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  - Pittston Township
    - Board of Supervisors Meeting
      - February 18, 2025
- Pittston Township Municipal Building

Call Meeting To Order                      6:00 PM

Slezak \_\_P\_\_    Hawk \_\_P\_\_            Taroli \_\_P\_\_

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Executive sessions were held on 2/13/2025 and 2/18/2025 regarding contracts and personnel.

**Minutes:** minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled January 21, 2025 general meeting was presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.  
 Questions/Corrections -

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of January 21, 2025 general meeting.

Slezak \_\_M\_\_    Hawk \_\_\_\_\_            Taroli \_\_S\_\_  
 Slezak \_\_Y\_\_    Hawk \_\_Y\_\_            Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

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**Supervisors Comments**

**Pittston Township Recipient of a Greenways and Trails Grant for Oriole Park Renovations**

Pittston Township is excited to announce that the township is a recipient of a \$125,000 DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Grant to go towards renovations for Oriole Park. The township would like to thank Rep. Jim Haddock, Sen. Marty Flynn, and their staffs for their assistance in securing this funding for us and for their continued support of Pittston Township.

**Consideration of Acceptance of Resignations for Recreation Board Members**

- **MOTION:** To accept resignations of Donald Taroli and Al Zangardi from the Pittston Township Recreation Board.

Slezak \_\_\_\_\_    Hawk \_\_M\_\_            Taroli \_\_S\_\_  
 Slezak \_\_Y\_\_            Hawk \_\_Y\_\_            Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

We would like to thank Don and Al for their over 30 years of service each to the Pittston Township Recreation Board and for their efforts.

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**Consideration of Appointment of Individual to Recreation Board**

Ashley Ferrese from Flagg Street in Pittston Township submitted to the office a letter of interest wishing to be appointed to the recreation board.

Supervisor Hawk questioned about considering others that submitted letters of interest in the past first before appointing any other individual that submitted a letter of interest for the interest of fairness. Mr. Rozitski said he could look into it and said that the supervisors could table Ms. Ferrese’s appointment in the meantime.

- **MOTION:** To TABLE appoint Ashley Ferrese to the Pittston Township Recreation Board.

Slezak \_\_S\_\_ Hawk \_\_M\_\_ Taroli \_\_  
 Slezak \_\_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

**Consideration of Proposal from Mericle Construction for Additional Municipal Fees in Lieu of Posting and Bonding Roads**

Mericle Construction provided Pittston Township a proposal to halt the posting and bonding of roads by providing the township for additional municipal service fees that would total \$138,900 per year.

- **MOTION:** To enter into agreement with Mericle Construction to halt the posting and bonding of roads by providing the township additional municipal service fees that would total \$138,900 per year.

Slezak \_\_S\_\_ Hawk \_\_\_\_\_ Taroli \_\_M\_\_  
 Slezak \_\_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

**Pittston Township Electronic Recycling Day Announcement**

Pittston Township is excited to announce that the township will be hosting an electronics recycling event tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 9am-12pm at the Pittston Township Municipal Building, 421 Broad Street, Pittston, PA 18640. Please be advised that this event will be for Pittston Township residents only. More details will be released when further information becomes available.

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**Financial**

- **Motion:** To ratify January-February pre-paid bills in the amount \$308,611.11 and bills payable in the amount of \$8,292.62 and payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

1/15/2025	72,080.15
1/29/2025	94,639.36

**Automatic Debits:**

Principal Life Ins	\$917.01
Amazon	\$655.93
Adobe	\$21.19
Amazon	\$272.54
EZPass	\$75.00
PA UCC Fees	\$85.50
The Hartford	\$1,519.47
PSATS Convention Reg	\$214.00
Neopost	\$100.00
Amazon	\$49.99
USPCA	\$50.00
Aflac	\$66.86
Amazon	\$154.03
PR Transfer	\$94,639.36

Handwritten Check:

Check #9130—Dr. Edward Heffron—Ray Torres-Psychological Evaluation--\$200.00

BHW—January 2025--\$995.25

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS – None heard.

Motion to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

Slezak \_\_S\_\_ Hawk \_\_M\_\_ Taroli \_\_  
 Slezak \_\_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

**Emergency Management Report**

Supervisor Hawk reported that he is attending a meeting at the Luzerne County EMA building on Thursday, February 20, 2025 to discuss issues with patching emergency services with Lackawanna County.

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**Fire Department**

Incident Report – January 2025 – Supervisor Hawk dispensed with the reading of the incident report.

QUESTION/CONCERNS – None heard.

- Motion to approve incident report for January 2025

Slezak\_\_S\_\_ Hawk \_\_\_\_\_ Taroli \_M\_\_

Slezak \_Y\_\_ Hawk \_Y\_\_ Taroli \_Y\_\_

**Consideration of MOU with Fire Department Regarding Mandatory Overtime**

The Pittston Township Fire Department approached the board of supervisors regarding some scheduling issues they are experiencing. After multiple conversations with the fire union, the township proposed an MOU that would institute mandatory overtime for full time employees only when necessary and if all options were explored and exhausted. The union voted to accept the MOU and provided the copy back to the township.

- **MOTION:** To enter into MOU with the Pittston Township Fire Department regarding mandatory overtime for full-time employees.

Slezak\_\_\_\_\_ Hawk \_\_M\_\_ Taroli \_S\_\_

Slezak \_Y\_\_ Hawk \_Y\_\_ Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

**Consideration of MOU with Fire Department Regarding Replacing Part-Time Employees Turnout Gear When Damaged on Pittston Township Time**

The Pittston Township Fire Department approached the board of supervisors regarding replacing part-time employees turnout gear when the turnout gear is damaged on Pittston Township time. After multiple conversations with the fire union, the township proposed an MOU that the township would pay to replace the damaged clothing and equipment when “the clothing is no longer serviceable and thus needs to be replaced shall be determined by the Chief Engineer and a full report on the incident. The union voted to accept the MOU and provided the copy back to the township.

- **MOTION:** To enter into MOU with the Pittston Township Fire Department regarding replacing part-time employees turnout gear when damaged on Pittston Township-time.

Slezak\_\_\_\_\_ Hawk \_\_M\_\_ Taroli \_S\_\_

Slezak \_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

Supervisor Hawk commented and wanted to address rumors that the township was giving away clothing. He commented that it is not accurate and the reason for the MOU is that a

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part-timer almost died responding to the fire, which ruined his turnout gear on Pittston Township time, and believed it was only fair Pittston Township cover the turnout gear replacement.

**Ambulance Report**

Monthly report for January 2025 – Supervisor Hawk dispensed with the reading of the report.

- Motion to approve ambulance report

Slezak \_\_M\_\_ Hawk \_\_\_\_\_ Taroli \_\_S\_\_

Slezak \_\_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

**Consideration to Enter Into Agreement with Phase 2 Emergency Vehicles to Build New Ambulance (2023 LSA Grant)**

- **MOTION:** To enter into an agreement with Phase 2 Emergency Vehicles to build a new ambulance for the Pittston Township Ambulance Association for \$349,074.00 (ambulance will be fully funded by 2023 LSA grant awarded for new ambulance), effective February 5, 2025.

Slezak \_\_M\_\_ Hawk \_\_S\_\_ Taroli \_\_\_\_\_

Slezak \_\_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

**Police**

**POLICE REPORT** - submitted by Chief Angelella – Supervisor Hawk dispensed with the reading of the report.

- Motion to approve police report as submitted

Slezak \_\_M\_\_ Hawk \_\_\_\_\_ Taroli \_\_S\_\_

Slezak \_\_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

**Road Department –**

**Parnell Street Update**

The township is hoping to finalize plans with the engineers for the Parnell Street stormwater project in the next week or two. We hope to have the advertisement for bids out by March 1, 2025, so that it could be started in the spring/summertime 2025.

**Baker Chapel Phase II Update**

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The township is expecting M&J Excavation to return to the Baker Chapel Phase II site before the end of the month to continue the installation of the inlet boxes and stormwater renovations for the project. Paving at the site is expected to begin in March 2025 when the plants open back up from the wintertime.

**Armstrong Road Payment Application #2 and Project Update**

In the January 2025 supervisors meeting, we updated the public that the township was looking to incorporate improving the road transition at the intersection of Research and Armstrong into the Armstrong Road grant due to the giant pothole in that intersection. On February 4, 2025, Ryan Emerson, the program director from DCED, granted the township permission to incorporate the transition into the grant, which will ensure the improved road transition will not cost anything to the township. Township engineers have said they will work on the change order for the transition and have it ready for us next meeting.

In the meantime, we received payment application #2 for the Armstrong Road project from Pennsy Supply in the amount of \$18,281.60, which is half of the retainage. This will be fully funded through the DCED Armstrong Road infrastructure grant, and has been recommended for approval from township engineers.

- **MOTION:** To approve payment application #2 for the Armstrong Road infrastructure project for \$18,281.60, which will be fully funded through the DCED Armstrong Road infrastructure grant.

Slezak \_\_S\_\_ Hawk \_\_M\_\_ Taroli \_\_

Slezak \_\_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Taroli \_\_Y\_\_

**Engineering Report –January 2025-February 2025**

Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the highlights of the engineering report.

**MS-4 Report**

Supervisor Taroli commented that the balance in the MS-4 account as of January 31, 2025 was \$130,295.90. She further commented that MS-4 training is due on June 30, 2025, and training videos will be sent to all departments to watch.

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**Joe Lokuta—**

Mr. Lokuta wanted to be on record that he does not tolerate his son's behavior and does not want to be associated with his son with the zoning troubles. Mr. Lokuta complimented the police department and the fire department for all of their efforts. He further gave gift cards to the fire department and the police department as a thank you.

**Dennis Fritz—**

Mr. Fritz asked for an update of the code enforcement at Decker Lane trailer park. Mr. Rozitski said it is a work in progress and the issues are in the process of being addressed by code enforcement.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn

- Slezak\_\_M\_\_ Hawk \_\_\_\_ Taroli \_S\_\_

Roll Call: Slezak\_\_Y\_\_ Hawk \_\_Y\_\_ Taroli \_Y\_\_