

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
THURSDAY, 3:00 P.M.

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 AUGUST 12, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2021:

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of August 20, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 30, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the August 30, 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.

ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; ALL FUNDS, FOR THE MONTH ENDED JULY 31, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended July 31, 2021. Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING: UPDATE TO THE TOWNSHIP'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Mr. Rohner opened the public hearing at 3:08 P.M. Mr. Collins of Simone Collins commented that it was a pleasure working with the Lehman Township Supervisors and Planning Commission on this project. Mr. Rohner commented that the township is in the process of forming an ambulance service. In light of this fact, Bushkill Emergency Corp needs to be replaced with Lehman Pike EMS in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Collins will make the change. Motion by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino to adopt the revised Comprehensive Plan for Lehman Township. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs to close the public hearing at 3:11 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

BRISCO MT. ROAD CULVERT:

Mr. Lamoreaux commented the field survey work is complete and he is waiting for the survey. He also commented he is working on the budget for the repairs.

BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT:

Mr. Rohner asked Mr. Lamoreaux what the next step is now that the Search Report has been completed. Mr. Lamoreaux is waiting for a response from Kelly Green of USDA. Mr. Lamoreaux asked if the maintenance agreement has been completed. Mr. Rohner responded the agreement is almost complete.

BIG EGYPT ROAD – VACATING: PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 14, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.:

Mr. Logsdon reported the required notices to be sent to adjoining property owners have been prepared and will be mailed. Mr. Lamoreaux was notified that his engineering connection in the park service, Rich McKenna will be leaving the park service effective October 1.

Mr. Springs discussed a pipe on Brisco Mt. Road that washed out from the last heavy rains. This pipe needs to be replaced and a permit is required. Mr. Lamoreaux will inspect the area to determine what permitting is required.

Mr. Whittaker questioned if Mr. Lamoreaux has any information about repairs on the Creek Road bridge. Mr. Lamoreaux responded the bridge is on the county list for repairs prior to 2025.

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

Mr. Logsdon has the draft of the ordinance prepared as well as the guidelines. Mr. Logsdon is waiting for clarification on the 20% cap before finalizing the ordinance. He will have the documents to the supervisors as soon he gets the clarification.

A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 128 OF 2013 – MUNICIPAL WASTE, PLANNING, RECYCLING REDUCTION ACT WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 14, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M.:

ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Mr. Logsdon is still working to finalize this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY’S SAW CREEK WELLS 2 & 3 TREATMENT PROJECT:

Jeremy Nelson, project manager for PA American Water for the Saw Creek Wells 2 & 3 Treatment Project discussed the project. They are proposing a building on Snowden Road to house filters for a new filtration system for the wells to filter out the iron and manganese in the water and improve the water quality & quantity. The old building will be removed and replaced with the proposed building. They still have to go to the DEP to obtain the public water supply permit. They hope to have all the required permits and begin the project by spring of 2022. Motion by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve PA American Water Company’s Saw Creek Wells 2 & 3 treatment project. Unanimous.

APPROVE DISABLED VETERAN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR TRACIE L. STEVENS:

Motion by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs to approve disabled veteran real property tax exemption for Tracie L. Stevens. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE 2022 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP’S PENSION PLAN FOR \$63,550.00:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the 2022 minimum municipal obligation for the township’s pension plan for \$63,550.00. Unanimous.

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

Tabled.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Roadmaster Tim Rohner reported that work continues on trucks and equipment. The recycling sites have been cleaned up at the township building and Tamiment. Potholes have been filled on the township roads. The park was cleaned up from the car show and Blues Fest. Clean up from clean up days continues. The crew has been brooming the roads from the thunderstorms. New front tires, and an alignment were done on truck #917. Work has been done on the doors on the township building. Trash has been picked up on the township roads. Work has been done on the playground at the township ballfield. The shoulders have been fixed on East Sugar Mt. Rd. and Sunset Lake Rd. Drains were cleaned on Minks Pond Rd., Brisco Mt. Rd. and Emery Rd. Mr. Rohner completed the Class C Operators Refresher course for gas/diesel tanks for 2021. Repairs to salt bins #1 & 2 were done. Site lines were mowed. Truck #912 passed state inspection. The Lehman Township Car Show and Blues Fest had a good turnout. The Road Task Force meeting was on August 19. Paving has started on Milford Rd. The next meeting is September 16th.

Mr. Logsdon informed the supervisors the rental registration ordinance should be ready for review at the next supervisors meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION (PENNDOT & NORTHEAST SITE):

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 P.M and go into executive session, litigation PENNDOT and Northeast Site Contractors made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary