

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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2024:

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2024 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 JUNE 30, 2024:

Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT:

Mr. Lamoreaux reported the project is mainly on schedule except for the original scheduled completion dates. The original substantial completion date was December 25, 2024. A 100 day extension has been requested in writing due to siting delays early on in the project which takes the substantial completion date to April 4, 2025 and final payment on June 23, 2025. Mr. Lamoreaux was at the site last week and all of the rough mechanical, electrical and plumbing is on its way in, the roof is on and the siding has been started.

2. SPOILS SITE:

Tabled.

3. EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTH CAMPUS:

Tabled.

4. APPROVE CELL TOWER AGREEMENT WITH DIAMOND COMMUNICATIONS:

Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Logsdon discussed the Statewide LSA Grant opportunity which is a no match grant. The application period opened September 1, 2024 and ends November 30, 2024. He will have more information for the next meeting if the Supervisors would like to discuss.

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

None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

None.

LEHMAN PIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

Lehman Pike EMS Administrator Susanne Duffy gave the following report:

For the month of September 2024, LPEMS responded to 137 “911” emergency dispatches. 36% (49 calls) were dispatched as Basic Life Support; 58% (79 calls) were dispatched as Advanced Life Support; 5% (7 events) were event standbys; and 1% (2 notifications) were informational dispatches only. We lost 2 calls (1%) due to simultaneous dispatches, and we responded to 19 mutual aid calls (14%) for outside agencies. The breakdown of dispatches per Township is as follows:

Lehman Township:	102	74%
Middle Smithfield 588:	15	11%
Middle Smithfield BEC:	5	4%
Delaware Twp:	9	7%
Porter Twp:	3	2%
Monroe County:	2	1%
Unknown Twp:	1	1%

Vehicles have been serviced; 24-3 (Red Rocket) is having issues with the compressor for the air ride once again. Due to the age of the system, parts are not available. We will wait until after the Football Standby season to have that sent out to see what can be done with it. In the interim, a manual toggle system has been installed so that we are not driving with the ambulance in the lowered position.

24-2 once again had issues with the safety mechanism on one of the outer doors. As we had important equipment inside, Public Works created an opening on the inside of the vehicle to retrieve that equipment.

There is a recall on the Chase vehicle, which states that due to the issue, the vehicle may catch fire. There is no current available fix for this; they do not expect a solution until sometime in the Spring of 2025.

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There was a recall on McGrath video laryngoscopes. We had to put one of ours out of service, and had to remove the batteries from a second due to this recall. The company has acknowledged that we are in need of replacements, but states that it will be some time before we receive them due to the high volume of notifications they have gotten back already.

While we do have our accreditation for the Prepared for Pediatrics Program, and we will still be sending staff out to become car seat safety inspector certified, PESC has placed the program on hiatus for new or upgrading applicants. They are revamping their program. No changes can be made until the completion of the revamp, which should take place in the Spring of 2025. We will apply for our upgraded status at that time.

We are continuing to standby for ESN Football games. We also had a large turnout for the Poconos Park standby, which was very busy.

We have submitted our application for the 2024/2025 OSFC Grant. We created two projects; one to reduce debt on our ambulance loan, and one to purchase equipment to continue providing Community Service Events such as Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid, and kits for our pediatric population to help them understand more about 911 and the EMS system.

We received our first request to provide Cyanokits for a deadly fire in one of our neighboring municipalities recently. While the kits were not used in this particular event, we received a great deal of positive feedback for making them available to area services as needed.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Roadmaster Tim Rohner gave the following report:

Work continues on trucks and equipment. The crew has been working at the Community Park. Windows are being replaced at the township building. Shoulders and site lines have been mowed. Trash has been picked up on township roads. Pot holes have been filled on township roads. The township recycling site has been cleaned. The bad section on Sunset Lake Road has been spot paved and the back lot of the township building has been patched and paved. The Ford Ambulance #241 passed inspection as well as Truck #920. The crew is cleaning up from Clean Up Day on 9/20/24. The totals from the 2024 Clean Up Days are as follows: 41 Total Dumpsters: 17-30 yard and 24-40 yard for trash and 3-30 yard metal dumpsters, there were 10,000 lbs. of paper shredded, 1,283 lbs. of batteries, 385 gallons of paint, 19,100 lbs. of tires and the crew hauled 16 loads of scrap metal to the Recycling Center.

The next Road Task Force Meeting is scheduled for October 17th.

Mr. Springs added the crew has been working on beautifying the park. Work has been done on the walking trail, lighting, fencing, picnic tables, etc. Mr. Rohner added that the 1000 Pink Light Walk will be held there Saturday, October 12th.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

LITIGATION – PENNDOT

PERSONNEL

There was an Executive Session held on this day at 1:45 P.M. regarding Litigation – PennDot and Personnel.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary