

June 7, 2017
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Richard C. Vollmer, Vice Chairman and John P. Sivick, Supervisor. Robert F. Bernathy, Township Solicitor and MaryAnn Conza, Assistant Secretary. Absent: Jon Tresslar, P.E., Township Engineer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments were received.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2017:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Sivick to approve the minutes of May 17, 2017 as presented. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2017:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second of Mr. Sivick to approve the minutes of May 30, 2017 as presented. Unanimous.

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

Mr. Sivick questioned the bills paid to Advanced Recovery for TV's collected at cleanup, (flat screens are free, tube type had a charge), United Document Destruction (the 2014 bill for shredding was split between the Fire Company and the Township), Bonnie Wargo, reimbursement for the tax collector seminar, (Township has always paid for this seminar) and Victor Lopez (reimbursed for pictures developed of Ambulance to determine the cost of repairs, directed by Mr. Rohner and Mr. Vollmer). Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Mr. Rohner to authorize the payment of the bills on List #1, List #2 and the transfers as presented. Motion passed with Mr. Sivick opposing the payment to Mr. Lopez.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER RATE INCREASE REQUEST TO THE PUC-THE REQUEST HAS BEEN SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME, AND IS UNDERGOING FURTHER SCRUTINY BY PUC**

The Township received a copy of a letter from Representative Brown's office to the PUC requesting public meetings here.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. REQUEST OF THE SAW CREEK WOMENS' CLUB TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC DURING THE TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL BLUES FEST ON AUGUST 13TH**

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Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Mr. Sivick to approve their annual picnic during the Township's Annual Blues Fest on August 13th. Unanimous.

2. APPROVE THE DISABLED VETERAN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ANTHONY BARCELLONA

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second of Mr. Vollmer to approve the disabled Veteran real property tax exemption for Anthony Barcellona. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 1. A CONCERT IN THE PARK WILL BE HELD IN COMMUNITY PARK ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH FROM 2:00-6:00 P.M. JUNIOR'S WAILING WILL BE PERFORMING**
- 2. THE TOWNSHIP RECEIVED THE FIRST PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE SURPLUS CHECK FOR 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,205.00.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – ACT 172:

Mr. Bernathy reported that Act 172 was passed last year providing for Municipalities to have an option to offer real estate or earned income tax credit to active members of volunteer fire company or non profit emergency medical service agencies through a volunteer service credit program. Active volunteers would have to meet certain criteria to get the credit either in the form of a real estate or earned income tax credit to be determined by the Supervisors by an ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to create an incentive for current volunteers who remain active and to increase the recruitment of new volunteers. The credit amount is limited to 20% of their real estate tax liability for residential property owned and residing within the jurisdiction of Lehman Township. The credit is not applicable to non-resident volunteers. The Supervisors would like to consider this and requested that Attorney Bernathy provide them with draft provisions of ordinances and this will be placed on the next meeting agenda .

ROAD TASK FORCE REPORT:

Mr. Sivick reported that the SR2001 project delay was due to a funding problem. Funds were then taken from the Silver Lake Road project to continue this project.

The Road Task Force also discussed the State enacting a law allowing the Counties to assess a \$5.00 fee to vehicle registrations to be used for infrastructure improvements, such as bridges. Pike has 18 bridges and this assessment would generate approximately \$350,000 with the State matching this amount. This would guarantee funding from the State in the amount of approximately \$700,000. It was passed unanimously by the Road Task Force who will be sending a support letter to the Commissioners. Each municipality has a representative on the Road Task Force and a support letter should be sent to the Commissioners from each municipality. The Supervisors should consider putting this on next agenda to take some action. Mr. Vollmer would like his concern addressed that the money be designated or used for bridges and not going for something else. The ordinance should be specific in what the money will be earmarked for.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ROADMASTER:

Tim Rohner, Public Works Director / Roadmaster reported repairs were made to trucks and equipment, new chassis for new truck delivered to Kutz, mowing all township site lines, cleaned up recycling sites, mowing shoulders of township roads, mowing at Lehman Park, Annex, Park, Ambulance building and fire house, working at Lehman Park. Crew removed two fallen trees on roadway, one tree on Little Egypt and one on Toms Creek, State inspections done on trucks #910, #915 and #916, cleaned ditches on West Sugar Mountain Road from Chestnut to Maple Dr. Crew removed two dead trees on West Sugar Mountain Rd., two dead trees on Evergreen Dr., two dead trees on Wynding Way. Two trucks hauled black top for Middle Smithfield Township for paving project at Oak Grove site. Spring cleanup on May 19th and May 20th went well. Thank you to Allen Dennard, a member of the Bushkill Fire Company fire police, for conducting traffic control. We used thirty-eight 30 yard dumpsters, two 40 yard dumpsters, collected 386 tires and shredded 1,477 lbs of paper. Back lot is cleaned up, just need to broom lot and work on the paint. We should hear from the line painters this week.

There was a request to cut grass on the sides of SR2001. We may look into asking for a maintenance agreement with PennDOT.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. by the motion of Mr. Rohner and second of Mr. Vollmer. Unanimous.

An executive session was then called to order to discuss possible litigation and personnel involving Mr. Sivick.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Conza
Assistant Secretary