

- MINUTES
 - Pittston Township
 - Board of Supervisors Meeting
 - August 15, 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 July 18, 2022 was presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

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

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Supervisors Comments and correspondence

General Code - Letter was received concerning Codification of Ordinances of the Twp. Mr. Bonita and Mr. Best were to contact the company and get details as to what would be required from the Twp. Mr. Best knew of some local Twp. that had similar work done and he was to make contact to arrange appointments to visit.

Police Pension Ordinance

As a result of negotiations with the Police and FOP changes have to be made to the existing Police Pension Ordinance amending the ordinance to provide for vesting for all current and future full time officers of Pittston Twp. Atty Finnerty is review the changes as well as FRS Consultants and Duda Actuarial.

Announcements

Electronics Event - August 20, 2022 information distributed at the annual bag distribution and also on our web site.

Annual Bag Distribution - Business office personnel are compiling rebates which will be mailed out to residents in the coming weeks. To date, \$135,185 reimbursement for ambulance, sewer and Ptn Twp. Maintenance fee checks have been mailed to residents.

COVID Policy

Township will enact Act 17 of 2020 which provides any police officer and/or firefighter who contracts COVID-19 or is subject to quarantine as a result of exposure to COVID-19 is temporarily entitled to full pay up to a maximum of 60 days during any related period the officer is unable to perform his/her duties provided written documentation of positive test. Memo will be distributed to Police and Fire Employees.

Lion Brewery, Inc. applied for and received a PA LCB license

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2021 LSA Grant - authorization to purchase at stated Dollar Amounts in the Grant.

- **Motion:** To authorize purchase of items in the 2021 LSA Grant at the dollar amounts stated in the grant..
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Mr. Bonita has contacted all dept. heads requesting their items they wish to be included in the 2022 LSA Grant which is due Sept. 30, 2022. Once received he will meet with the Supervisors who will determine what items will be in the grant request.

- **Motion:** To enact Resolution 8-01 of 2022 authorize Mr. Bonita to prepare and submit the 2022 LSA .

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2023 Municipal Minimum Obligation (MMO)

Duda Actuarial has computed the 2023 MMO which is the minimum municipal obligation for police and non uniform pension plans. This amount must be approved by the Supervisors and used in preparing the 2023 annual budget. Calculation assumes a 5% police contribution and a 5% municipal contribution for the non uniform plan.

MMO 2023 Police	\$90,774
MMO 2023 Non Uniform	24,948

- **Motion:** To approve the MMO as computed.
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Oriole Park

Mr. Bonita asked permission to address the rumors which were posted on Facebook concerning the survey crew which was at Oriole Park. Rumors were that the Twp. was selling Oriole park and that it was not necessary because the Twp. was "not in dire need for funds". Several months ago there was talk among the Supervisors to have the property surveyed in the event that there was grant potential, sale potential because it was not being used by Twp. little league. Business office was never advised that the field was being used. Tim Bartukas, a resident, spoke about the park and stated that it is continually used and the Twp. has neglected the infield. He is the one who posted the statement on Facebook and stated that it was a rumor that he heard. There is no decision by the Supervisors as to what will be done with Oriole Park at this time The surveying crew was available and in the Twp. on another project and Mr. Bonita asked that they survey Oriole Park.

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Financial

Motion: To ratify July-August prepaid bills in the amount of \$136,820 and unpaid bills in the amount of \$16,351 and payroll

7-20-22	68,288.12
8-03-22	69,588.51

AFLAC	66.86
Am Trust	4,543.00
Trailer Corner	317.00
Neopost	100.00
Neopost	100.00
Amazon	59.98
Amazon	23.97
Amazon	9.98
Neopost	100.00
PLIC Insurance	701.53
Hartford Ins.	1,210.68
UCC	157.50
Neopost	100.00
Transfer - Reimbursement Acct	50,000.00
Amazon	161.58
K-9 Tactical Gear	171.99
SeeEye US ring	169.99
Ray Allen	272.40
Ray Allen	419.72
Amazon	12.69
Pr Transfer	50,000.00
BEManet Bite Suit	1,660.00
Pr Transfer	68,288.12
Am Trust	4,543.00
EZPass	35.00
Service Chg	25.00
Police Nite Out	750.00
	\$18399.99

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Motion to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

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Emergency Management Report -

Letter 9/11 NEVER FORGET - Mr. Bonita outlined the letter received from Miller Keystone Blood Center about the 9/11 Event. Supervisor Hawk also spoke about a recent donation of wipes he received and has them stored.

There was some damage to the trailer and the hitch which he will look into.

Mr. Bonita mentioned to the audience that the grand opening of the new Geisinger Medical Facility located in the Twp. was attended by the Supervisors and a tour of the facility took place. The facility is all inclusive medical center and is an asset to the community.

Fire Department

Incident Report - read into the minutes by Mr. Bonita

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Motion to approve incident report

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Advertisement was made in the Citizens Voice for part time fire truck drivers. To date 10 applications have been received. Applications were forwarded to Chief Engineer for his(their) review. Supervisors met with Michael Pehonich for his interview and based on his credentials and the recommendation of the Chief Engineer offered him a part time position.

- Motion to hire Michael Pehonick as a part time fire truck driver with terms and conditions as outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement

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QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Road Department - bids were requested for Baker Chapel project. Bids Due 8-25 at the Twp. Municipal Bldg. Two separate grants for this project will be used to fund this project.

Recreation - Parks

Playground equipment and installation is scheduled tentatively September 21, 2022. Equipment and installation was secured with DCNR Grant and assistance from Mericle Construction.

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Supervisor Rinaldi advised Roadmaster that it was brought to his attention that the gate at the Shoppel property was locked again. He will visit the area and inquire as to why it is locked again. There is a agreement that the gate remain unlocked and public has access to that road.

Police

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

- Motion police report as submitted

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New Hires

Chief Angelella presented to the Supervisors an application from Mason Moran. An interview was conducted by the Supervisors. Her recommendation was to hire Mason Moran as a part time police officer. Additional part time officers are needed to supplement vacations, attendance at training school and attendance at seminars, etc..

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Motion to hire on a PART TIME basis Mason Moran

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Ambulance Association -

Monthly Report - read into the minutes by Mr. Bonita

- Motion ACCEPT Monthly Report

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QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement

T. Best submitted a zoning report for the month of July, 2022

Planning Commission accepted

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Engineering Report - highlights read into the minutes by Mr. Bonita

- Motion ACCEPT Monthly Report

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MS-4 - T. Best reported that the WVSA cleaned three storm drains in the Twp. and based on their review of the proposed Lewis St. Project they will replace the two storm drains located on Bryden St. at their expense. The Lewis St. Project has been approved for use of MS-4 funds.

Public Comment

Tim Bartuska

Marie Fahey - Both expressed their concerns about Oriole Park previously

Leo Nalaschi 5 Bryden Lane complained about cats, racoons and possums in his yard which are being attracted by his neighbors habit of feeding the cats. SPCA will be of no help in that trapped animals cannot be left in cages. Twp. will research if it has a cat and dog nuisance ordinance. T. Best will investigate and if necessary issue a warning to the occupant and owner of the property.

Also questioned the dead end on Bryden Lane. He was advised that the end of the road is owned privately and they blocked the road. Supervisor Rinadli stated that the Twp. will contact that individual and inquire about opening the road and possibly selling it to the Twp. to avoid this problem in the future.

John Bergen - handicapped parking spot. He is unable to get the handicapped parking sign yet he has satisfied all the requirements for the sign. Supervisor Slezak questioned as to whether or not he need a handicapped sign or no parking to corner or do not block driveway. He will investigate.

Calimar Representative - thanked the Supervisors for their assistance with the retention ponds and asked about the stand pipe which he mentioned previously. Chief Capazucca addressed the issue and said he check it out and found no violation. Further, he stated the Twp. might have liability problems if they blocked the standpipe.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

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