needs of the Twp.

Mr. Bonita explained that since the Twp. was now going to do park maintenance including cutting of grass a vehicle was needed to haul the trailer and equipment. Bonner Chevrolet, a co-stars member, had a new pick up truck available and it was decided to advertise for the sale of a 2011 F-550 Truck. However, a trade was offered by Bonner which was accepted by the Supervisors and the truck was traded.

Recreation - Parks

Supervisors made the decision to handle grass cutting by the Road Department and not to out-source for 2022 season. As a result, mowers were purchased and a trailer to haul mowers and equipment.

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- To execute contract with TruGreen Commercial for fertilization of fields. contract for 2022 season \$1994.46

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- To purchase a 2022 Silverado Pickup, 2500 from Bonner Chevrolet under the Costars program for \$ 41,279 less trade of 2011 Ford 550 \$20,000

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Supervisor Slezak asked to hire Dan Sullivan as a full time street department employee.

- A motion was made to add this to the agenda

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- Motion to hire Dan Sullivan as a full time street department employee

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Police

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

- Motion ACCEPT police report as submitted

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Chief Angelella is requesting permission to send Lt. Hockenberry to Officer - Municipal Patrol Rifle Instructor Class April 11-13 in Wilkes Barre, PA. Mr. Bonita questioned as to whether or not this would allow him to be the Twp. arms instructor and Chief Angelella stated that it would only qualify him on rifles.

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- Motion ALLOW Lt.Hockenberry to attend seminar

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Ambulance Association -

Monthly Report read into minutes by Mr. Bonita. Statement of 2021 Expenditures of Twp appropriation

- Motion ACCEPT Monthly Report and Statement of 2021 Expenditures of Twp appropriation

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Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement

Zoning Ordinance modification - engagement letter from John Varaly, AICP. Mr. Bonita discussed the need for the overhaul of the zoning ordinance and T. Best stated that rather than patch the 2013 Zoning Ordinance it would be in the best interest of the Twp. to have it re-written. Both T. Best and Mr. Bonita agreed and recommended that the engagement letter be signed.

- Motion ENGAGE John R. Varaly, AICP to review and prepare a new Zoning Ordinance for a lump sum fee of \$18,400 and to execute his engagement letter

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Member Attendance - T. Best advised that John Baiera did not attend any of the Zoning Hearing Board meetings in 2021 and that Tim Bartuska the alternate, attended. A certified letter was sent to Mr. Baiera asking to respond within 15 days of his intention as to participating on the Board . The certified letter was received and he failed to respond.

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- Motion TO REMOVE John Baiera from the Zoning Hearing Board due to his absence from meetings.

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Discussion about his replacement. It was decided by the Supervisors that since Tim Bartuska was serving as the alternate he should be appointed by the board replacing John Baiera.

- Motion TO APPOINT Tim Bartuka to the Zoning Hearing Board for the unexpired term of John Baiera

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PA Public Utility Commission Investigation and Enforcement Complaint. Mr. Bonita explained that there was a fine levied by the PUC for failure of the Twp. to respond timely to a 811 request. Solicitor Sanguedolce stated that he attempted to get this resolved and in his opinion the fine was improperly assessed. Mr. Bonita asked T. Best approximately how many 811 calls he receives and respond 5 to 8 per day and this was the first time any such fine was levied. The Twp. Sewer Authority also has to respond to 811 calls and therefore they agreed to reimburse the Twp. for 1/2 of the fine, negotiated to \$1500.

- Motion pay the PUC fine

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Engineering Report - NONE SUBMITTED

MS-4 - Supervisor Rinaldi stated that department heads have been contacted about employee awareness required by the MS-4 regulations. T. Best will monitor

Public Comment

Curtis Muffley - commented on the possibility of residents being charged for garbage service as was mentioned at the last meeting and wanted to point

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out that citizens should be told far in advance. Mr. Bonita stated that his professional opinion was that at some point in the future this might have to happen and certainly, if this does occur, residents would be told in advance.

Don Hudzinski - PTV Ambulance - passed out hand sanitizers to anyone who wished to take them.

Aaron Judge - wanted an update on the water problem in the area of the cemetery. Supervisor Slezak stated he met with the engineer and they walked the area. Supervisors are aware of the problem and will continue to seek a solution.

Joseph Hawk - stated that the Real Life Experience event held at the airport was a success. He presented to Officer Navarro a check made payable to Pittston Twp. in the amount of \$1046.21 which will be deposited in the Twp. account. Also has \$150 in cash received from Dennys Restaurant. Mr. Bonita suggested separate deposits be made for tracking purposes.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

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