

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 and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021:

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2021:

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the minutes of the November 22, 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: TENANT REGISTRATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (NO. 146):

Mr. Rohner opened the hearing at 3:02 P.M. At the November 18, 2021 meeting the supervisors closed the public hearing and continued without approving the amendment to Ordinance No. 146. Motion made by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino to close the public hearing at 3:03 P.M and adopt the Tenant Registration Ordinance Amendment (No. 146). Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING: VOLUNTEER TAX CREDIT ORDINANCE (NO. 149):

Mr. Rohner opened the hearing at 3:03 P.M. Mr. Logsdon began by explaining the eligibility criteria for a volunteer to be eligible for the tax credit. He added that Bushkill Fire Company and Bushkill Emergency Corp volunteers are eligible for the tax credit. The eligible volunteer list must be submitted to Lehman Township no later than November 15th of each year for approval. A notarized copy of the list of eligible volunteers must be posted by the Fire Chief at the fire house for review. The Board of Supervisors will keep all specific records related to volunteer activities. The State Fire Commissioner and Auditor General will also receive the records. There were no public comments. Motion made by Mr. Rohner to close the hearing at 3:10 P.M. second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous. Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to adopt the Volunteer Tax Credit Ordinance (No. 149). Unanimous. Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to adopt Resolution No. 371. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BRISCO MT. ROAD CULVERT:

Mr. Lamoreaux reported the repair on the upper culvert has been completed and they are catching up on paperwork with the GP7 for DEP. The lower culvert estimate for repair is \$450,000 for new head walls and an aluminized metal pipe vs a galvanized pipe for longer life.

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

The agreement has been received and has been forwarded to DCNR for their approval. Once their approval is received the supervisors and Outreach will sign it. Additionally, everything has been submitted to USDA for their review.

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

Tabled.

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

The map has been sent to Simone Collins who requested a different overlay for it. The zoning ordinance has been completed and has been submitted to Pike County Planning for their comments. The SALDO is almost done.

5. LEHMAN PIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PA AMERICAN WATER WELLS 4, 5, 9 & 10A:

Mr. Lamoreaux questioned if these are new wells. Mr. Logsdon placed a call to Attorney Erika Mills who answered there is a new treatment facility to replace the existing wells 4 & 5 treatment building which will be demolished. The treatment facility will be relocated from the well 5 site to the well 4 site. Wells 9 & 10A will be new wells. Mr. Lamoreaux recommends the engineer look at the building permit application when it is submitted. Motion made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs to grant the waiver from compliance with the stormwater management ordinance as it relates to well 4 only as the applicant has demonstrated a hardship in complying with the requirements which are unique to the parcel on which well 4 is situated and the project at issue and has shown that to fully comply with the stormwater ordinance as to that parcel only is not feasible. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs to approve the land development plan conditional upon that prior to occupancy being approved the applicant, Pa American Water, shall allow the township engineer, township zoning officer, and township building code official to complete an inspection of the stormwater facilities to ensure there will be no adverse effects to the health, safety and welfare of township and its residents. Unanimous.

2. APPOINT DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR – JOAN HORGER:

Roseann VanWhy has resigned as deputy tax collector. Motion by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to appoint Joan Horger deputy tax collector. Unanimous.

3 APPROVE ADOPT A ROAD: TOMS CREEK ROAD, DONNA PELLE IN MEMORY OF JABARI N. PELLE:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve adoption of Toms Creek Road by Donna Pelle in memory of Jabari N. Pelle. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022 BUDGET WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST AT 10:00 A.M.

The Public Hearing for the 2022 budget will be held Tuesday, December 21st at 10:00 A.M.

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

Ms. Laino reported there was no Pike County COG meeting. At the Pocono Mt. COG meeting she discussed the progress of the Lehman/Pike EMS service.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Roadmaster Tim Rohner reported that work continues on trucks and equipment. Paving was done on a section of Sunset Lake Road and a section of the road at the park. Trash has been picked up on the township roads and the handicap spots by the pavilion at the township have been painted. The recycling sites at the township building, Tamiment, and Pine Ridge were cleaned up. Leaves are being removed from township roads. The spreaders have been placed on the trucks. All plows have been moved from the park to the township building. New tires have been put on truck #920 and the recycle truck. Anti-skid and salt have been ordered. The big trailer and the tilt trailer have passed state inspection. The 42-inch squash pipe has been installed on Briscoe Mt. Road. Work has been done on the chase vehicle. The bucket truck was tested and needs repairs. Christmas lights and decorations were put up at the township building. The road crew was out salting and cindering for light snow storms. There was a good turnout for the tree lighting at the township building on November 29th. There was a Road Task Force meeting on November 18th. Mr. Rohner was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 P.M and go into Executive Session, real estate, made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary

