

March 9, 2023
Thursday, 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Also present were Theresa R. Laino, Vice Chair, Aaron L. Springs, Supervisor, Sean Logsdon, Township Solicitor and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary. Michael Lamoreaux, Township Engineer was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments were received.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023:

Motion made by Ms. Laino, second by Mr. Springs to approve the minutes of February 9, 2023 as presented. Unanimous.

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 authorize the payment of the bills on List #2 and the transfers as presented. There was no List #1. Unanimous.

ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; ALL FUNDS, FOR THE MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2023:

Motion made by Ms. Laino, second by Mr. Springs to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended January 31, 2023. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BRISCO MT. ROAD CULVERT:

Tabled.

2. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT:

Motion made by Mr. Rohner, second by Ms. Laino that the low bidder for General Construction Contract is Kobalt Construction for \$4,248,284.00. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Springs, second by Ms. Laino that the low bidder for Plumbing Construction is LH Reed & Sons, Inc. for \$155,170.00. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Springs, second by Ms. Laino that the low bidder for Mechanical Construction Contract is Spotts Brothers, Inc. for \$311,000.00.

Motion made by Mr. Springs, second by Ms. Laino that the only bidder for Electrical Construction is Wind Gap Electric, Inc. for \$634,700.00.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED:

3. LEHMAN PIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

Susanne Duffy, EMS Administrator stated that from February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023 Lehman Pike EMS (LPEMS) received 113 dispatches. 51% of those calls were Advance Life Support and 45% were Basic Life Support. LPEMS responded to 19 calls as mutual aid for other agencies.

LPEMS is celebrating today it's one year anniversary. In the first year, LPEMS received 1,379 911-emergency dispatches from the Pike County Communications Center.

The newest vehicle; a RAM 4500, passed its state inspection, and the last items were stocked in that vehicle. Due to its size, we are going to have each EMSVO (driver) take the vehicle out for non-emergency driving time to get used to it prior to putting in service once the NEPA EMS Council provides us with a licensure inspection.

The Winona Falls Road station had its generator installed on this date.

LPEMS is still waiting to hear back from the NEPA EMS Council as to when they will be able to inspect the last two (2) vehicles, as well as, the Winona Falls Road station for licensure.

LPEMS met with Port Jervis Ambulance in regard to having their assistance during the Poconos Park Lost Highway concert weekend. There will be further discussion as we gather more information about the final details of that event to be held in May.

4. EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTH CAMPUS SECURITY & SAFETY:

State Representative Tarah Probst was in attendance.

Mr. Rohner stated that the supervisors had previously tried to schedule a meeting with the school district's superintendent and chief of police, but they refused to meet. Rep. Probst reported that the district did just spend \$95,000 for additional security cameras for the north campus. She had also reached out to the district to arrange a meeting with the supervisors, but will have to try again. Rep. Probst stated that she has been able to visit every school in her district with the exception of the East Stroudsburg Area School District. Mr. Rohner informed her that it is his opinion that they are stonewalling. Mr. Rohner added that the good news is that eleven (11) people are running for five (5) seats. Hopefully we'll have five (5) new people sitting on the school board.

NEW BUSINESS:

**1. LEHMAN TOWNSHIP IS APPLYING THROUGH USDA FOR A 2ND LOAN OF \$1,250,000.00
SUBSEQUENT FOR THE BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING PROJECT:**

Motion made by Ms. Laino, second by Mr. Springs to approve the application through the USDA for a second loan of \$1,250,000.00 subsequent for the Bushkill Outreach & Community Center project. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

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

No reports.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Tim Rohner, Roadmaster & Public Works Director stated that:

Maintenance on the trucks and equipment.

Repairs to the municipal building foyer (due to broken water pipe) continues, as well as maintenance work at the Winona Falls Road EMS building.

Ramp installed at the rear of the maintenance building at the community park.

Leaf/brush recycling site at the municipal building cleaned up.

Winter maintenance of roads on February 22nd, 25th, March 4th and 7th.

Truck #914, the bucket truck and the chipper all passed state inspection.

The road crew picked up litter on Winona Falls and Timothy Lake Roads with the Saw Creek Estates maintenance department on February 15th. 48 (45 gallons) bags were collected.

Litter picked up on Brisco Mt. Road (top end), Emery and Log & Twig Roads.

The new one (1) ton was picked up on March 2nd.

Installing and replacing street signs and delineators on township roads.

Filling pot holes on township roads.

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ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – CONTINUED:

The road crew attended a *Stop the Bleed* class on February 24th.

The new truck was lettered (graphics) by Simplex on March 9th.

Attended the Pike County Road Task Force meeting on February 16th. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16th.

The company Fabco was making repairs to the bridge (Pike County owned) on East Sugar Mt. Road on March 9th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, meeting adjourned, and an Executive Session to be held regarding litigation with Northeast Site, John Sivick and Boucher and James and PennDot at 3:36 p.m. by the motion of Mr. Rohner, second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Rohner, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer