

**MINUTES**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:04 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 MAY 19, 2022:**

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 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 MARCH 31, 2022:**

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended March 31, 2022. Unanimous.

**ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; ALL FUNDS, FOR THE MONTH ENDED APRIL 30, 2022:**

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended April 30, 2022. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING: LERTA ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (#150):**

Mr. Rohner opened the public hearing at 3:06 P.M. Mr. Logsdon explained the original LERTA Ordinance #133 was passed in 2015. There have been 5 parcels eliminated from the original list for various reasons. The updated list of properties now includes 14 parcels. There are no changes in the ordinance other than the parcels which have been approved by the school district and county. Motion to close the public hearing at 3:11 P.M. made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous. Motion to approve the LERTA Ordinance Amendment #150 made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Mr. Lamoreaux stated he needs to look into funding for this project. Mr. Rohner asked if the Park Service can force the township to make the repairs the way they want them done. Mr.

Lamoreaux advised the supervisors make a proposal to the Park Service that since the park owns the ground under the culvert, they need to make improvements to their blacktop. If they answer no, but make an offer to help with the funding, the supervisors should consider it. He also suggested setting up a meeting with the Park Service.

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

Mr. Rohner reported he is waiting for DCNR to review the bid documents. Mr. Lamoreaux has the certifications that DCNR requires. He is waiting until he receives all comments to respond to DCNR.

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

Mr. Springs suggested to continue maintenance of Big Egypt Road for people who use the surrounding area for walking and hiking. Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to remove this item from the agenda. Unanimous.

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

Mr. Logsdon stated the final planning review for the Zoning Ordinance should be completed tonight at the Planning Commission meeting. He has all of the comments back and the ordinance should be ready to vote on at the next supervisors meeting. He is still waiting for Pike County Planning to comment on the SALDO.

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

The following report was presented by Susanne Duffy EMS Administrator:

Between 5/19/2022 at 0600 hours and 6/9/2022 at 0600 hours LPEMS has received 85 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 54% (46) had an incident type as BLS (Basic Life Support) and 46% (39) had an incident type of ALS (Advanced Life Support). Of those 85 calls, we were unable to respond to 7 calls (8%); 6 of those were due to our units being already committed to other dispatches; 1 of those was due to a mechanical issue. Of those 85 calls, we responded to 15 calls (18%) as mutual aid assists for other agencies. The breakdown of dispatches by Municipality is as follows:

Lehman Township:	65	76%
M. Smithfield 588:	5	6%
M. Smithfield BEC:	6	7%
Blooming Grove:	1	1%
Delaware Twp:	6	7%
Dingmans Twp:	1	1%
Porter Twp:	1	1%

We have remained in service with at least one vehicle in use 24/7. During the majority of that time, we had both our BLS ambulance and our ALS chase unit in service.

As we have been having great difficulty pinpointing a delivery date for even one of the new ambulances that were ordered through Glick, we have made the decision to cancel one of the

ambulances ordered. We were able to find another company that actually has new chassis and a number of reconditioned boxes that can be remounted onto those chassis. The cost for this vehicle is approximately \$62,000.00 less than the one ordered through Glick. Barring any special changes or additional equipment requested by us, the vehicle should be ready for purchase within 12 weeks. We will continue to wait for the second ambulance through Glick.

The Winona Falls station is coming along. We are expecting delivery of office equipment next week.

LPEMS finally received approval from Medicare/Medicaid and we hope to start seeing reimbursements for those patients we have treated thus far.

Other insurance companies are sending reimbursements. So far, the average reimbursement from private insurance companies has been roughly 38% of what was billed. These numbers are only based on those reimbursements we have actually received thus far, NOT the total amounts billed to date. This just gives everyone an idea as to how much insurance companies are reimbursing for Emergency Medical Services. As of this date, we have received \$0.00 from Medicare/Medicaid, and a great deal of our patient-base are Medicare/Medicaid patients. We have received just 4% of what was billed to date.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 380 – OPPOSITON TO DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PROPOSAL TO BE DESIGNATED A NATIONAL PARK AND THE LENAPE PRESERVE:**

Motion to pass Resolution No. 380 made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous. A letter will be sent to the Sierra Club and John Donahue informing them of the opposition. A copy of Resolution No. 380 is a part of these minutes on file.

**2. ACCEPT STREET BROOM PROPOSAL:**

Motion to accept the TRIUS Inc. bid for the street broom Model 53MH with a 9' broom for a Costars cost of \$34,438.00 made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous.

**3. ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS FOR 2022 – TOMS CREEK, BRISCO MT., THURNER, ROOSIE, CHURCH AND MUNICIPAL:**

There is approximately 3.5 miles of roadway that needs to be resurfaced in Lehman Township. Mr. Lamoreaux will have someone from MHE come look at the roads to see what type of resurfacing they recommend. Mr. Rohner would like this project to go out for bid as soon as possible. They would like to have the resurfacing completed by the end of September.

**4. APPROVE DISABLED VETERAN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION FOR CATHY HOLGATE:**

Motion to approve disabled veteran real property tax exemption certification for Cathy Holgate made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Mr. Logsdon reported he and zoning officer Stanley Whittaker met with representatives from the Pike County Visitors Bureau, the County Commissioners, a representative from the Governors Action Team, and a representative from the Pike County Economic Bureau along with representatives from Huttoopia, a company that expressed interest in opening a “Glamping” style campground in Lehman Township. They are in the very beginning of the planning stages and would like to set up a meeting with the supervisors. Mr. Logsdon will contact them to arrange a time and date for the meeting.

**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. Section 5A was broomed with the street sweeper. There was a culvert pipe repaired in Rustic Acres. Work continues on the Kuzava building. The crew has been patching pot holes and picking up trash on township roads. William Orr & Sons was in to fix the guiderails on Winona Falls Rd and East Sugar Mtn. Rd. The message board has been repaired and is working. The crew cleaned up the recycling site at the township building. The loading dock at the township building has been repaired. Site lines have been mowed. The big leaf vac trailer passed state inspection. Ditches in 5A have been cleaned. The recall on truck #921 was completed. The intersections on township roads have been cleaned. The new Mack dump truck was picked up on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The first clean up day was June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The crew has been cleaning up the yard from clean up.

The next Road Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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**

**Litigation with PennDot**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 P.M., and go into executive session made by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Edwina Wolfe*  
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Assistant Secretary

