

**March 26, 2019  
Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Robert Rohner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Richard Vollmer, Vice Chairman, Theresa Laino, Supervisor, Donald Karpowich, Township Solicitor and Mary Ann Conza, Assistant Sec / Treas. Absent: Jon Tresslar, P.E., Township Engineer

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Christine Esposito made a comment that she has sewage from Mr. Vollmer's septic coming onto her property. Mr. Vollmer stated that he is in the process of having his septic field inspected for damage. This should be completed in a couple of months.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2019:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of March 5, 2019 as presented. Unanimous.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2019:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of March 12, 2019 as presented. Unanimous.

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

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the payment of the bills on List #1, List #2 and the transfers as presented. Unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Tabled.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN SUNSET ACRES – ROADS**

Attorney Karpowich presented the Supervisors with wording for a letter for review. Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve and send the letter to the property owners in Sunset Acres. Unanimous.

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

Tabled.

**4. BUSHKILL OUTREACH BUILDING:**

Tabled.

**5. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:**

Bill Collins, from Simone Collins, picked up the Lehman Township Comprehensive Plan from 2001. We should be getting a proposal very soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. BOY SCOUT TROOP #87 CHARTER – FRANCIS OQUENDO:**

Tabled.

**2. MAGISTERIAL JUDGE PAUL MENDITTO STATE OF THE COURT REPORT:**

Magistrate Paul Menditto distributed literature providing information about local District Court 60-3-04. The types of cases that are handled in a condensed view to provide valuable community information for the municipalities and citizens that the Court is proud to serve.

**3. BUSHKILL FIRE COMPANY PRESENTATION:**

Present on behalf of the Bushkill Volunteer Fire Company were John Gandolfo-President, Board of Trustees Jonathan Dickison, Michele Kuna, Jimmy Owens, Ann Marie Rohner and Assistant Chief-Tim Rohner. Mr. Gandolfo thanked the Supervisors for all the support. Due to the increase in cost for all equipment, the cost to replace vehicles and the overall expenses to run the department, they are asking the Supervisors to increase the fire tax. There has been a decrease in funding and they cannot continue this trend. Mr. Gandolfo requested and the Supervisors agreed to schedule a workshop to discuss the Fire Company's future goals and their financial situation to formulate a plan that will benefit the Fire Company and the Township.

Mr. Rohner stated that the \$15,000 for the loan will not be deducted anymore.

**4. APPROVE DISABLED VETERANS REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ANTHONY BRANCATO AND ROBERT VARGA:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve disabled veterans real property tax exemption for Anthony Brancato and Robert Varga. Unanimous.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**1. THE PIKE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY WILL HOLD A PET ADOPTION DAY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10-3**

**2. THE PIKE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY WILL CONDUCT A PET HEALTH CLINIC ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

3. THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON
4. SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AND SATURDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
5. THE BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED TO THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

**MONROE COUNTY TAX COLLECTION / POCONO MT. & PIKE COUNTY COG REPORT(S):**

Ms. Laino attended a meeting of the MCTC Committee on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The officers will remain the same. H.A. Berkheimer will remain the tax collection agency. The treasurer writes approximately 6 checks per year. Instead of paying an Auditor thousands of dollars, it was decided that a volunteer committee will overlook the checks that are written.

Ms. Laino attended a meeting for Pocono Mountain COG on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The minimum wage of \$7.25 was discussed. Monroe County Habitat for Humanity is concentrating this year on repairs for homeowners with income less than \$30,000.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ROADMASTER REPORT:**

Tim Rohner, Public Works Director, reported working on trucks and equipment, working on bathroom at the Annex, fuel tank repair done on truck #915, recycling sites cleaned at Pine Ridge, Tamiment, and township building. Filling pot holes on township roads and all roads broomed. Crew did hazard training for 2019 at Hanson Quarry, cleaning intersections and cul-de-sacs. Worked on forks for case backhoe, filled pot holes at Lehman park, hauling salt and anti-skid from township building to the park. Crew was out plowing/cindering for a couple of small storms. Picking up trash on township roads, shop will be cleaned up for Saturday's pet adoption.

**ROAD TASK FORCE:**

Tim Rohner attended a Road Task Force meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Reported on Milford Road project: working on cuts and fills and drainage. Requested PennDOT put up no parking signs on Milford Road at Bensley property, next to the American Legion. Also advised PennDOT that street signs on Milford Road need to be secured better on temporary posts.

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Vollmer to place an ad in the newspaper for employment in the Public Works department. Unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Ms. Laino to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Conza*  
Assistant Secretary