

February 26, 2019
Tuesday, 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

Chairman Robert Rohner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Also present were Richard Vollmer, Vice Chairman, Theresa Laino, Supervisor and Mary Ann Conza, Assistant Sec / Treas. Absent: Jon Tresslar, P.E., Township Engineer and Donald Karpowich, Township Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of February 19, 2019 as presented. Unanimous.

APPROVE 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. GUNITE PROJECT – BRISCOE MT. & EAST SUGAR MT. ROADS

Tabled.

2. CORRESPONDENCE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN SUNSET ACRES - ROADS

Tabled.

3. PROPOSED PENNDOT AGREEMENT FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE-TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MILES TO TOWNSHIP LINE ON BUSHKILL FALLS ROAD

The Supervisors will do an inspection of these two (2) additional miles following today's meeting.

4. BUSHKILL OUTREACH BUILDING:

Tabled.

5. BUSHKILL VILLAGE PLAN:

Bill Collins, of Simone Collins, distributed a FLAP Planning Project Budget Overview consisting of 3 tasks:

1. Park Shuttle Park & Ride and Shuttle Stops -
Budget total: \$131,370, 80% FHWA share \$105,096, Township share \$26,274

2. Highway Access, Safety, Ped Improvements –
Budget total: \$122,410, 80% FHWA share \$97,928, Township share \$24,482
3. McDade Trail / Bushkill Creek Ped/Bike Bridge-
Budget total: \$79,820, 80% FHWA share \$63,856, Township share \$15,964

Mr. Collins suggested the Township set up a meeting with the Park Service. Mr. Rohner stated that it appears the Park Service is not interested in this plan and has no interest in attending a meeting with the Township. This project started in 2009.

Mr. Collins stated that he has been trying to set up a meeting with the Park Service since part of this project is inside the Park. John Donahue did not want the park & ride to be in the Park and suggested it be south and outside of the Park. We agreed and this went into the grant application which the Park supported. Because it made sense, the Monroe County Transit Authority supported the grant application and the Federal Highway Administration funded it. The Monroe County Transit Authority had the idea to bring in regional bus service as well. The Township has already met with Monroe County, the Transit Authority, Pike County, and Middle Smithfield Township. This is a very strong partnership.

The Park Service is not an essential partner to the park & ride part of the project and the Township can move ahead with it. If the Supervisors agree, Mr. Collins will prepare a service agreement between the Township and Simone Collins to execute on Task 1 only. The Township has full control and the contract will not include the Park Service. They wanted to be a partner when we applied, we were awarded the funds and hopefully they will again want to be a partner. The Supervisors will discuss it.

Mr. Rohner mentioned that the Township is compiling information, which include photos, for a report that will be given to our Congressmen, Senators and the Director for Park Services for this Region, telling them that we have had enough of their decaying buildings in our Township and the decaying of Route 209. The Park Service shows nothing but disrespect to the people who live here, with these buildings. We were unable to get a pavilion over the train platform because of a tree that still lays there after the March storm. They want us to lease a building that has an addition that is rotting and falling out from the bottom.

One of the things that came out of the Bushkill Conservation Study was that the Park was going to become a maintenance partner in the Bushkill area. The agreement was prepared and they never signed it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **APPROVE DISABLED VETERANS REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION FOR CHARLES L. VANNEMAN:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve disabled veterans real property tax exemption certification for Charles L. Vanneman. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. **SCHEDULE SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 17TH FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AND SATURDAY, MAY 18TH FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.:**

POCONO MT. & PIKE COUNTY COG REPORT(S):

Tabled.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ROADMASTER REPORT:

Tabled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Ms. Laino to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Conza
Assistant Secretary