

**JANUARY 24, 2017  
TUESDAY, 10:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

Robert Rohner, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Also in attendance were Richard Vollmer, Vice Chairman, John Sivick, Supervisor, Robert Bernathy, Township Solicitor and MaryAnn Conza, Assistant Secretary.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**APPROVE THE REORGANIZATION MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2017:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Mr. Sivick to approve the reorganization minutes of January 3, 2017 as presented. Unanimous.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2017:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Mr. Sivick to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 3, 2017 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 by Mr. Sivick to authorize the payment of the bills on list #1, list #2 and the transfers as presented. Unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. SAW CREEK ESTATES – FIRE HYDRANTS:**

Tabled.

**2. WINONA FALLS ROAD BRIDGE:**

Trying to determine who actually owns this bridge. Gary Orben has a call into Harrisburg to find this out. After speaking to an engineer for District 4, Mr. Rohner was told that reports on bridges are sealed to the public and only the owner is able to get copies. Who raised the weight limit from 15 to 25 ton? Lehman Township does not have ownership of any bridges within the township and needs to contact the owner to make repairs. There are two fire vehicles that are over the bridge weight limit.

**3. CORRESPONDENCE FROM ED CAMPBELL, ATTORNEY FOR WOLFINGTON DEVELOPMENT GROUP:**

We are in receipt of a letter dated January 17, 2017 from Edmund Campbell, Jr. on behalf of Tamiment, requesting the release of all escrow funds held by the township in relation to the Tamiment and Mountain Laurel Developments, including but not limited to the escrow

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account held by ESSA Bank & Trust in the account title "Tamiment Lake Front LP Escrow" in the amount of \$470,975.57. Mr. Rohner stated that there is no basis for why they are asking for the release. The escrow was set up for Loop Road in the Glen at Tamiment. There are two accounts, \$4,000 each, for the Glen at Tamiment Property Owners clubhouse parking lot and the Eagle Village Property Owners recreation parking lot. These funds were for engineer costs for inspections making sure they were doing what was required. After speaking to Mr. Campbell, he agreed that they were not looking for release of those two escrows. He stated that the Loop Road was never done and he will do some investigation and get back to the township. Mr. Rohner will send a copy of the escrow agreement to Mr. Bernathy.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE FROM LEHMAN LAKE ROD & GUN CLUB:**

The township was copied on a letter dated January 18, 2017 to Gary Orben thanking the County for assistance in addressing their concerns relating to the bridge replacement on Minks Pond Road and appreciation to Lehman Township for road maintenance during inclement weather. However, one issue of serious concern remains unresolved, restoration of their private road. They were happy to assist the county and township by providing access to their neighboring clubs, their resident employees and vendors during the bridge replacement, but they do not want the financial burden to restore their road. They are requesting to meet with county and township representatives to address their concern regarding the road restoration. Mr. Vollmer stated that this is the county's responsibility. Mr. Rohner will contact the Commissioners.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. PIKE COUNTY ROAD TASK FORCE:**

Mr. Sivick reported that state road 2001 project is moving along. DEP is still working on the acid rock plan, monitoring wells and the box culvert is being worked on. There were some complaints concerning the entrance to the American Legion. Penn DOT needs to put up signs for the parking lot entrance and exit.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 319 – 2017 FIRE POLICE:**

Attorney Bernathy stated that the appointed Bushkill Fire Police should fill out and sign the previously prepared affidavits. This will be tabled until the township receives the signed affidavits.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

None.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR / ROADMASTER:**

Timothy Rohner, Public Works Director / Roadmaster reported that the crew has been busy with recent storms plowing and cindering, continue sheetrock work on the Park caretaker's house, minor repairs to trucks and equipment, replaced Exit lights in the Township building meeting room, conducted site inspection at the Park on January 12, 2017 with Chris from Pike County Conservation District, filled pot

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holes on some Township roads, cleanup of Christmas trees at the Township recycling site, took the crew to Hansons for an annual hazard training on January 13, 2017, picked up trash on Township roads, installed safety railing in the shop above the boiler room as per our insurance company's request and working on truck specs for a new one ton to replace #921.

There was a request from a resident to install a convex mirror to help with site distance at Chestnut Drive and West Sugar Mountain Road. After discussion, the Supervisors decided to table this until there is more information and/or a traffic study or an assessment is made of the intersection by our engineer.

Our insurance company requested a fire proof cabinet be used for fuel cans. Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Mr. Sivick to purchase a Justrite 45 gal 2 dr safety cabinet from Montague Tool & Supply Co. at \$799.95. Unanimous.

**LEGAL:** Attorney Bernathy reported that he spoke with Gary Hayes concerning the dangerous structure complaint filed with the Magistrate. At the hearing held on January 12, 2017, Mr Hayes agreed to complete the cleanup process of the property before the continuation hearing date of February 13, 2017. We will then withdraw the complaint and he will pay the Township costs for pursuing the matter.

Attorney Bernathy distributed documents for the Supervisors to review with regard to a counter claim against Northeast Construction by the Township.

Mr. Rohner reported that there was a dangerous structure hearing held on October 5, 2016 concerning Mark, Judith and Jeffery Kass, Lot 130, Phase 1 Underhill Drive in the Glen at Tamiment. The Kasses were given 60 days to either repair or demolish the building. We have not heard from them and Attorney Bernathy is directed to file a complaint with the Magistrate.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Mr. Sivick. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Couza*  
Assistant Secretary