

MINUTES

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Also present were Theresa Laino, Vice Chair, Aaron Springs, Supervisor, Sean Logsdon, Township Solicitor, Mike Lamoreaux, Township Engineer, Stanley Whittaker, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2021:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

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

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

PIKE COUNTY D.A.'s OFFICE – CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH:

District Attorney Ray Tonkin explained the operation of the Child Advocacy Center in Pike County. The Center has been named Dickson House after Corporal Bryan Dickson and is located in Milford. He introduced Molly Carson and Sarah Lobe who work with him at the center and explained the roles each play at the center. Also with them was Violet, a labrador retriever in training to be a comfort dog for children who come into the center. Violet will eventually become a courtroom dog for witnesses who need comfort while testifying. In the near future the center will be partnering with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

PUBLIC HEARING: SHORT-TERM RENTAL APPEAL HEARING FOR SUKHMANI RASTOGI – CANCELED. TO BE RESCHEDULED.

PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT TO THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE:

The public hearing opened at 3:19 P.M. Attorney Logsdon announced the hearing is for Ordinance No. 144 of 2021 which is an amendment to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance No. 140 of 2020. The hearing was advertised in the Pocono Record. This amendment will only pertain to section 107 - permit renewal. The short-term permit will be valid for two years from the anniversary date on which the permit was first issued. No public comments were received. Motion made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs to close the hearing at 3:23 P.M. Unanimous. Motion made by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino to approve Ordinance No. 144 of 2021. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BRISCO MT. ROAD CULVERT

Mike Lamoreaux reached out to four surveyors and heard from one saying he is not available. He has reached out to the other three again, and is waiting to hear from them.

2. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER:

Mr. Rohner informed Mr. Lamoreaux he didn't received the bid documents sent to Attorney Logsdon. The email address used was wrong. Mr. Lamoreaux will be dropping off signed and sealed plans for BIU, the building inspector, to the township building tomorrow, and will bring a hard copy of the bid documents as well. Mr. Rohner asked if Pike County Planning has completed their review of the landscape plans. Mr. Lamoreaux said the review is completed. Mr. Lamoreaux recommends Simone Collins plans be included in the bid package. He needs to determine if there are any significant conflicts between the Simone Collins plans and the plans from McGoey Hauser & Edsall, but he doesn't think there will be any. He also recommends waiting to set bid dates until USDA gives their approval.

3. BIG EGYPT ROAD – VACATING:

Mr. Lamoreaux informed the supervisors he is waiting for a survey of the property.

4. REVIEW ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS:

Mr. Rohner asked that the map colors be changed, some are too similar. The VC Overlay color needs to be changed as well. The map is logistically correct, only the colors need to be adjusted.

5. THE OLEG SHAMIS V. LEHMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHORT-TERM RENTAL APPEAL AT THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 366 – TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the temporary transfer of funds. Unanimous. The Resolution is a part of these minutes on file.

2. APPROVE THE 2021 POCONO DESIGNS SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the 2021 Pocono Designs service agreement. There are no price increases. Unanimous.

3. APPROVE THE 2021 DBI SERVICES AGREEMENT – ROADSIDE VEGETATION CONTROL:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the 2021 DBI service agreement for a 3-year contract 2021 - \$899.00, 2022 - \$926.00 and 2023 - \$954.00. Unanimous.

4. THE AMBULANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT A MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS CONDUCTED ON MARCH 5, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M. REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION SAW CREEK ESTATES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

POCONO MT/PIKE COUNTY COG REPORT(S):

None.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Tim Rohner reported work on trucks and equipment continues. The crew picked up the trash on some of the roads and is working on filling pot holes. The break room is completed and work on the bathrooms at the township building continues. Brush has been cut on Brisco Mt. Road and the township roads have been broomed. The oil burners at the park office and caretakers house have been serviced. The township generator has been serviced by Penn Power. The shoulder on Brisco Mt. Road has been repaired due to flooding from removal of a beaver dam. The recycling sites at the township building, Pine Ridge, and Ranchlands have been cleaned up. Mulch has been brought in to the leaf site. Cleaning of the intersections has started. Removal of the snow equipment has started. The crew has started to clean out the bins and haul material to the park for storage.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021.

Regarding the guiderail damage on Winona Falls Road, Geico submitted a claim for \$4,949.23. Motion made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs to accept the claim from Geico as presented. Unanimous.

Three short-term rental letters have been sent to the township asking to be allowed a permit. The letters have been given to Mr. Logsdon who will prepare response letters for the zoning officer to send.

Mr. Logsdon was speaking with an acquaintance that represents hospitals about the lack of a hospital in Pike County. His acquaintance is interested in assisting the supervisors research the possibility of putting an Urgent Care or hospital in the area. He would need more information regarding the population, a location, etc. Mr. Rohner asked that Mr. Logsdon send him an email outlining what information is needed. Mr. Lamoreaux responded saying that the largest stumbling block is a septic system and added that a hospital is a challenge and an Urgent Care is more realistic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-LITIGATIONS (PENNDOT) (SAW CREEK ESTATES):

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 P.M and to go into Executive Session – Litigation Penn Dot and Saw Creek Estates made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary