

**MAY 11, 2023  
THURSDAY, 3:00 P.M.**

**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 and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Representatives from the Jinyin Temple in Bushkill gifted the supervisors a copy of a painting they have displayed in their temple. The painting represents the various religions in the world. The members of the temple pray for world peace and want to get their message out to the community. The temple is open to the public for anyone who would like to visit.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2023:**

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting. Unanimous.

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

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino 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 MARCH 31, 2023:**

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended March 31, 2023. Unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. BRISCO MT. CULVERT:**

Tabled.

**2. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT:**

Mr. Lamoreaux reported that three of the four contracts have been returned signed with bonds and insurance. Mr. Lamoreaux will contact the last contractor to obtain the contract and required documents. Once all of the signed contracts have been returned Mr. Lamoreaux must send them to USDA and ESSA before a notice to proceed can be issued.

### **3. LEHMAN PIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:**

Between 4/1/23 and 4/30/23 LPEMS responded to 104 911 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 61 (59%) were ALS, and 42 (40%) were BLS. The 1% remaining were non-emergency 911 calls for information only.

We received the DOH decals for the Ram (242). There is currently an issue with the inverter, which is being looked into in-house.

241 still has a coolant leak, but it did get 6 new tires. Thank you to Matt Snyder for his help in regard to the tires.

We are preparing for Poconos Park's upcoming concert weekend.

Congratulations to Greg Maresca and Rachael Dsurney, who received kudos from LVHN-Pocono for their quick response/treatment/notification regarding a patient suffering a STEMI (heart attack).

### **4. EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTH CAMPUS SECURITY & SAFETY:**

Jonathon Dickison met with Chief Mills on April 18, 2023 at the north high school. A walk through of the schools at the north campus is scheduled for Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> with Chief Mills and his staff. Mr. Dickison also invited Lehman Pike EMS members to attend this meeting. Mr. Rohner said he had a discussion with Debbie Kulick, a member of the school board, regarding security at the north campus. She told him that a lot of changes have been implemented and metal detectors are used on a daily basis. Mr. Rohner noted that a few days following this discussion a student was caught with a knife in the school. Mr. Springs discussed that Representative Tarah Probst met with representatives at the north campus and the school appeared well kept and the students were all polite. Mr. Springs stated this was not his understanding of the school from what he is being told by parents and students who attend the north schools.

Mr. Dickison asked if the supervisors would like to set up a meeting with Chief Mills for them. All agreed.

Jose Rosado discussed an issue his daughter had at the Intermediate School. He feels the Vice Principal did not do his job effectively. When he asked to speak with the principal he was told she was not available.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. THE TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN AWARDED A \$10,000 GRANT FROM DCED FOR THE BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING.**

**2. LEAF AND BRUSH CORRESPONDENCE TO HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION:**

Mr. Rohner gave Mr. Logsdon a document with the names and addresses of the communities in the township. Correspondence will be forwarded to the communities.

**3. APPROVE PURCHASE OF A BAUMALIGHT BRUSHFIRE MX530 FOR \$19,603.00 THROUGH CO-STARS:**

Tabled.

**4. APPROVE THE MOVING OF THE TOWNSHIP'S BANK ACCOUNTS FROM WAYNE BANK TO ESSA BANK & TRUST:**

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the moving of the township's bank accounts from Wayne Bank to ESSA Bank & Trust. Unanimous.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Mr. Logsdon discussed the new higher Municipal CD rates. Mr. Rohner will look into the rates.

Mr. Logsdon brought up House Bill 299 and the new requirements OSHA will be placing on local municipalities and non-profit organizations, should the bill pass the senate.

Mr. Logsdon asked if the township has received any county ARPA money? Mr. Rohner responded the township has not received any money. Mr. Logsdon will look into this.

Mr. Logsdon asked if the updated colors on the zoning map are acceptable. Mr. Rohner and township zoning officer Stanley Whittaker agreed they are.

The question of whether the EMS staff, road crew and other township employees can be filmed while performing their duties was brought up. Mr. Logsdon discussed the wiretap laws and said audio cannot be recorded. Employees should tell people filming them that they do not have their consent to film them. Mr. Logsdon will prepare a script for employees to say to people who want to film them.

**POCONO MT./PIKE COUNTY COG REPORT(S):**

Ms. Laino reported the Pike County COG was cancelled. There was a zoom meeting for the Pocono Mt COG where the local municipality EMS departments were discussed. The zoom connection was lost at this point.

**ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

Roadmaster Tim Rohner gave the following report:

Work continues on trucks and equipment. Bill Duffy has been working on the township building hallways and at the Kuzava building. Trash has been picked up on township roads. The crew finished installing the new street signs on township roads. The carbon monoxide alarm was installed at the caretaker's house. The material from the salt/road material bins is being moved to the park. The

township recycling site has been cleaned up. Ditches have been cleaned on West Sugar Mountain Road and in Rustic Acres. The crew started to paint stop blocks on township roads. Dead trees have been removed on Creek Road and Pine Lane. The site lines have been cut on township roads. The generator at the Kuzava building failed the load test. The generator engine needs to be looked at by John Deere. Intersections on township roads have been cleaned. The new dump truck arrived. The next one should be delivered by the end of May. Aaron Springs and Dan Medrano attended a flagger training class on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The big leaf vac passed state inspection.

The next Road Task Force meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Litigation with Northeast Site, John Sivick and Boucher and James  
Litigation with PennDot**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 P.M., and go into executive session made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Edwina Wolfe*  
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Assistant Secretary