

March 5, 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, Donald Karpowich, Township Solicitor and Mary Ann Conza, Assistant Sec / Treas. Absent: Jon Tresslar, P.E., Township Engineer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Tabled.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN SUNSET ACRES - ROADS**

The Township will forward correspondence to the owners stating that if the roads are brought to Township specifications, the Township will accept a deed of dedication. If a majority of owners agree, we will have the Township engineer do an assessment of the roads. PennDOT will be contacted to see if the roads qualify for liquid fuels. Attorney Karpowich will need the legal description to prepare a road dedication proposal. Attorney Karpowich will draft a letter to the property owners stating that the Township is considering taking their roads and inform them what is required of them.

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. PA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY – ROAD BOND:**

PA American Water's project on Winona Falls Road has damaged the road. There is a repair estimate of \$4,100. We contacted them again in January 2019 concerning the damage. They responded that the asphalt plant will open the end of this month and they will be making the repair at that time. If they do not make the repair by May 1, 2019, the Township will contract to have the work done and bill them for the cost. Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Ms. Laino to give them until May 1, 2019 to repair the road or we will have it repaired and bill them. Unanimous.

Attorney Karpowich will send the Road Opening application along with the correspondence to PA American Water Company.

Attorney Karpowich will amend the Road Opening Ordinance protecting township roads when there are road cuts. A letter of credit or escrow money will be needed in the future.

**2. KELBY SMITH FIRE – THE FALLS**

Stanley Whittaker, Zoning Officer, reported that there was a fire in 2016 involving 3 units at The Falls. Two of them have been re-built, received a certificate of occupancy and fire escrow returned.

Kelby Smith's unit was never rebuilt and he wanted his escrow money released. He contacted an attorney and we agreed that he would clean up the site and we would write a check to the contractor for the cleanup portion only. This has been done and the balance in the escrow account is a little over \$2,000. Currently there is a subfloor that is starting to rot and the owner is doing nothing to correct it. The subfloor should be removed and the wall pushed in.

The recommendation from Attorney Karpowich is to write to The Falls Homeowners Association asking them to take care of this situation under their covenants and the Township would consider releasing the balance of the escrow money to the Association. Another option is for the Association to put up the wall and the township will remove the foundation and backfill.

**3. REQUEST OF PIKE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY TO HOLD A PET ADOPTION DAY AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10 – 3:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the request of Pike County Humane Society to hold a pet adoption day at the municipal building on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-3. Unanimous.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - LITIGATION**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Ms. Laino to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Conza  
Assistant Secretary