

February 19, 2019
Tuesday, 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

Chairman Robert Rohner called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Also present were Richard Vollmer, Vice Chairman, Theresa Laino, Supervisor and Mary Ann Conza, Assistant Sec / Treas. Absent: Jon Tresslar, P.E., Township Engineer and Donald Karpowich, Township Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2019:

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Vollmer to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 as presented. Unanimous.

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

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Vollmer 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, 2019:

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Vollmer to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended January 31, 2019. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. GUNITE PROJECT – BRISCOE MT. & EAST SUGAR MT. ROADS

Tabled.

2. CORRESPONDENCE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN SUNSET ACRES - ROADS

Tabled.

3. PROPOSED PENNDOT AGREEMENT FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE-TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MILES TO TOWNSHIP LINE ON BUSHKILL FALLS ROAD

Tim Rohner, Public Works Director / Roadmaster stated that we would need to determine an easy turn around location. Also, an additional truck would need to be added to that route. The Supervisors will do an inspection of these two (2) additional miles under consideration.

4. BUSHKILL OUTREACH BUILDING

Andrew Warren from McGoey, Hauser & Edsall, Consulting Engineers, was present and distributed copies of proposed floor plans for review. Representatives from Bushkill Outreach were also present. The floor plans show a one-story building with a total of 11,587 square feet (building size is 95'x65' and 51'x111'). Estimated cost \$2,896,750. There could be a reduction in square footage by eliminating the Community Room and install room dividers in the All Purpose Room to hold smaller events. This will reduce the amount of total square feet by 1,500 and reduce the estimated cost to approximately \$2.5 million.

Additional changes to the proposal include, reduction in office space, re-location of the private meeting room, a shower included in the restrooms and reduce the width of the hallway.

The Supervisors will review the plans further prior to meeting again.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPOINT PHIL BUEKI AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PIKE COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to appoint Phil Bueki as representative to the Pike County Drug Task Force. Unanimous.

2. SCHEDULE SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 17TH FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AND SATURDAY, MAY 18TH FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to schedule Spring cleanup days for Friday, May 17th from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 18th from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Unanimous.

3. APPROVE DONATION TO DELAWARE TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE CORP FOR RESPONSE IN 2018:

Last year the Township donated \$2,500.00 to the Delaware Township Ambulance Corp who answered 21 calls in Lehman Township. In 2018 they answered 20 calls. Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Rohner to donate \$2,500.00 to the Delaware Township Ambulance Corp. Unanimous.

4. APPROVE DISABLED VETERANS REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION FOR MICHAEL W. PETERSON:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve disabled veteran real property tax exemption certification for Michael W. Peterson. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. APPROVE THE BUSHKILL FIRE COMPANY'S USE OF THE COMMUNITY PARK ON JUNE 15TH:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the Bushkill Fire Company's use of the community park on June 15th. Unanimous.

ADDENDUM #1:

1. STR HELPER SOFTWARE:

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Vollmer to approve purchasing software from STR Helper for tracking the short term rentals in the township. Unanimous.

Mr. Rohner reported that since the short term rental applications were received and the building inspector did his inspections, only one home out of the first 45 passed a first time inspection. Currently when he schedules an inspection, he tells the homeowner up front what he will be looking for.

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

Ms. Laino reported that there was nothing to report from the Pocono Mountain COG meeting.

Ms. Laino reported that discussions at the Pike County COG meeting included the Solid Waste Committee conducting a first meeting in April or May; a large supermarket is to be built in 2020 on Route 739 that will include some small stores; a Tick Borne Disease Clinic opening in Wayne Memorial Hospital around April or May. The clinic is designated to diagnose and treat tick borne diseases. A workshop on subdivision land management is scheduled for some time in May. Commonwealth Health pulled out of their agreement with Pike County to provide ALS and BLS service with no fee for six months. It appears no one wants to pay for it. The BLS is possible, but they need the volunteers.

Mr. Rohner stated that based upon Mike Sullivan's Economic Development Authority report, we need a hospital on Route 739 to accommodate Pike County.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ROADMASTER REPORT:

Tim Rohner, Public Works Director, reported working on trucks and equipment, the park has been cleaned up from Halloween Trail, sump pump installed at caretaker's house at the park, cleaned up recycling sites at the township building, Pine Ridge, Ranchlands and Tamiment. Finished repairing dump body on old #915 and painted, picking up garbage on township roads. Installed new batteries and alternator on #916. #921 was sent to Ray Price for recall. Truck #910 was picked up from Bergey's on January 28th and used for storms on January 29th and 30th then brought back to Bergey's on January 31st. Installed new batteries on the CAT backhoe, installed new starter and batteries on #915. Wall and holes fixed in the upstairs office. New radiator, transmission lines, front end repairs to #917. 911 signs installed on buildings at the park, new toilet and sink installed in handicap bathroom at township building. #910 back from Bergey's and seems to be working okay. Crew out for snow and ice storm on February 12th. #914 out for State inspection and passed. Installed new plow blade on #915, installed new 4 wheel drive linkage on #916. Working on bathroom at Annex, working on broom, crew has been busy with storms. Medico was in to repair thumb on case backhoe. Spring cleanup scheduled for Friday, May 17th and May 18th.

ROAD TASK FORCE:

Tim Rohner attended the Road Task Force meeting on January 17th. There was discussion about the RT 2001 Milford Road project concerning utility relocations from Brisco Mountain Road to Rockledge. Cuts and fills from Farview Road to Thurner Road, clearing, grubbing and drainage.

Tim Rohner attended the Road Task Force meeting on February 14th. RT 2001 Milford Road project continuing with cuts and fills, drainage and utility relocation. Tim was approved for re-appointment for a three (3) year term.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Ms. Laino to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Conza
Assistant Secretary