

March 12, 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, Jon Tresslar, P.E., Township Engineer and Mary Ann Conza, Assistant Sec / Treas. Absent: Donald Karpowich, Township Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of February 26, 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.

ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; ALL FUNDS, FOR THE MONTH ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2019:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended February 28, 2019. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Tresslar reported that he wrote to Brian Mackowski, Application Manager for DEP, giving a detailed explanation of what we are trying to do and presented arguments as to why we should be able to move forward under a GP11 permit. This permit process is quicker and cost less.

Mr. Mackowski responded that whatever permit we are applying for, we need an H&H Study to determine how much runoff is coming down the mountain and routed through the pipe, what impact it will have to the surrounding land upstream and downstream. The cost will be between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

We need to go through the same process whether we repair or replace the pipe. Mr. Tresslar is proposing that we do an H&H (Hydraulic & Hydrology) Study and if we can prove that there are no negative impacts, we should again ask for a GP11 permit.

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Ms. Laino to conduct an H&H Study. Unanimous.

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

Supervisors Rohner & Laino with Public Works Director Tim Rohner took the ride last week to inspect the road. There is a spot to turn around that is located in Porter Township and belongs to a hunt club. We will need permission from them. After discussion about us having to add an additional truck and manpower to cover the remaining 8 miles of material, it was decided to reach out to Porter, who subs out their snow plowing, and inquire why not sub out the remainder of the road, since PennDOT is paying for it anyway.

4. BUSHKILL OUTREACH BUILDING:

Tabled.

5. BUSHKILL VILLAGE PLAN – FLAP GRANT:

The Supervisors met with Bill Collins last week who stated that we can move forward without the Park Service because the park and ride will be outside of the park. His office spoke with DCNR, who will be putting out these funds, and asked when we will be getting this money. DCNR responded that as long as the Township continues to work with the cooperative agreement with the Park Service, we'll assume the agreement will be reached, and our ownership and control requirement will be met. The funds is not an issue, as long as the agreement is in progress or complete.

Mr. Rohner stated that it is not in progress nor complete because the Park Service does not return our phone calls. We have a conservation plan and if the Park Service wants to work with us to enhance the park in the future, that will be great.

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Ms. Laino not to move forward with the FLAP Grant at this time.

Mr. Rohner, with the assistance of Bill Collins of Simone Collins, will continue to work on the report concerning the blight in our area caused by the Park Service and forward it to our Senators and Congressmen.

One of John Donahue's final acts as the Park's Superintendent, was to stop their installation of gates at the top of Brodhead Road, Little Egypt Road and Brisco Mountain Road, to be used when they close Rte 209. We need to put up our own gates at the top of these roads so people don't drive down before finding out Rte 209 was closed by the Park Service.

ADDENDUM 1:

We need to have the contaminated dirt from the caretaker's heating oil leak, removed from the park.

ADDENDUM 2:

The garage section of the municipal building needs renovating. Mr. Tresslar will prepare bid packets to go out for the cost to remove and replace the roof, siding, garage doors and entrance doors. Mr. Tresslar will take measurements and some photos of the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. BOY SCOUT TROOP #87 CHARTER – FRANCIS OQUENDO:

Mr. Oquendo had to cancel and will be at the March 26th Supervisors' meeting.

2. MAGISTERIAL JUDGE PAUL MENDITTO STATE OF THE COURT REPORT:

Tabled.

3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:

We need to update the Township Comprehensive Plan that was completed in 2001. Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to get a quote from Mr. Collins to update the plan for us. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. REQUEST OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 87 TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL CAMPOREE THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 7TH:

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Ms. Laino to approve the request of Boy Scout Troop 87 to hold their annual Camporee the weekend of September 7th. Unanimous.

2. THE PIKE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY WILL HOLD A PET ADOPTION DAY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH FROM 10-3

3. 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.

4. REQUEST OF MT. STREAM BAPTIST CHURCH THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.:

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Mr. Vollmer to approve the request of Mt. Stream Baptist Church to use the Community Park on Saturday, August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Unanimous.

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

No reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ROADMASTER REPORT:

Tim Rohner, Public Works Director, reported working on trucks and equipment, working on bathroom at the Annex, crew has been busy with storms, picking up trash on township roads, cleaned up recycling area at Tamiment and replaced hot water heater at park.

Paving projects for this year include: Re-bid for Brodhead Road; East Sugar Mountain overlay from VanWhy Road to Wickes Road- ½ mile; a binder leveling base in Section 5A from Rte 2001 to the four way intersection -1 mile.

Tim Rohner is proposing to do about 4 miles of surface treatment with fog seal on the following:

Section 5A inner loop and pick up where they left off paving (1.6 miles), Sunset Lake Road (1.7 miles) and Log & Twig Road (.5 mile).

Mr. Tresslar will work on bid packets for the paving and the surface treatment with fog seal. We could get all the bids in at one time and state in the specs when the notice to proceed is going to be. Include replacing the lines.

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to put out for bid paving those projects. Unanimous.

We will get a cost for paving at the park from the road leading down to the front office and towards the caretaker's home.

ROAD TASK FORCE:

No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Ms. Laino to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Couza
Assistant Secretary