

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, and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary. Mike Lamoreaux, Township Engineer was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2024:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2024 meeting. 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 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 JANUARY 31, 2024:

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended January 31, 2024. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT:

Engineer Mike Lamoreaux was absent from the meeting so Mr. Rohner gave the following report:

Excavation and site demo for starting the installation of the building footings started in February. There was a brief delay in the work while a decision was made by the USACOE (Army Corp of Engineers) regarding a conveyance pipe which was noted as to be removed from the site. Kobalt has since excavated and established subgrade for the building foundations and formed and tied the rebar for the wall footings. The concrete pour for these footings is scheduled to be poured on March 14th. They have set and backfilled 4 catch basins for the storm water system in the parking lot area of the site and laid and backfilled the storm piping between them. They will continue to form and pour the building foundation walls and work to establish grade within and around the building in the next month or so.

2. LEHMAN PIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

Theresa Medrano gave the following report:

For the month of February 2024, LPEMS responded to 104 “911” emergency dispatches. 42% (44 calls) were dispatched as BLS; 56% (58 calls) were dispatched as ALS; and 2% (2 calls) were phone call requests and not categorized. Of the 104 dispatches, 16% (17 calls) were mutual aid assistance calls for outside agencies. The breakdown of dispatches per Township is as follows:

Lehman Township:	75	72%
Middle Smithfield 588:	12	11%
Middle Smithfield BEC:	9	9%
Porter Twp:	3	3%
Delaware Twp:	3	3%
Monroe County:	2	2%

STATIONS:

Winona:

Ceiling fans were installed in the bays to reduce the heat buildup that was causing frequent sensor alarm issues.

Emergency Exit signage and railings were put up in the top floor, as crews have set up workout equipment there.

The Lehman Pike EMS sign is now lit. Other lights were installed outside on the staff parking side of the building. There had been complaints that it was treacherous at night walking from the building to cars.

Township:

Nothing to report.

VEHICLES:

24-1: new tires and an alignment

24-2: also new tires and a state inspection

24-3: was taken for a faulty injector. It also had sirens repaired/replaced.

Chase: no report; running okay.

MISCELLANEOUS:

We received and completed the final paperwork for the OSFC Grant and are awaiting payment.

We were asked by Saw Creek Estates to participate in their upcoming Safety Day on April 27.

We will be holding the first Annual Skills Review with Dr. Jennifer Volpe on March 19 and 20.

We will also hold additional Skills Reviews with Dr. Favini when he is available.

March 9 marked the 2 Year anniversary of Lehman Pike EMS. Service pins were awarded to:

April Brooks
Alex DiPaolo
Roseanne DiPaolo
Andrew Ford
Brett Keane
Gregory Maresca
Dennis Reid
Matthew Snyder
Robert H. Rohner, Jr; Aaron Springs; Theresa Laino

Since we first went In Service on 3/9/22, LPEMS has responded to 2,664 emergency dispatches in Lehman Township and the surrounding areas. We have also participated in many Community-based activities, performed EMS standbys for numerous and varied events and provided educational information sessions for those who have needed them. A great deal of thanks to the Lehman Township Board of Supervisors; Lehman Township Department of Public Works; Pike County Commissioners; and too many others to name here and now. And of course, a huge thank you to the dedicated EMS providers who give so much of their time and abilities to ensure that Lehman Township and the surrounding areas have rapid, quality emergency medical care when they are called upon.

Ms. Medrano attended an EMS Fire Tax Workshop held at Middle Smithfield Township on March 13th. Middle Smithfield Supervisors are working on having their EMS Ordinance prepared and asked the surrounding agencies to attend for their input. In their ordinance they will request that all involved with their township have financial audits prepared. They will also require that all organizations involved have mutual aid agreements in place. Mr. Rohner requested that Mr. Logsdon prepare a letter to be sent to the Middle Smithfield Supervisors requesting that in their ordinance all agencies that will be working together shall have mutual aid agreements. When Lehman Pike requested an agreement with Bushkill Emergency Corp they refused. As a result, when Lehman Pike ALS is called for mutual aid with Bushkill, the Lehman Pike paramedic goes to the call, does what is necessary for the good of the patient and when Bushkill receives payment, nothing is paid to Lehman Pike for services provided. Additionally, Bushkill refuses to transport the Lehman Pike paramedic back to their vehicle, leaving them stranded at whichever hospital they take the patient to. The paramedic then must find a ride back to the Lehman Pike vehicle. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1st at 7PM.

3. EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTH CAMPUS:

Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. BUSHKILL FIRE COMPANY CONTRACT:

Tabled.

2. PORTER TOWNSHIP EMS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:

The current contract has expired. Mr. Logsdon has the new one almost ready. Nothing has changed in the new contract except the dates.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. 2024 CLEAN UP DAYS' DATES & TIMES:

The 2024 clean up dates are as follows:

June 14th 7 – 2

June 14th Shredder 9 – 2

July 19th 7 – 2

August 16th 7 – 2

September 20th 7 – 2

September 20th Shredder 9 – 2

The cost for the dumpsters are: \$874.50 for a 30 yard, \$1166.00 for a 40 yard. There will be no extra charge for tonnage overage. Motion by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the clean up dates. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Logsdon informed the supervisors there is a Planning Commission meeting scheduled for tonight with Dollar General.

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

No report. The next meeting for the Pocono Mt. COG is scheduled for March 25th.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Roadmaster Tim Rohner gave the following report:

Work continues on trucks and equipment. The recycling site has been cleaned up. The crew has been fixing street signs on township roads. Truck #922, the chipper, and the Ram ambulance have passed inspection and an alignment was done on ambulance #24-1. The crew cut dead trees at the bottom of Little Egypt Road and filled potholes on township roads. The ceiling fan projects have been completed at the township and ambulance buildings. Truck #913 was lettered at Simplex. The crew has been working on trees and stumps at the park and stumps along township roads. New rear tires were installed on the Ram ambulance. Trash and litter were picked up on Winona Falls Road and Timothy Lake Road with Saw Creek Maintenance. A total of 59 bags of trash were removed from these roads.

The next Road Task Force Meeting is scheduled for March 21st.

MARCH 14, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

LITIGATION – PENNDOT

PERSONNEL

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 P.M. and go into Executive Session Litigation– PennDot and Personnel made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary