

**JUNE 8, 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:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2023:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2023 (9:00 A.M.):

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2023 9:00 A.M. meeting. Unanimous.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2023 (6:30 P.M.):

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2023 6:30 P.M. 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.

ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; ALL FUNDS, FOR THE MONTH ENDED APRIL 30, 2023:

Tabled.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 153, GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE – BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER:

Mr. Logsdon opened the public hearing at 3:03 P.M. by explaining the text of Ordinance No. 153 - General Obligation Note for \$5,574,950.00 which is in connection to the USDA loan for Bushkill Outreach & Community Center, and was prepared by Bond Counsel Eckert Seamans, Attorney-at-Law. A copy is a part of these minutes on file. Mr. Rohner stated that notice was advertised in the Pocono Record, and was posted upon the municipal building. There were no comments or questions from those in attendance. Motion made by Mr. Rohner second by Ms. Laino to pass Ordinance No. 153. Unanimous. Mr. Logsdon closed the hearing at 3:08 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT:

Mr. Lamoreaux informed the supervisors there was a conference call with the general contractor to discuss the project. The projected start date is July 2023.

2. LEHMAN PIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

Lehman Pike Emergency Medical Services Administrator Sue Duffy gave the following report:

For the month of May 2023, LPEMS received 115 “911” emergency dispatches. 56% (64) were dispatched as ALS and 44% (40) were dispatched as BLS. We also received 5 non-emergency notifications from Pike County 911. The breakdown of calls per Township is as follows:

Lehman Township	77
Middle Smithfield 588	12
Delaware Township	9
Blooming Grove	1
Middle Smithfield BEC	10
Porter Township	2
Monroe County	4

Vehicle Status:

4093: Nothing new to report

24-1: Glick came out to the Winona Falls Station to look at the coolant issue. There is a faulty heater coil which has been ordered by Glick. They will come back to change it as soon as they receive it. They also instructed crews in rebooting the inverter which seems to blow its circuit frequently. Thank you to Matt Snyder for thoroughly waxing the vehicle to remove/repel insects and dirt.

24-2: Elite Ambulance sent parts for a faulty starter which was repaired in-house; they sent a replacement inverter, as the one initially installed was faulty. That was also reinstalled in-house.

24-3: Is still in the shop; the motor finally arrived. No word as to when it will be ready.

Stations:

Township Building: Notice was posted for all EMS staff to ensure fuel pumps are turned off and all doors are locked and secured.

Winona Falls Building: Panic buttons were installed. A new hot water heater was purchased. Crews have been doing some “beautification” indoors as well as out. Special

thanks to Rose DiPaolo, Greg Maresca, Matt Snyder, Dennis Reid, Louis DiFusco, Keith Buccieri, and Rachael Dsurney for all of their hard work.

We have several staff members who are interested in taking instructor courses so that we can provide the balance of required education in-house. This will be a great benefit to employees of LPEMS.

We are still waiting for news on a possible Co-Medical Director from Lehigh Valley Health Network. LVHN is also providing information so that we may be able to purchase/exchange medications through them as well as through SLM and our vendors.

We are in the process of changing oxygen vendors from All Gas to Dailey's in Bartonsville. Not only are the fees drastically lower, but Dailey will also deliver the tanks, and we have the option to have them come weekly, and inspect the tanks that are at the stations.

The first concert at Poconos Park was very successful. We had a few minor incidents, but nothing that required transport to the hospital.

3. EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTH CAMPUS SECURITY & SAFETY:

Mr. Springs discussed the meeting with Chief Ryker of the East Stroudsburg Area School District. There was a meeting with Chief Ryker, and the township supervisors at which concerns over safety at the North Campus were discussed. Mr. Springs feels the meeting was productive and plans to continue to work closely with Chief Ryker and his staff. Wayne Rohner asked if the missing security camera was discussed. Mr. Springs said it was discussed and Chief Ryker admitted it was a shortfall, and it will be addressed. Wayne Rohner mentioned that members of the community must demand better communication as well as equal resources between the North and South Campuses.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the purchase of a Baumalight Brushfire MX530 for \$19,603.00, the lowest quote received. The file is a part of these minutes on file. Unanimous.

2. APPROVE DISABLED VETERAN'S REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION FOR SUSAN HANSEN:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to approve the Disabled Veteran's Real Property Tax Exemption Certification for Susan Hansen. Unanimous.

3. PENNDOT'S REQUEST OF THE TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT THE ROAD TURNBACK OF BUSHKILL FALLS ROAD FROM RT. 209 (AT THE STOP LIGHT) TO MILFORD ROAD:

Following a brief discussion relating to this request, motion by Mr. Springs second by Ms. Laino to decline the road turnback to the township of Bushkill Falls Road as described. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Logsdon discussed a new senate bill that will aid the Planning Commission with items in the Pennsylvania Municipality Planning Code.

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

None.

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. The crew finished moving material from bins #1, #2, & #3 to the park. There were new benches put up at the township ball field. The intersections on township roads have been cleaned up. The new truck was taken in for state inspection. The new truck and the Mack have been lettered. The generator was repaired, and is up and running at the Kuzava building. The stop blocks on township roads have been painted. DeAngelo Contracting was in to spray weeds on guiderails and signs. Potholes have been filled on township roads. Sight lines have been mowed on township roads. The crew picked 22 bags of litter on East and West Sugar Mountain Roads. The new sign for the EMS station at the Kuzava building has been installed. The first cleanup of the year was on June 2 - it was very busy. The crew is cleaning up from clean up.

The next Road Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 15th.

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 3:38 P.M., and go into executive session made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,
Edwina Wolfe
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Assistant Secretary

