

July 1, 2015
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Chairman John P. Sivick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Richard C. Vollmer, Vice Chairman and Robert H. Rohner, Jr., Supervisor and Secretary/Treasurer. Robert F. Bernathy, Esq., Township Solicitor and Jon Tresslar, P.E., Township Engineer was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A comment was received regarding PennDot and the cutting of weeds along the shoulders of SR 2001.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2015:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015 as presented. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2015:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to approve the minutes of June 23, 2015 as presented. Unanimous.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS ON LIST #1, LIST #2 AND THE TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to authorize the payment of the bills on List #1, List #2 and the transfers as presented. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. SET PUBLIC HEARING – DANGEROUS STRUCTURE: THOMAS KERNICK PROPERTY KNOWN AS “SUGAR SHACK”, LOCATED ON EAST SUGAR MOUNTAIN ROAD:**

Motion made by Mr. Sivick and second of Mr. Rohner to schedule the Public Hearing for Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 7:05 p.m. Unanimous.

- 2. SET PUBLIC HEARING – DANGEROUS STRUCTURE: THOMAS & JUDY VOGEL PROPERTY, LOCATED ON MILFORD ROAD:**

Motion made by Mr. Sivick and second of Mr. Rohner to schedule the Public Hearing for Wednesday, August 5, 2015 following the Thomas Kernick Dangerous Structure Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Unanimous.

3. EXONERATE ALL 2015 TOWNSHIP TAXES FOR THOSE PROPERTIES EXPOSED TO JUCICIAL SALE ON 05/06/15:

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second of Mr. Vollmer to exonerate all 2015 Township Taxes for those properties exposed to Judicial Sale on 05/06/15. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. The Annual 4th of July parade will begin at the municipal building at 11:00 a.m. and travel to the American Legion. The legion will provide free hotdogs and soda.
2. The "Concert in the Park" will be held on Sunday, July 28th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Woodrow will perform.
3. The annual community day will be held on Saturday, August 29th in the community park from 12:00 to 8:30 p.m., which will include a carnival, which will operate August 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th.

ADDENDUM NO. 1:

The annual Blues Festival will be held on Sunday, August 9th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the community park.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Sivick stated that on Sunday, June 28th SR 2001 was closed due to downed Verizon wires. Traffic was detoured through Pine Ridge and Pocono Ranchlands. The Bushkill Fire Company fire police handled traffic flow. Rep. Rosemary Brown had been contacted for assistance. There was a possibility that the repairs would not be made until the following day. Rep. Brown reached out to Verizon, and a crew had been dispatched and the repair made that afternoon.

The crew has been busy with mowing along the road sides throughout the township.

Potholes have been filled on SR 2001. The worst ones have been addressed, and the crew will address the smaller ones shortly.

Drains have been cleaned throughout the township after each storm.

Residents have been dropping off brush for compost recycling at the township. A drop off site is being developed for Pine Ridge residents.

Construction has begun in the community park, which includes a baseball and soccer field, walking trails and parking.

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The crew did a lot of cleaning up after the torrential storm of June 30th.

District games for the National Little League are being played on the municipal baseball field. It has probably been over 40 years since this has happened in Bushkill.

The SR 2001 upgrade project is scheduled to go out for bid on July 16, 2015. The supervisors will be pushing for the replacement of the bridge near Pocono Mountain Lake Estates' club house now. This needs to be addressed and not delayed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A comment was received regarding 911 Addressing compliance.

A comment was received regarding the property located between the municipal building property and Pine Ridge.

A comment was received regarding the community park construction project.

A comment was received regarding LERTA.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. by the motion of Mr. Rohner and second of Mr. Vollmer. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Rohner, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer