

**June 10, 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, Mike Lamoreaux, Township Engineer, Stanley Whittaker, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF May 13, 2021:**

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

**AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS ON LIST #1, LIST #2 AND THE TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING: ANDREW F. FEDOR APPEAL HEARING – THE HEARING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED ON THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. BRISCO MT. ROAD CULVERT:**

Mr. Lamoreaux informed the supervisors that the survey proposal submitted by Kiley Associates needs to be signed. Motion made by Mr. Rohner to approve the proposal submitted by Kiley Associates second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

**2. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER – APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM SEARCH FOR ARCHAEOLOGY STUDY AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT:**

Mr. Lamoreaux stated the Delaware Tribe most likely has their own archaeologic consultant who he speculates has conducted an archaeology study. Phase 1A of the study is a desktop study where they looked through documents and found evidence that there could be some artifacts on the land. Phase 1B is where they actually hand dig in some areas to see if they find anything. Mr. Lamoreaux hasn't received confirmation from USDA as to whether they are considering the Delaware Tribes correspondence as Phase 1A which will automatically put the project into Phase 1B or if they are considering it a consultation which would mean the township will have undertake Phase 1A and Phase 1B. The only possible conflict would be if the consultant for Search does not find evidence of artifacts on the land and says there is no need to dig. The concern then would be the reaction from the Delaware Tribe. Mr. Lamoreaux sent an email to USDA to ask if they are considering what the Delaware Tribe consultants have found in their study as an official Phase 1A and if they are if they are, can they please forward the evidence to Lehman Township. Mr. Lamoreaux will follow up with a phone call.

The discussion then turned to the maintenance agreement with Bushkill Outreach. Mr. Rohner asked if there were any questions about the proposed agreement. Mr. Rohner discussed the responsibilities of Bushkill Outreach and Lehman Township. The township will take care of things such as snow plowing, roof repairs, etc. and Bushkill Outreach will be responsible for smaller repairs/upkeep of the building. Motion made by Mr. Rohner to approve the Maintenance Agreement between the Bushkill Outreach and Lehman Township as presented second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous. Mr. Logsdon will finalize the agreement and circulate it to the necessary parties.

**3. BIG EGYPT ROAD – VACATING:**

Mr. Lamoreaux stated the property deeds for the area have been pulled and they don't have enough information on them to be exact in regards to the descriptions for dimensions. He will send what he has to Mr. Logsdon for him to determine if there is enough information on them or if a survey of the properties will be necessary. Mr. Lamoreaux pointed out that the township is not vacating a road, but a right of way. Mr. Logsdon feels he may need exact measurements, but will verify.

**4. RASTOGI SHORT-TERM RENTAL APPEAL HEARING DECISION:**

Motion made by Mr. Rohner to deny the Rastogi appeal second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous.

**5. REAL ESTATE TAX AND EIT REDUCTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BUSHKILL FIRE COMPANY:**

Mr. Logsdon discussed the process to reduce the real estate EIT taxes. Mr. Rohner pointed out if you are a volunteer in the fire company and you own a home you will get a reduction on your real estate taxes; if you don't own a home, you will get a reduction on your EIT taxes. Mr. Logsdon discussed the 2-step process to enact these reductions. First an ordinance needs to be created and sent to the Office of the State Fire Commission. Next, a Resolution needs to be passed to outline the criteria to qualify for the tax reduction.

Motion made by Mr. Rohner for Mr. Logsdon to prepare the ordinance for the supervisors to review second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Lamoreaux asked if the township has done anything about the guiderail damage on Winona Falls Road. Mr. Rohner responded the township already has a bid for the work and the guiderail is scheduled for repair next week.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- 1. THE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IS BEING INSTALLED AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**
- 2. THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE HELD BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO THE AMERICAN LEGION.**

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the Fourth of July Parade beginning at 11:00 A.M. at the Municipal Building to the American Legion. Unanimous.

**3. APPROVE THE BLUES FEST AND CAR SHOW ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH. TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the Blues Fest and car show on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, times to be announced. Unanimous.

**POCONO MT/PIKE COUNTY COG REPORT(S):**

Tabled.

**ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

Tabled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 P.M to go into executive session litigation PENDOT made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe  
Assistant Secretary