

May 27, 2021
Thursday 3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Also present were Theresa Laino, Vice Chair, Aaron Springs, Supervisor, Sean Logsdon, Township Solicitor, Ambulance Service Review Committee members Kyle Rohner, Township EMS Director, Sally Bensley, Susanne Duffy, and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Mrs. Duffy to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Rohner corrected his statement that Bushkill Emergency Corp responded to 1/3 of the total calls for Lehman Township for the past year. The figure stated were actually Bushkill's calls responded to in January 2021 only. Mr. Rohner received a report from the Monroe County Control Center showing that 17½% of ambulance calls made in Lehman Township were responded to by other ambulance services. Mrs. Duffy stated that figure should not be higher than 10%.

Mr. Rohner pointed out a correspondence distributed to members of the committee received from Delaware Township offering employees for ambulance services to Lehman Township. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the \$3,000.00 donated to Bushkill Emergency Corp by Lehman Township and how it was spent. There is only \$33.87 left in the account. There is nothing showing who was paid out of the account, only the dollar amounts paid. Lehman Township asked the account the money is deposited into be named Bushkill Emergency Corp Lehman Township Funds– this hasn't been done to date. Until the account name is changed and it is shown how the money was spent no more money will be dispersed to Bushkill Emergency Corp.

Mr. Rohner also included in the meeting packet for the committee a copy of what comes out of the second-class township code when it comes to special tax levies, specially ambulance corps. The township can only enact up to .5 mill tax, beyond that it will have to go before the voters to approve up to 2 mills. Mr. Rohner received a call from Matt Osterberg, Pike County Commissioner, who informed Mr. Rohner that if a township enacts up to 2 mills tax, the county is considering matching those funds.

Mr. Rohner is in receipt of a volunteer list from Bushkill Emergency Corp which was requested by the insurance company. There is a question as to whether those on the list are actually volunteers for Bushkill Emergency Corp or employees of Eastern Monroe Leasing & Training (EML&T).

There was a discussion regarding pay reports received from Bushkill Emergency Corp and EML&T, specifically volunteer time versus paid time. Also discussed were monies paid to EML&T by Bushkill Emergency Corps for hours worked by EML&T employees.

Mr. Rohner asked Kyle Rohner to contact the business manager for Lackawanna EMS to get a few dates she is available to meet with the Lehman Township Ambulance Service Review Committee.

Kyle Rohner reached out to Nick DeWitt of Glick Fire Equipment to get prices for ambulances. Mr. DeWitt is working on prices for ambulance quotes for 3 different styles of rigs equipped with stretchers & mounts, O2 lifts, etc. Mr. Springs questioned whether used rigs should be looked into. The committee responded that they would rather purchase new ones.

Mr. Springs asked if a location for the ambulance service has been decided. Mr. Rohner responded that the ambulance service can run out of the township building in the beginning. Kyle Rohner feels it would be best to have 2 locations – one in the north part of the township and one in the south portion.

Kyle Rohner inquired about billing township taxpayers for ambulance services. The general consensus is to bill the insurance companies only. Residents will not be billed. The percentage of residents without insurance was brought up. Kyle mentioned that if the response is to an automobile accident the auto insurance company can be billed.

The possibility of putting a referendum on the ballot asking voters if they would be in favor of a tax increase to fund an ambulance service was discussed. Mr. Logsdon will look into what is needed to get the question on the ballot.

There being no further business motion made by Mr. Rohner to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 P.M. second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary