

May 6, 2015

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Chairman John P. Sivick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Richard C. Vollmer, Vice Chairman and Robert H. Rohner, Jr., Supervisor and Secretary/Treasurer. Robert F. Bernathy, Esq., Township Solicitor and Jon Tresslar, P.E., Township Engineer was not present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A comment was received regarding the township's newsletter.

Two comments were received regarding the Lehman Township Community Park project.

A comment was received regarding recycling by the Bushkill Youth Association.

A comment was received regarding the art center and business plan that was not implemented.

A comment was received regarding PennDot's road maintenance work.

A comment was received regarding the SR 2001 upgrade project.

A comment was received regarding pothole repairs on SR 2001, the section that has not been upgraded.

A comment was received regarding the Spring Clean Up Days.

A comment was received regarding the upcoming Primary Election Day and the presidential election in 2016.

A comment was received regarding the Bushkill Emergency Corp and the reduction in the cost of a subscription for Lehman Township residents.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2015:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to approve the minutes of April 15, 2015 as presented. Unanimous.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2015:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to approve the minutes of April 28, 2015 as presented. Unanimous.

**AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS ON LIST #1, LIST #2 AND THE TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to authorize 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, 2015:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended March 31, 2015 as presented. Unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT OPENED AT ESSA BANK & TRUST ON APRIL 13, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000:**

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second of Mr. Vollmer to approve the opening of the account. Unanimous.

- 2. SHOW ACTION TO CLOSE THE TAMIMENT LAKE FRONT LP ESCROW ACCOUNT AT PNC ON APRIL 24, 2015 AND OPEN A NEW ACCOUNT AT ESSA BANK & TRUST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$470,597.70:**

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second of Mr. Vollmer to approve the closing of the account at PNC Bank and the opening of a new account at ESSA Bank & Trust. Unanimous.

- 3. SHOW ACTION TO CLOSE THE PHILIP RIZZO ESCROW ACCOUNT AT PNC BANK (4/22/15) AND CHECK MAILED TO PHYLLIS RIZZO (WIFE) (4/24/15):**

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second of Mr. Vollmer to close the Philip Rizzo Escrow Account at PNC Bank on April 22, 2015 and a check mailed to Phyllis Rizzo (wife) on April 24, 2015. Unanimous.

- 4. PROMISSORY NOTE FOR \$35,000 – LEHMAN TOWNSHIP WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY:**

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second of Mr. Vollmer to approve the Promissory Note in the amount of \$35,000 for the Lehman Township Water & Sewer Authority. Unanimous.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- 1. Spring Clean Up Days will be held on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- 2. A Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 133 – LERTA Designation will be conducted on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m.**

3. The Annual Fishing Derby will be held at the community park on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Sivick stated that the installation of guide rails had been completed on Winona Falls Road.

A damaged section of guide rails was installed on the Brodhead Road.

The road line painting has been completed throughout the township.

The Electronics Drop-Off Day held on April 25<sup>th</sup> was very successful.

Routine maintenance on the vehicles. Truck #915's gas tank was repaired.

Repairs made to the municipal building's parking lot.

The Appliance Clean Up Day held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> was successful.

The Bushkill Youth Association's opening day was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The official opening of the Oak Grove compost site will be held on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**ADDENDUM NO. 1 – BUSHKILL YOUTH ASSOCIATION:**

Tim Foglio, president for the Bushkill Youth Association stated that the organization will join forces with Special Olympics in the fall, and will initially offer soccer at no charge. Volunteers are need to assist with coaching.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. by the motion of Mr. Sivick and second of Mr. Vollmer. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Rohner, Jr.  
Secretary/Treasurer

May 20, 2015

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A comment was received regarding school taxes.

A comment was received regarding SR 2001 and PennDot.

A comment was received regarding recycling.

A comment was received regarding primary election day.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2015:**

A motion was made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to approve the minutes of May 6, 2015 as presented. Unanimous.

**AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS ON LIST #1, LIST #2 AND THE TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to authorize 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 APRIL 30, 2015:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Rohner to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended April 30, 2015 as presented. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 133-LOCAL ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ASSISTANCE ACT:**

Mr. Bernathy stated that this is the date (05/20/15), time (7:05 p.m.) and place (Lehman Township Municipal Building) for the Public Hearing for Lehman Township, Pike County Ordinance No. 133.

An ordinance of Lehman Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania, designating areas of this township in which new construction of industrial, commercial or other business property and improvements to industrial, commercial or other business property are eligible for a tax exemption pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA), as amended; providing for an exemption on the assessment attributable to the actual cost of such new construction or improvements; providing for the effectiveness of this ordinance; and repealing all prior ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with this ordinance.

The notice for the Hearing was published in the May 12, 2015 edition of the Pocono Record, and the

Proof of Publication is a part of the minutes on file. Notice had also been posted upon the municipal building on May 6, 2015. Discussions and announcements had also been made at previous board of supervisors' meetings.

This ordinance authorizes Lehman Township to exempt improvements to business properties in designated deteriorated areas from real property taxation for a period not to exceed ten (10) years on a schedule of up to one hundred (100%) percent exemption annually. LERTA offers an effective tool to the Township to revitalize economically deteriorated areas and to increase job opportunity as well as increase tax revenues needed to fund the Township services and schools.

Article II – Designated Area: The Board of Supervisors of Lehman Township does hereby designate the area located within the following boundaries of the Township of Lehman as a “deteriorated area” within the meaning of LERTA, and one in which the local taxing authorities may grant a tax exemption to eligible properties pursuant to the provisions of that Act.

Those properties with the designation are as follows:

Bushkill Tool Company (Milford Road)  
Donald Utter property (Milford Road)  
Lehman Township property (Milford Road)  
Bushkill Dog Kennel (Milford Road)  
Charles Eyer property (Bushkill Falls & Milford Road)  
Bushkill Inn (Bushkill Falls Road)  
Girl Scouts of Delaware County (Sunset Road). Two (2) parcels  
Arthur & Shirley Garris-Log Cabin Bar & Restaurant (Bushkill Falls Road)  
First National Bank (Bushkill Falls Road, next to the Log Cabin)  
Burdell Hill (Bushkill Falls Road, Industrial Zone)  
Camp Pawe (Bushkill Falls Road, Industrial Zone)  
Mt. Laurel Art Center (Bushkill Falls Road)  
V.P. Diamond Homes (Rt.209-Old Turn's General Store)

A review or appeal of assessment will be a contractual obligation.

There were no substantive changes to the ordinance. The only change was to Article III – Exemptions, subsection c. The change was a yearly designation.

Mr. Bernathy asked if there were any public comments. No comments were received.

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second of Mr. Vollmer to close the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second of Mr. Vollmer to pass Ordinance No. 133. Unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. PENN STATE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – ROBERT WEINTRAUP:**

Mr. Weintraup stated that the Penn State Cooperative Extension will be constructing a memorial garden at the Pennsylvania State Police Blooming Grove barracks in memory of Corporal Byron Dickson. Materials and plants have been donated. Donations will be needed for maintenance in perpetuity. An inscribed stone and benches will also be installed. Dedication is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Weintraup will forward a copy of the plan and budget for the project.

**2. PIKE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY – BARRY HEIM:**

Mr. Heim was not present.

The township's 2015 donation in the amount of \$4,000.00 will be forwarded.

Mr. Sivick stated that more support needs to be made by the other townships, boroughs and the county, and cannot just be individuals.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. The annual Fishing Derby will be held at the community park on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Time to be announced.

**ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Sivick stated that the Spring Clean Up Days were very busy. The line stretched back and onto Milford Road. Fall Clean Up Days' dates will be announced.

The crew cleaned drains on East and West Sugar Mountain Roads, within Rustic Acres and on Winona Falls Road.

Fallen trees removed.

Litter pick up throughout the township.

Outreach will hold the annual Memorial Day weekend flea market. It is the organizations biggest fundraiser.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. by the motion of Mr. Sivick and second of Mr. Vollmer. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Rohner, Jr.  
Secretary/Treasurer