

- MINUTES
- Pittston Township
- Board of Supervisors Meeting
- June 17, 2024
- Pittston Township Municipal Building

Call Meeting To Order 7:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call Slezak __P__ Hawk __AB__ Taroli __P__

Minutes: minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled May 20, 2024 meeting and May 20, 2024 public hearing presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

Questions/Corrections – NONE HEARD.

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of May 20, 2024 general meeting and May 20, 2024 public hearing

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 Slezak __Y__ Hawk __AB__ Taroli __Y__

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Supervisors Comments

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Resignation

- **MOTION:** To accept the resignation of Judson Spencer as Pittston Township part-time zoning and code enforcement officer (retroactive to 5/23/2024).

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Mr. Rozitski said that the township is using BHW Construction Consultants for zoning and code enforcement services in the interim until a new zoning and code enforcement officer is hired. Mr. Rozitski anticipates the hiring of a new zoning and code enforcement officer in the next couple of weeks.

904 Recycling Grant for 2023 Submitted

Mr. Rozitski submitted the annual 904 PA recycling performance grant for the 2023 year online on May 28, 2024. The grant is expected to be awarded sometime late 2024-early 2025. Mr. Rozitski anticipates an estimated grant amount of \$75,000 for 2023, which is an increase from \$69,000 for 2022.

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PCCD NIBRS Compliance Grant Submitted

Mr. Rozitski and Chief Angelella have been working on submitting for a grant through PCCD so the police department could upgrade their support system for a new NIBRS reporting system. The grant was submitted on 6/13/2024 to PCCD on behalf of Pittston Township. Grant announcement timeline is unknown at this time. Mr. Rozitski and Chief Angelella hope to hear news if the township receives the grant or not soon.

July 3, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Postponed

The July 3, 2024 planning commission meeting has been postponed to July 10, 2024 at 7pm here at the municipal building. The announcement was put on the website and it will be published in the newspaper as well.

Election Site Change Update

Mr. Rozitski contacted the election bureau on 5/28/2024 notifying them of a potential election site change up in Suscon from the Dupont DPW garage to another site. The election bureau advised us to contact the bureau and send a letter after the November 2024 general election notifying them of a change. Mr. Rozitski will call in November 2024 letting the bureau know.

Financial

- **Motion:** To ratify May - June pre-paid bills in the amount \$ 161,909.89 and bills payable in the amount of \$ 9,974.21 and payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

5/8/2024	71,615.07
5/22/2024	72,258.55

Automatic Debits:

Aflac (May 2024)	\$66.86
Principal	\$832.20
PR Transfer	\$71,615.07
AmTrust	\$10,747.00
Amazon	\$378.67
Resident Reimb. Transfer	\$50,000.00
Hartford	\$1,514.09
Adobe	\$21.19
PA Codes Academy	\$600.00
PR Transfer	\$72,258.55
Lowes	\$198.54
Amazon	\$341.42
Aflac (June 2024)	\$66.86

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Amazon	\$71.21
Neopost	\$200.00
Bank Fees	\$131.00

Handwritten Checks:

Check #9115—5/2/2024—Luzerne County Planning Commission--\$80.00
 Check #9116—5/8/2024—Constance Bonita--\$508.20
 Check #9117—5/15/2024—Matt Chesniak--\$700.51

BHW—May 2024--\$20,742.97

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS—NONE HEARD.

Motion to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

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Emergency Management Report

Mr. Rozitski said he does not have an emergency management report since Supervisor Hawk is not in attendance for the evening.

Fire Department

Incident Report - May 2024 – Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the reading of the report.

QUESTION/CONCERNS—NONE HEARD.

- Motion to approve incident report for May 2024

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Mr. Rozitski gave compliments to the fire department for their annual picnic as that was his first one he attended. He complimented the food that was prepared by the fire department.

Ambulance Report

Monthly report for May 2024 – Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the reading of the report.

- Motion to approve ambulance report

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- **MOTION:** To approve payment to Pittston Township Ambulance Association of \$31,928.55 for final year of payment for their powered cot Power-LOAD system (amount included in budget)

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Police

POLICE REPORT - submitted by Chief Angelella – Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the reading of the report.

- Motion to approve police report as submitted

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- **MOTION:** To purchase upfit for 2024 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado PPV police vehicle from VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists in the amount of \$24,944.00. The funds for the purchase of the vehicle will be covered by the 2021 LSA Grant.

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- **MOTION:** To accept and enact police department body camera policy.

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Road Department –

Baker Chapel Phase II—Awarding of Project

The bid opening of Phase II of the Baker Chapel road infrastructure project was held on May 30, 2024 at 2pm. The bid results were as follows:

M&J Excavation	\$600,560.00
James T. O’Hara	\$652,700.00
Pioneer Construction	\$655,174.40

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Linde Corporation	\$667,306.00
American Asphalt	\$692,756.00
Leeward Construction	\$696,696.00
Kobalt Construction	\$733,155.00
Stafursky Paving	\$745,659.00

- **MOTION:** To award Phase II of the Baker Chapel road infrastructure project to M&J Excavation in the amount of \$600,560.00.

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Baker Chapel Phase I Update

Mr. Rozitski reported Pioneer Construction has been up the past few weeks to finish up the paving for Phase I of the Baker Chapel road infrastructure project. They are working on the punch list items now on the project, so we anticipate wrapping that project up within the next week or two weeks.

Armstrong Road Update

Mr. Rozitski reported that the township recently heard from the engineers that the Armstrong Road plans are very close to completion. Our engineers hope to have the plans finished soon, so Pittston Township could go out to bid for this project within the upcoming weeks.

Recreation -

Senior Party was held on June 12, 2024 at the Municipal Park.

Victory Sports had a pizza party and dance for special adults on June 13, 2024 at the Municipal Park.

The recreation board recently awarded their annual \$500 scholarship to Samantha Rusczin from Suscon at the senior awards ceremony at the Pittston Area High School Auditorium on June 4, 2024 at 6:00pm. On behalf of the board of supervisors, we would like to congratulate Samantha on this award and for graduating from Pittston Area and wish Samantha the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Zoning

Mericle Centerpoint West Lot 5A Land Development Plans

- **MOTION:** To approve the land development plans for Mericle Centerpoint West Lot 5A as recommended by the planning commission and the planning solicitor.

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Engineering Report -May-June

Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the reading of the report from CNA. He reported that most projects remain status quo and are waiting for comments from the engineers to be resolved before the planning commission and supervisors proceed.

MS-4 Report

Supervisor Taroli reported there is \$66,024.00 in the MS-4 account at May 31, 2024. She additionally reported that all departments must participate in annual stormwater training, which is required by June 30, 2024.

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Gene Bartosiewicz—

Mr. Bartosiewicz requested moving forward for more notice about the senior party. He said that he noticed that attendance was down, and when he spoke to others, they didn't know of the date of the party. Mr. Rozitski said they could explore placing recreation board calendar of events in envelopes at the bag drive so that each property owner would receive a calendar of events for the recreation board for the year.

Lois & Robert Miller—

Mr. and Mrs. Miller requested for assistance with the traffic for the Jason Aldean concert at the Montage pavilion on August 3rd, 2024 at 7:30pm. They said that at last year's concert, the traffic going down their roadway was out of hand. Chief Angelella reported that that night last year there was an accident on Interstate 81 and drivers were going down other roadways to divert from the accident. Chief Angelella thanked them for asking at an early date to give the police department enough time to prepare and will work to make sure the traffic is corrected by possibly utilizing barrels from the fire department to curtail the increased traffic.

Chief Lena Angelella—

Chief Angelella wanted to report that the police department building recently was given a facelift with the walls being painted and the floors recently redone. She wanted to thank the supervisors for their consideration for this and to Mr. Rozitski for his coordination for the

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projects. She also wanted to thank the supervisors for sending her to drone training for this week, and thanked the Pittston Township Sewer Authority for their donation to the police department. Finally, Chief Angelella wanted to alert residents to be vigilant of two white males that were walking up and down the Cork Lane area looking into vehicles. She received numerous reports of this and said it seems the two men are not approaching individuals specifically, and the police department is getting video this week.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn

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Roll Call: Slezak_Y____ Hawk __AB____ Taroli _Y__