

February 27, 2018
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Richard C. Vollmer, Vice Chairman, Theresa Laino, Supervisor. Donald Karpowich, Township Solicitor and MaryAnn Conza, Assistant Sec/Treas. Absent: Jon Tresslar, P.E.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018 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 Ms. Laino to approve the payment of the bills on List #1, List #2 and the transfers as presented. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING – DANGEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING, 4115 BEAR CUB COURT, POCONO RANGLANDS:

Mr. James Michael Mazzone was present at this dangerous structure hearing. His home was gutted by a fire on October 1, 2017. Mr. Mazzone did not have insurance on this home.

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter. The transcript made part of these minutes on file. After testimony from Mr. Mazzone, a motion was made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to continue the hearing for April 10th at 10:30 a.m. Unanimous. Mr. Mazzone will attend either by phone or in person.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. FIRE POLICE AFFIDAVITS - Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF AUDITOR DIANE HINSON:

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Vollmer to accept the resignation of Auditor Diane Hinson. Unanimous. The township has 30 (thirty) days to replace her.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 330, ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS (WATER AUTHORITY)

The Water Authority abandoned the development of a water system and have deeded the lots held by the Authority to the Township. Said lots are Lot 74 Section 4, Lot 143 Section 4 and Lot 192A Section 4, all in Pocono Mountain Lake Estates. These lots have been recorded and the Resolution to accept them has been signed.

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to accept these deeds and Resolution No. 330. Unanimous.

Attorney Karpowich will bring the recorded easement rights and resolutions for the Supervisors to accept at next month's meeting.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 331, WATER AUTHORITY'S PROMISSORY NOTES

The Township funded the Water Authority \$360,000 toward the development of a water system and the Authority has paid back \$262,000, leaving \$1,763.61 in their checking account for remaining bills.

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to accept Resolution No. 331 accepting the \$262,000 as payment in full from the Water Authority and write off the remaining amount. Unanimous. There is a balance of \$1,763.61 in the Authority's checking account for any remaining bills.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 332, BUILDING CODES' FEE SCHEDULE

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve Resolution No. 332, Building Codes' Fee Schedule which: 1) designates BIU as the third party inspecting agency, 2) approves the contract that was executed with BIU to provide the inspection services and, 3) adopts the fee schedule that the Township is operating with through BIU as third party inspectors. Unanimous.

5. APPROVE PIKE COUNTY'S HUMANE SOCIETY'S PET HEALTH CLINIC ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Vollmer to approve Pike County's Humane Society's Pet Health Clinic on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Unanimous.

6. APPROVE SAFE HAVEN'S SAFETY FAIR ON SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH AT THE MUNICIPAL FIELDS DURING BYA'S USE

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Vollmer to approve Safe Haven's Safety Fair on Saturday, April 7th at the municipal fields during BYA's use. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND FIELD

2. TOWNSHIP WILL RECEIVE ON MARCH 1ST FOR STATE LIQUID FUELS \$296,168.71 AND FOR ROAD TURNBACK \$21,240.00

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Karpowich reported that he received two engineering proposals for expert services in connection with litigation:

- Riley & Associates proposed fee schedule: Principal Engineer \$175.00 per hour, Support Staff between \$150.00 and \$65.00, estimate of \$2,000.00 for material costs for core boring and \$200.00 per hour, if needed for deposition & testimony, for ½ day minimum.
- RJD Engineering for the same types of services: Site inspector between \$120.00 and \$55.00 per hour.

Both firms are qualified to assist us with the matter.

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to appoint Riley & Associates. Unanimous.

Attorney Karpowich asked for a motion for the issuance of a written reprimand. Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Mr. Vollmer. Unanimous.

POCONO/PIKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT REPORT:

Ms. Laino reported that there was a 20 minute presentation from A&H Equipment. This company deals with trucks, dumps, ice and snow removal. The remainder of the meeting was discussion on the new map for the congressional seats.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR / ROADMASTER:

Tim Rohner, Public Works Director/Roadmaster reported work being done on trucks and equipment. Truck #914 new brakes and passed State inspection. Crew has been out plowing/cindering from recent storms. Cut brush on Brisco Mountain Road, Thurner Road and Emery Road. Filled pot holes on Township roads. Working at the park and caretaker's house. Parts ordered for Truck #909 (exhaust system). Truck #915 had to be towed to Whitmore's garage for clutch replacement and transmission work. Brooming township roads. Installed a new Hinline Road sign that was stolen. Cleaned up Pine Ridge and Tamiment recycling sites.

1. ROAD TASK FORCE REPORT

Tim Rohner reported attending the Road Task Force meeting on February 15th. There are no new updates for SR 2001 Milford Road project. Work is ongoing. There was a presentation on dirt and gravel roads.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. and move to an Executive Session concerning litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Conza
Assistant Secretary