

**MAY 19, 2022  
THURSDAY, 12:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 12:02 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 APRIL 14, 2022:**

Motion made by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022 meeting. Mr. Springs abstained. He was not in attendance.

**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.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Mr. Lamoreaux reported the funding they are looking into from the NPS and Penndot will extend the project time substantially. He feels there will be restrictions put in place and the project will not be completely controlled by the township if funding is accepted from these 2 entities. Even if the project is done with township funds, a permit must still be obtained from the NPS. When this project was started the estimated cost was \$700,000.00. If funding is accepted from the NPS, with all of the anticipated restrictions they will place on the project, the estimated cost is at least \$1,000,000.00, if not more.

Tim Rohner discussed an archeological study that the NPS is requiring to be done – if the NPS does the study it will take at least 2 years to complete. The NPS suggested looking into obtaining a grant to fund this study to have another company do it to speed up the process.

Mr. Rohner discussed an open bottom box culvert which he feels is the most logical resolution for this project. Mr. Rohner contacted the Conservation District to obtain a recommendation for a full width culvert. Mr. Lamoreaux will look into additional funding for the project.

A traffic count may need to be done. Mr. Rohner will look into obtaining a traffic counter to use on the road to get an idea of how much traffic there actually is.

Park officials asked Mr. Rohner if the road was owned by PennDOT at one time. He will try to find the answer to this question.

**2. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT:**

Mr. Lamoreaux had a conference call with USDA to review their comments. He will resubmit a proposal to them to acknowledge their comments are being addressed. Mr. Lamoreaux is still waiting for comments from DCNR.

Mr. Lamoreaux asked what funding the township has obtained for the project. Mr. Rohner answered that funding has been obtained through DCNR and LSA.

Mr. Lamoreaux asked if the supervisors want contingency items in the bids obtained for the project. The supervisors still want this listed in the bid.

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

Tabled.

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

Mr. Logsdon presented the Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Commission at the meeting on May 12. He feels he should be ready to give a recommendation to the Supervisors after the June Planning Commission meeting.

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

Susanne Duffy, EMS Administrator, reported that between 4/14/2022 at 0600 and 5/19/2022 at 0600 LPEMS had been dispatched 110 times. Of those dispatches, 44% (48) had an incident type as BLS (Basic Life Support) and 56% (62) had an incident type as ALS (Advanced Life Support). Of those 110 calls, LPEMS was unable to respond to two (2) calls (2%), as the units were already committed to other dispatches. Additionally, of those 110 calls, LPEMS responded to 22 calls (20%) as mutual aid assists for other agencies.

The breakdown of dispatches by Municipality is as follows:

Lehman Township:	73	66%
M. Smithfield 588:	15	14%
M. Smithfield BEC:	9	8%
Blooming Grove:	3	3%
Delaware Twp:	8	7%
Dingman Twp:	1	1%
Lackawaxen:	1	1%

LPEMS has remained in service with at least one (1) vehicle in use 24/7. During most of that time both the BLS ambulance and ALS chase vehicle were in service.

On May 6, along with Bushkill Emergency Corp and the Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company, the crews took part in the ESHSN Mock Crash at the North Campus of the East Stroudsburg School District.

On May 14, along with the Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company, the crews also took part in the BYA opening day ceremony and parade.

Ms. Duffy, Tarah Decker and Lauren Wood will be giving a presentation to the Pine Ridge Community at their monthly property owners meeting to familiarize the community with LPEMS.

The crews have passed along very positive reactions and comments from the residents of Lehman Township who seem very pleased with the service received from Lehman Pike EMS.

Ms. Duffy thanked the staff of Lehman Pike EMS for their continued dedication and service to the residents.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PROPOSAL TO BE DESIGNATED A NATIONAL PARK AND THE LENAPE PRESERVE:**

Kristen Albrecht, a resident of Dingman Township, and member of the Delaware Water Gap Defense Fund discussed the proposal from John Donahue to designate the National Recreation Area as a National Park. There is not a lot of information included in the proposal and she and her group oppose it and don't feel it would be a positive change for the area. She informed those in attendance that changing to a National Park does not guarantee additional funding for the area. There is also a concern that the Lenape Indians won't be recognized by the Park since they are not federally recognized.

Ms. Albrecht presented the supervisors with a Resolution by the Dingman Township Supervisors opposing redesignation of the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area to a National Park.

Motion made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs to draft a Resolution in opposition to the proposal. Unanimous.

**2. ACCEPT STREET BROOM PROPOSAL:**

Tabled.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

None.

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

No report(s).

**ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

Roadmaster Tim Rohner reported that work continues on trucks and equipment. Shoulders along Mink Pond Road and Sunset Lake Road have been filled. Work on the Kuzava building continues. All snow equipment has been moved to the park. All township roads have been broomed, and the trash has been picked up along them. Site lines have been mowed. The township recycling site has been cleaned. The material from bins #1, #2, #3, and #4 has been taken to the park to be stored. The crack sealing on township roads has been completed. The road crew attended a LTAP class at the Pike County Training Center on Road Surface Management. All drains and ditches in Rustic Acres have been cleaned. Seven crew members took the PSATS Flagger Training class at the Pike County Training Center. The damaged street signs on Winona Falls Road and East Sugar Mt. Road have been replaced.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. **Litigation against William Merritt, Dahlia Merritt, Chris Donohue, Jose Perdomo, Camila Perdomo, Jessica Cline, Matthew Cline and Kadejea Lattimore**

**Litigation with Northeast Site, John Sivick and Boucher and James**

**Possible Litigation with PennDot**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 P.M. made by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Edwina Wolfe*  
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Assistant Secretary