

**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, Susanne Duffy, Lehman/Pike EMS Administrator, and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2021:**

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2021:**

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the November 9, 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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2021:**

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

**ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; ALL FUNDS, FOR THE MONTH ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2021**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING: TENANT REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (NO. 146):**

Mr. Logsdon announced all public hearings were advertised in the Pocono Record.

Mr. Rohner opened the hearing at 3:03 P.M. Mr. Logsdon informed all in attendance this as an amendment to Ordinance No. 86. This amendment is being done to have the length of long term and short-term rentals conform with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. No public comments were received. Motion by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs to close the hearing at 3:06 P.M. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING: RECYCLING & WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (NO. 147):**

Mr. Rohner opened the hearing at 3:07 P.M. This ordinance is an amendment to Ordinance No.128. Mr. Logsdon explained the 3 amendments to the ordinance. This amendment will result in better enforcement and a better ability to collect judgments on violations. No public comments were received. Motion by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino to close the meeting and pass the Ordinance Amendment (No. 147) at 3:22 P.M. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING: GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE ORDINANCE-BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER (NO. 148):**

Mr. Rohner opened the hearing at 3:23 P.M. Mr. Logsdon explained this ordinance is in accordance with the Local Government Debt Borrowing Act. It allows for a general obligation note not to exceed 5 million dollars for Bushkill Outreach & Community Center. The estimated general obligation of the township is \$4,324,950. There is a contract in place with ESSA Bank & Trust for this amount with an interest rate of 2.4%. No public comments were received. Motion by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino to close the hearing and pass Ordinance No. 148 at 3:37 P.M. Unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Tabled.

**2. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT – REVISED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT:**

Mr. Logsdon will send the revised maintenance agreement to the supervisors for approval next week.

**3. BIG EGYPT ROAD – VACATING: PUBLIC HEARING TO BE SCHEDULED.**

**4. REAL ESTATE TAX AND EIT REDUCTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BUSHKILL FIRE COMPANY - PUBLIC HEARING TO BE SCHEDULED:**

The Public Hearing has been scheduled for December 9, 2021 at the supervisors meeting.

**5. ZONING ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:**

The Ordinance and Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance Amendments are ready to be sent to the Pike County Planning Commission.

**6. LEHMAN PIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:**

Susanne Duffy, Lehman/Pike EMS Administrator stated there have been a lot of interviews conducted. There has been enough staff hired to fully staff one (1) BLS rig. Supplies have been ordered and much of it has been received. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance should be received sometime in February 2022. Tom Scheffel questioned how the supervisors determined the need for a new ambulance service for Lehman Township. Mr. Rohner explained the lack of coverage; especially ALS service by Bushkill Ambulance Corp. in the township leaving the residents vulnerable for

emergency care. Mr. Scheffel understood once Mr. Rohner explained the many reasons for the decision.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. APPROVE DISABLED VETERAN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CHRIST R. NIELSEN, IV:**

Motion by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve disabled veteran real property tax exemption for Christ R. Nielson, IV. Unanimous.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 370-SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE FOR TAMIMENT LAKESIDE PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT**

Motion by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve Resolution No. 370-Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Tamiment Lakeside Pump Station Replacement. Unanimous.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**1. THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

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

No report.

**ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

Tabled.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 P.M made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe  
Assistant Secretary