

- MINUTES
 - Pittston Township
 - Board of Supervisors Meeting
 - APRIL 15, 2024
 - Pittston Township Municipal Building

Call Meeting To Order 7:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call Slezak ___P___ Hawk ___AB/P___ Taroli ___P___

Supervisor Hawk arrived to the meeting at 7:15PM.

- An executive session was held on March 29th with the Pittston Township Sewer Authority board regarding the Baker Chapel road infrastructure project

Minutes: minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled March 18, 2024 and special meeting on April 4, 2024 was presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

Questions/Corrections – NONE HEARD

- **Motion:** To approve minutes of March 18, 2024 meeting and April 4, 2024 special meeting.

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 Slezak _Y___ Hawk _AB___ Taroli ___Y___

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Supervisors Comments

Resolution 4-01 of 2024 – Approve to use ARPA funding to purchase meeting room chairs

- **MOTION:** To approve Resolution 4-01 of 2024 to use ARPA funding to purchase:
 ___ Meeting room chairs from U-Line for \$2,468.96
 ___ Meeting room chairs (880 lb. weight capacity) from Home Depot for \$231.11

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Resolution 4-02 of 2024 – Proclaiming April 2024 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” in Pittston Township

Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month is an initiative sponsored by Pennsylvania 811 and their mission is to spread awareness and to prevent damage to underground facilities, to promote safety, and to provide an efficient and effective communications network among project owners, designers, excavators, and facility owners. We encourage all residents to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.paonecall.org for information about digging safety.

- **MOTION:** To approve Resolution 4-02 of 2024 proclaiming April 2024 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” in Pittston Township.

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Garbage Bag Drive Reminder

We just wanted to remind the residents that our annual garbage bag drive will take place at the fire station on the Bypass on May 9th and 10th from 9am-5pm. The mailings have gone out to all residents, so if a resident didn't receive theirs, they should be receiving them shortly. All of the information is posted on the website as well, but residents could contact the municipal building with any questions they have.

The township is also beginning to pick up yard waste on April 16, 2024 as well. To schedule for pickup, we ask residents to call the township between 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. We also put the schedule for pickup on the website for each section of the township.

Flood Plain Ordinance Update

The Township was notified by the county about a month ago that we are required to update our Flood Plain Ordinance to remain eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program. We sent the updated ordinance to the Pittston Township planning commission, which resulted in no comments, and we submitted the ordinance to the Luzerne County planning commission, which we are waiting for final review from. Once we receive that back, we will hold a public hearing in early May as required by our zoning ordinance and we are hoping to consider the updated Flood Plain Ordinance at May's regular meeting.

Supervisor Slezak inquired of the date the new ordinance would have to take effect to be eligible for the program. Mr. Rozitski responded the date of June 20, 2024 to continue eligibility for the program.

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Financial

- **Motion:** To ratify March-April pre-paid bills in the amount \$552,247.41 and bills payable in the amount of \$13,058.23

PSATS	35.00
Neopost	50.00
Principal Life	832.20
Aflac	66.86
Amtrust	10,747.00
Adobe	21.19
Walmart	489.31
The Hartford	1,514.09
Transfer to PR	68,452.70
Amazon	696.91
Neopost	100.00
VistaPrint	26.21
Playground Outfitters	3,922.00
Transfer to PR	70,386.59
Walmart	156.88
Lowe's	65.52
Bank Fees	95.00

BHW 31,511.37

GF Check #9111 on 3/20/2024 to Ray's Recycling
for \$75.00

Payroll

3-13-2024	68,452.70
3-27-2024	70,386.59

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS – NONE HEARD

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Motion to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

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Fire Department

Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the reading of the incident report for March 2024.

QUESTION/CONCERNS

- Motion to approve incident report

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Bryden Street Firehouse Citizen Advisory Committee

- **MOTION:** To appoint the following individuals to the Bryden Street Firehouse Citizen Advisory Committee as advertised:

- **Jordan Consagra**
- **Lena Angelella**
- **Kevin O'Boyle**
- **Mary Pisano**
- **Tony Rainelli**

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Ambulance Report

Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the reading of the ambulance report of March 2024.

- Motion to approve ambulance report

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Police

Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the reading of the police report of March 2024.

- Motion to approve police report as submitted

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Police Pension and Non-Uniform Pension Compliance Audit Update

Mr. Rozitski reported that the township received back the finalized compliance audits of the police and non-uniform pension from the auditor general's office. As previously mentioned in February's meeting, there are just some verbal comments. Mr. Rozitski reported that a copy of both audits are on the township's website for public viewing.

Emergency Management Report

Supervisor Hawk reported that President Biden is coming to Scranton on April 26, 2024. He will be arriving at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport, which will require some extra man power from the police department and fire department. Supervisor Hawk thanked the airport for their accommodations for the police and fire.

Road Department -

Armstrong Road Project Update

Mr. Rozitski reported that we received notification that Pittston Township was the recipient of a DCED Multimodal Grant for \$628,170. The engineers will begin surveying that road shortly. On behalf of the Township, Mr. Rozitski thanked Sen. Flynn and Rep. Haddock and their staff for their hard work in securing this grant for us.

Baker Chapel Phase II Update

On April 4, 2024, Pittston Township had a special meeting to go over the plans and specs for the Baker Chapel Phase II project. The engineer was in attendance to go over any questions the residents in attendance had. The easements were sent out the next day. Mr. Rozitski reported that the township is just waiting on those easements to come back and for the engineer to get back to us on the minor revisions to the plans as a result of the meeting to go out to bid.

Quail Hill Development Roadway Enhancement Project

This roadway enhancement project is a joint project with Dupont Borough. There was a change order by the engineers to add shoulder paving for \$65,475. With the change order, there are still \$97,312 of funds available on the grant awarded. Dupont council approved the change order at their monthly meeting on April 9th.

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- **MOTION:** To approve change order #4 for shoulder paving for \$65,475 for the Quail Hill Development Roadway Enhancement Project.

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Slezak _Y__ Hawk _Y__ Taroli __Y__

Recreation - Parks

Oriole Park Update

In the next month, the Township will be applying for the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation grant from DCED for upgrading and repairing Oriole Park. The Township has been in contact with our engineers and they have been onsite to spec out the area of the upgrades. Supervisor Taroli has also been looking into rides and amusements for the park.

Attardo Park Phase I Update

The Township is in the process of closing out the DCNR grant for Phase I of the Attardo Park project. The final accounting for the Phase I that we calculated is for as follows:

Grant amount (DCNR)	\$108,000
Contribution from Mericle	88,615
MS-4 Savings Account	10,550
Ely Settlement	(151,000)
Equipment and Grounds Cost	(61,000)
Fence Cost	(10,550)
Cost to Township	(15,385)

Mr. Rozitski reported that the cost to the township included some park accessories such as benches, tables, fence costs, etc. that were not included in the original contract.

Attardo Park Phase II Update

On March 26th, the Township finally received the grant paperwork back from the state on Phase II of the Attardo Park Project. Within a few days after that, we had a vendor vendors down to take a look at the tennis and basketball courts to give us an estimate on resurfacing the courts. Mr. Rozitski said that the Township is just awaiting the vendor to come back with the estimate, which should come back in a few days.

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Engineering Report -March 2024

Mr. Rozitski reported that all projects at this point that were approved by the planning commission are waiting for comments to be resolved before final approval by the board of supervisors.

MS-4

Supervisor Taroli reported that the balance in the MS-4 savings account at 3/31/2024 is \$65,997. Supervisor Taroli also reported that her and Mr. Rozitski attended the steering committee meeting at Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority on March 28, 2024. Supervisor Taroli and Mr. Rozitski both agreed that it was a nice, informative session with Paul Grella from PA DEP in attendance at WVSA.

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Mark Simko—

Mr. Simko wanted to follow up with the township about his inquiry of the township having Astound internet available to residents of the township. Astound was informing Pittston Township residents that they could not utilize their service since there were allegations that Pittston Township and Comcast have an “exclusive” franchise agreement. Solicitor Sanguedolce informed the public that the allegations are inaccurate and that Pittston Township and Comcast have a “non-exclusive” franchise agreement. Solicitor Sanguedolce said that he spoke with Marcy from Astound earlier in the day to inform her about the false allegations and to halt informing residents that an “exclusive” franchise agreement exists. Solicitor Sanguedolce also informed the public that he was told the reason that Pittston Township residents are being denied service from Astound is that Astound said that it is “cost prohibitive” to have services available in the township.

Tony Rainelli—

Mr. Rainelli expressed his concerns about ATVs in the township. He mentioned that they are becoming a continuous problem in the township and disruptive to residents. Supervisor Hawk informed Mr. Rainelli that the supervisors are receiving many complaints as well about the ATVs. He mentioned that he drove enforcing ATVs the other night. Mr. Rozitski said he will speak with the police chief on possible avenues that the situation could get rectified. Supervisor Slezak said that they could put lines down to enforce speed on Norman Street as well and that might help alleviate the problem. All supervisors agreed.

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Don Hudzinski—

Mr. Hudzinski inquired about the water main break on Center and Laurel Street and asked if someone could call the break in. Supervisor Hawk reported that he called the break in the other day to PA American Water to report the break and are just waiting for it to be fixed.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn

- Slezak__S__ Hawk _M__ Taroli __

Roll Call: Slezak__Y__ Hawk __Y__ Taroli _Y__