

MINUTES

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:05 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2021:

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2021:

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2021:

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2021:

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the minutes of the September 23, 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 AUGUST 31, 2021:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BRISCO MT. ROAD CULVERT:

Mr. Lamoreaux reported he has received the complete survey for this project, and his report is 95% complete. He will have it to the supervisors for review as soon as it is finished.

2. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT – MAINTENACE AGREEMENT:

The maintenance agreement has been signed by members of Bushkill Outreach. Motion by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino to approve the Bushkill Outreach & Community Center Maintenance Agreement. Unanimous.

3. BIG EGYPT ROAD – VACATING: PUBLIC HEARING POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 18, 2021.

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

Mr. Logsdon presented the supervisors with the revised ordinance for review prior to this meeting. Once the review is complete a date for a public hearing will be set.

5. A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 128 OF 2013 – MUNICIPAL WASTE, PLANNING, RECYCLING REDUCTION ACT HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 18, 2021.

6. ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Mr. Logsdon is planning to have this ready for the Planning Commission meeting in November.

7. LEHMAN PIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

The chase vehicle has been delivered and one of the ambulances should be in a week or two. Mr. Rohner contacted Volunteers Financing Services to discuss financing options for the second ambulance. Mr. Rohner presented three financing options to the Board of Supervisors. These financing options are a part of these minutes on file. Motion by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs to approve the option of financing \$264,841.79 with no money down, monthly payments of \$3998.82, and an interest rate of 3.14%. (Resolution No. 369) Unanimous. Mr. Rohner has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 20 with Dempsey Uniform to discuss uniform options for the EMS crew. All radios for the EMS crew and fire company have been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ACCEPT NEW COPIER QUOTE:

Three quotes for new copiers have been received:

- TGI lease for 2 new copiers and a wide format copier with a 63-month lease @ \$377.00 per month. The existing copier in the main office will be moved to the zoning office.

- Cyan/Sky lease for 3 new copiers and a wide format copier with a 60-month lease @ \$755.00 per month.
- TOPP Copy lease for 2 new copiers, 1 used copier, and a wide format copier with a 60-month lease @ \$426.00 per month.

Motion by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to award a 63-month copier contract to TGI. Unanimous.

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

There was no Zoom for the Pocono Mt COG meeting so Ms. Laino did not attend. The meeting for Pike County COG was the elected officials conference. Ms. Laino did get into a discussion with Senator Lisa Baker about a state senator who is trying to subpoena personal voter information.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Roadmaster Tim Rohner reported that work on trucks and equipment continues. The recycling sites at the township building, Pine Ridge, and Tamiment were cleaned. The back yard was cleaned up from clean up days. There were 39 40-yard and 29 30-yard dumpsters used this year for clean-up – a total of 68 dumpsters. The shoulders of township roads have been mowed. Truck #920 was lettered at Simplex. Work was done on the ambulance bay at the township building. New fuel tanks were installed on trucks #915 & #917. A headwall was repaired in PMLE Section 5A. Shoulders were repaired on Minks Pond Road and East Sugar Mountain Road. Trucks #921, #915, old #915 and the recycle truck all passed state inspection. Site lines were mowed on township roads. Brush was cut on Sunset Lake Road and Log & Twig Road. The guiderail was repaired on Brodhead Road. Concrete pads were poured for the new benches at the township ballfield. The BBQ grills by the township pavilion were finished. Sunset Lake Road was prepared for asphalt. The township generator was inspected and fueled up. There was a free dog training event held at the township park with over 12 people attending. The next Road Task Force meeting will be on October 21.

Mr. Whittaker discussed the low fine amounts being put forth by District Magistrate Paul Menditto. Recently Mr. Whittaker went before Magistrate Menditto regarding a burning violation which carries a fine in the amount of \$300 - \$1000 according to Lehman Township Ordinance # 128 which was passed when Mr. Menditto was a township supervisor – the ordinance carries his signature. Mr. Menditto issued a fine in the amount of \$25 and told the violator that he believed his story over Mr. Whittaker, who is the Township Zoning officer, more than one time. This is not the first time the fine amount has been set to a low amount; most fines are under the \$300.00 minimum. Mr. Whittaker attempted to set up a meeting with Attorney Logsdon, himself, and Magistrate Menditto to discuss this issue but Mr. Menditto declined.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 P.M and go into Executive Session, personnel and litigation (Northeast Site), made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary

