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- Pittston Township
- Board of Supervisors Meeting
- June 21, 2022
- Pittston Township Municipal Building

Call Meeting To Order 7:00 PM

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

Before starting the formal meeting Mr. Bonita introduced Officer Rudy Navarro and the Twp. new K-9, Zeus. Present at the meeting were several K-9 dogs from surrounding townships.

As stated previously funds are being solicited for a second K-9 for the Township. Chief Angelella was notified of a Green dual purpose K9 which was available at a cost of \$9500. Her recommendation to the Supervisors was to use K-9 Funds to purchase the dog. Supervisors reviewed the information and were in agreement. Supervisor Slezak read an Oath of Office for the K-9 Zeus which was affirmed by Officer Navarro.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Motion swear in Zeus as police K-9 for Pittston Township and appoint Rudy Navarro as his handler

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 Slezak__Y___ Hawk ___Y___ Rinaldi _Y___

Officer Navarro addressed the Supervisors and the audience and was asked to discuss Zeus' background and upcoming training. He thanked the Supervisors for their backing of the purchase of Zeus.

Minutes: minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled May 16, 2022 and Special Meeting of May 23, 2022 concerning the appointment of Labor Law Lawyer were presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- **Motion:** To accept minutes of May 16, 2022 and May 23, 2022
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 Roll Call: Slezak __Y___ Hawk _Y___ Rinaldi __Y___

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Supervisors Comments and correspondence

Announcements

Renovations to the interior of the Municipal Building have been completed. New carpeting has been installed and the interior was painted by the Road Department. The exterior of the building, the retaining wall, has also been repaired by the road department.

LSA Grant Awarded - Pittston Township received notification by Mike Carroll and Sen. Flynn that the 2021 LSA Grant in the amount of \$476,015 with a Twp. match contribution of \$47,500. Grant proceeds \$428,605 will be disbursed in accordance with the grant application.

Flood Mitigation Grant - As previously reported the Twp. submitted a grant for stormwater problems on Lincoln St. Sen. Flynn has submitted a letter to DCED supporting this project and Mike Carroll has pledged his support. No award has been made yet. Cannot determine the date DCED will act on the applications.

Electronics Event - August 20, 2022. Information was distributed at the annual bag distribution and is also on Pittston Township our web site.

Annual Bag Distribution - Business office personnel are compiling rebates which will be mailed out to residents in the coming weeks. Mr. Bonita stated that he would like to transfer funds from M&T Bank to FNCB Bank and close the M&T Account. M&T Bank advised that there would be a \$5 charge to non M&T Bank members. FNCB has agreed to waive any fees.

- Motion to transfer funds from M&T Bank to FNCB and use FNCB bank for disbursement of rebate checks.

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Slezak _Y__ Hawk __Y_ Rinaldi ___Y__

Department of Auditor General - received Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Audit for the year ending December 31, 2020. There were no audit finding and the Auditor General accepted the Township use of the liquid fuels allotment. Audit will be posted on Pittston Township web-site for public inspection.

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- Motion to accept the Auditor General's report.

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Financial

Motion: To ratify May-June prepaid bills in the amount of \$218,066 and unpaid bills in the amount of \$19,915.88 and payroll

5-21-22	60,374.96
6-08-22	69,339.57

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Am Trust	877
Am Trust	4528
PLIC Insurance	701.53
Hartford	1379.72
Am Trust	3808
Pr Transfer	61,378.27
Wilkes College	215
AFLAC	66.86
Pr Transfer	60,374.96
CPE Store	150.52

Motion to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

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 Slezak _Y___ Hawk ___Y___ Rinaldi ___Y___

Emergency Management Report -

Supervisor Hawk commented on the Miller Keystone Blood Center Route 315, Suite E, Pittston Township will host Tunnel to Tower 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit July 9, 2020. He also commented on the Vol. Fire Dept picnic held recently and complimented the volunteer workers, the ambulance for their support, the recreation board for their participation.

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Fire Department

Incident Report -

- Motion to approve incident report

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 Slezak _Y__ Hawk __Y_ Rinaldi __Y__

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Letter was sent to Supervisors requesting a meeting to discuss CBA Contract for Local 5109 of the Pittston Twp. paid fire truck drivers . Representatives of Twp. are the Board of Supervisors and John Bonita. A personnel meeting will be set up with the Supervisors to discuss requests and counter proposal.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Road Department -

Grass Cutting - Mr. Bonita complimented the Road Department for the grass cutting for this season and the maintenance of parks. This was outsourced in previous years. Also, complimented the Road Department for the Pavilion interior renovations and the painting of the bathrooms.

QUAIL HILL - Pittston Township and Dupont filed and received a grant for improvement of the roads in Quail Hill. As a condition of the grant, the roads in Quail Hill have to be turned over to the respective municipalities. Resolution 6-01 of 2022 must be enacted accepting dedication of Quail Hill Drive, Cambridge Drive and Ivy Lane from the Quail Hill Company. The ordinance was advertised in the Citizens Voice and on display at the business office.

- Motion to adopt Resolution 6-01 of 2022 accepting dedication of Quail Hill Drive, Cambridge Drive and Ivy Lane from the Quail Hill Company

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Recreation - Parks

As stated previously, the Twp. was awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000, \$70,000 grant funds and \$30,000 Township Funds. Cost of equipment and installation exceed the Grant Amount. Township is going to receive additional funds from Mericle, Inc. Ms. Taroli was instrumental in choosing the equipment, working with the Engineer. Mr. Bonita assisted in securing grant funds and additional contributions. Since equipment and installation will be with a contractor who is a COSTAR member bidding was not required. Mr. Bonita presented a breakdown of costs associated with the grant.

	Grant	Mericle	Township
Equipment and Installation	\$152,505		
Rubberized Mulch	34,107		
Removal of Equipment	2,000		
Additional Mulch	13,791		
Engineering	10,000		
	\$212,403	\$70,000	\$90,000 \$52,403

The Attardo Park will be renovated with new playground equip. The Supervisors anticipate filing the same grant program next filing period for Pine Street Park.

- Motion to approve costs involved with the Attardo Park renovations and award contract to Ely Associates, Lewisburg, PA

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Recreation Board awarded a \$500 scholarship to Lori Ann Wrubel, a graduating senior of Pittston Area. She will be attending Costal Carolina University in the Fall.

Police

POLICE REPORT - submitted by Chief Angelella -

- Motion to accept police report as submitted

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- Motion to transfer funds from K-9 Account in the amount of \$9500 for the purchase K-9 Zeus.

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Slezak _Y__ Hawk __Y__ Rinaldi __Y__

Chief Angelella read letters received commending Officer Anthony Demank, Officer Arnulfo Rivera and Officer Navarro for their professionalism displayed. Letters will be placed in their file by Chief Angelella. Chief Angelella commented on the active shooter incident recently in the Township.

Ambulance Association -

Congratulations to Don Hudzinski for being elected President of the Ambulance Association for the 17th consecutive term.

Monthly Report - read into the minutes by Supervisor Hawk

- Motion to accept Monthly Report

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QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement

T. Best submitted a zoning report for the month of May, 2022. Report was read into the minutes by Mr. Bonita in the absence of T. Best due to vacation.

Planning Commission accepted a request by 4RG Group, LLC for a one 90 day extension to their Preliminary/Final Land Development Plans for their project in Pittston Township.

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- Motion - to grant a 90 day extension to the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plans of 4RG Group, LLC for their project in Pittston Township

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Mr. Bonita presented **Ordinance 6-02 of 2022** proposing to adopt the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code thereby replacing the existing 2009 International Property Maintenance Code. The proposed ordinance was duly advertised in the Citizens Voice on June 6, 2022

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Motion - to ADOPT Ordinance 6-02 of 2022, The 2015 International Property Maintenance Code

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 Slezak _Y__ Hawk __Y_ Rinaldi _Y____

Received Recommendation from CNA Associates regarding:

- Francis and Deborah Ann Pupa, Poole St.-Final Minor Subdivision Plan Review

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- SBC -Tomalis Subdivision - Final Minor Subdivision Plan Review

Provided that all certifications and statements are properly executed by owner and plan preparer CNA recommends approval of the projects referenced in the subdivision plans.

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- Motion - to Accept Francis and Deborah Ann Pupa, Poole St.-Final Minor Subdivision Plan and SBC -Tomalis Subdivision - Final Minor Subdivision Plan Review provided that all certifications and statements are properly executed by owner and plan preparer.

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Engineering Report -

MS-4

Stormwater Ordinance was TABLED at the May meeting which was to be reviewed by our Solicitor before acceptance.

2022 Model Stormwater Management Ordinance
 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
 Stormwater Discharge From Small Municipal Separate
 Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

Mr. Bonita forwarded the ordinance to the Solicitor for his review and comments. Ordinance was duly advertised in the Citizens Voice and on the Twp. Web Page on 5-2-2022. Solicitor made modifications to the ordinance and advised that he is in agreement with the proposed ordinance.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Motion to ADOPT 2022 Model Stormwater Management Ordinance 6-03 of 2022
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- Roll Call: Slezak__Y__ Hawk __Y__ Rinaldi __Y_

Public Comment

Al Remsky - tenant representative for Connect 55 housing development, formerly Calmar, Inc. He spoke about the exterior and interior problems which the tenants are experiencing at the facility. Detention ponds are being neglected. Supervisor Rinaldi, MS-4 Coordinator promised to look into the

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situation. Gas Pipe exposed from parking area. Fire Chief Capozucca was to look into this matter.

As to interior problems Solicitor Sanguedolce advised that these are landlord tenant problems which should be addressed by the Association. Mr. Bonita stated he and each Supervisor received a letter from the Association regarding problems which they contend exists inside and outside the building. He contacted BHW building inspectors for the Twp. and met with them and T. Best and was assured that the proper inspections were done prior to occupancy and properly documented. He stated that he would have BHW and T. Best meet with the Association if they wished. They should contact the business office if such a meeting is requested.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

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