

**August 12, 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, Stanley Whittaker, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary. Mike Lamoreaux, Township Engineer was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

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

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs 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 JUNE 30, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended June 30, 2021. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BRISCO MT. ROAD CULVERT:

Mr. Lamoreaux was not present at the meeting. However, Mr. Rohner spoke with him and was informed they are waiting for an update from the surveyor.

2. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER: A MEETING WITH THE PIKE COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND BUSHKILL OUTREACH REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Mr. Rohner received information from Mr. Lamoreaux that the archaeological review company is doing more research on the parking lot at the community center. They are aware it has been a parking lot since the 1920's and there has been a lot of construction in that area. However, USDA wants more information. Mr. Lamoreaux is waiting to speak with Kelly Green of USDA to find out exactly what they are looking for.

3. BIG EGYPT ROAD – VACATING: SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF BIG EGYPT ROAD:

The date for the public hearing is set for October 14, 2021.

The date for the public hearing for the updated Comprehensive Plan is set for September 9, 2021.

4. REAL ESTATE TAX AND EIT FOR MEMBERS OF THE BUSHKILL FIRE COMPANY: A MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED WITH THE BUSHKILL FIRE COMPANY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

There is a meeting scheduled for August 19, 2021 at 7 P.M. in the township meeting room.

5. PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUANCE – ANDREW F. FEDOR APPEAL HEARING:

Mr. Rohner will call Mr. Fedor to ask for his consent to waive the 45-day limit for the continuance. If he agrees, the hearing will be scheduled for September 9, 2021.

6. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 128 OF 2014 – MUNICIPAL WASTE, PLANNING, RECYCLING REDUCTION ACT:

The public hearing date for the amendment to Ordinance NO. 128 of 2014 is set for October 14, 2021.

7. ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENTS:

The zoning ordinance amendment is waiting for the revised version of the map. The subdivision and land developments ordinance amendments are being addressed by Mr. Karpowich.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. APPROVE EXONERATION OF 2021 TAXES FOR THOSE PROPERTIES EXPOSED TO JUDICIAL SALE ON MAY 5, 2021:**

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve exoneration of 2021 taxes for those properties exposed to Judicial Sale on May 5, 2021. Unanimous.

- 2. APPROVE THE OPENING OF A NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH WAYNE BANK FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS RECEIVED (PAYMENT #1 - \$534,755):**

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the opening of a new checking account with Wayne Bank for the American Rescue Plan funds received (Payment #1 - \$534,755). Unanimous.

- 3. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2021 CATERPILLAR CB2.7 03A UTILITY COMPACTOR COSTARS CONTRACT. \$40,800.00:**

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the purchase of a new 2021 Caterpillar CB2.7 03A Utility Compactor Costars contract in the amount of \$40,800. Unanimous.

- 4. APPROVE DISABLED VETERAN REAL PROPERT TAX EXEMPTION FOR MICHAEL TIMMERMAN:**

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve disabled veteran real property tax exemption for Michael Timmerman. Unanimous.

- 5. APPROVE DISABLED VETERAN REAL PROPERT TAX EXEMPTION FOR MICHAEL SANTILLO:**

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve disabled veteran real property tax exemption for Michael Santillo. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 1. THE BLUES FEST AND CAR SHOW WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH. CAR SHOW NOON - 4:00 P.M. CONCERT 1:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

POCONO MT/PIKE COUNTY COG REPORT(S):

The County Commissioners will pay each township or borough up to 2 mills for emergency service. For Lehman Township this amount will be approximately \$360,000. Motion made by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino to participate in the commissioners payment of 2 mills as it relates to emergency services and to send a letter to the commissioners.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Roadmaster Tim Rohner reported work continues on trucks and equipment. The roads have been broomed due to the severe thunderstorms. Brush has been cut on Brisco Mt. Road and Little Egypt Road.

Trucks #909 & #917 passed state inspection. New street signs have been put up on Winona Falls Road and West Sugar Mt. Road. Potholes have been filled on township roads. The recycling sites have been cleaned at the township building, Pine Ridge, Ranchlands and Tamiment. The split rail fence has been installed by the new slide at the playground. The site lines and shoulders have been mowed. Clean up from clean up days continues. All lines have been painted on township roads. Marc & Billy have been working on the benches and BBQs at the township ballfield. Garbage has been picked up on Winona Falls Road and Timothy Lake Road (51 bags), West Sugar Mt. Rd (27 bags) and Brodhead Rd (17 bags). New entry doors have been installed on the township building. The roof was removed from the caretakers house over the deck and installed over the ramp at the caretakers house. The drains and ditches on the township roads were cleaned. New litter signs were installed on Brodhead Road for the Springs family. All fire extinguishers have been serviced and inspected. Work is being done at the park in preparation for the Blues Fest and Car Show.

The last Road Task Force meeting was held on July 15th; work continues on the Milford Road project. The next Road Task Force meeting will be on August 19th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION (PENNDOT & NORTHEAST SITE):

Mr. Rohner asked Mr. Logsdon if there is a need for an executive session – are there any updates in PENNDOT or the Northeast Site. Mr. Logsdon responded he has nothing new on either issue.

Mr. Logsdon reported he is working to obtain the DEA number for the ambulance service. He also informed those in attendance he participated in a zoom call with the Attorney General’s office regarding the opioid litigation settlement. It looks like there is an opportunity on the table to settle nationally all of the opioid litigation. There may be \$1.2 billion in Pennsylvania that may be distributed directly to opioid relief. Mr. Logsdon will keep a close eye on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 P.M by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary