

**JULY 11, 2024
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 Aaron Springs, Supervisor, Sean Logsdon, Township Solicitor, Mike Lamoreaux, Township Engineer, and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary. Theresa Laino, Vice Chair was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Oakes of Poconos Park mentioned that the fireworks on July 6th at the park were “awesome”.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2024:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Mr. Rohner to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2024 meeting. Unanimous.

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

Motion made by Mr. Rohner 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 MAY 31, 2024:

Motion made by Mr. Springs second by Mr. Rohner to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended May 31, 2024. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT:

Mr. Lamoreaux reported that at this point the project is on schedule. However, there are some compliance issues and McGoey, Hauser has recommended the contractor hires an engineer. A wall frame has been installed with the timber species unspecified. It needs to be confirmed that the wood used is structurally sound. The contractor may need to issue a credit because the wood they used is less costly than what was bid. The trusses will not be installed on schedule because they are trying to determine what they are going to do for the walls.

Mr. Logsdon followed up on the right of way agreements that were discussed at the last supervisors’ meeting. Mr. Logsdon spoke with Jerry Sullivan, the Met Ed representative. He is satisfied with the plans Mr. Logsdon had forwarded regarding the right of way agreement for the township lot and the repository lot once the deed is received from the county.

2. LEHMAN PIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

Lehman Pike EMS Administrator Sue Duffy gave the following report:

For the month of June 2024, LPEMS responded to 106 “911” emergency dispatches. 46% (49 calls) were dispatched as Basic Life Support and 54% (57 calls) were dispatched as “Advanced Life Support”. We lost less than 1% (1 call) to outside agencies (Delaware EMS/Atlantic Air) due to simultaneous dispatches. Of the 106 dispatches, 16% (17 calls) were mutual aid assistance calls for outside agencies. The breakdown of dispatches per Township is as follows:

Lehman Township:	70	66%
Middle Smithfield 588:	19	18%
Middle Smithfield BEC:	9	8%
Delaware Township:	4	4%
Monroe County:	1	1%
Porter Township:	3	3%

Dispatch information between 01/01/2024 and 06/30/2024 was submitted to Middle Smithfield Township, per their EMS Tax Resolution requirements. Moving forward, reports will be submitted on a monthly basis.

24 Ambulance 1 was involved in a minor crash with a tree in the early hours of 7/10/24. Damage was limited to the rear bumper. Tim Rohner has a call into Glick to see if they have a replacement in stock.

We provided EMS standby service for Poconos Park’s “Let Freedom Ring” carnival/concert/fireworks display between July 3 – July 6. We had three patients, two of whom were transported to Lehigh Valley–Pocono for further evaluation. The participation by staff was outstanding and is greatly appreciated. Most who participated in the event also worked their regularly scheduled hours over these four days. If we have the opportunity to purchase work lights in case patients require treatment in darker hours, and misting fans for both staff and patrons of these events, these would be very beneficial. The next event at Poconos Park will be the “Totally Tubular” Concert on July 20. Our sign-up sheet for that event has been full for quite some time now.

We have received our cyanokits thanks to the receipt of the OSFC grant. Brett Keane will host an In-Service with Dr. Jennifer Volpe so all staff can familiarize themselves with this new adjunct. We have had quite a few outside fire companies ask if they can call on LPEMS should they have a situation in which the cyanokits might prove useful. The cyanokits are an IV solution that can be given to patients who are subjected to carbon monoxide or cyanide through either chemical, suicide attempts or fires. This medication binds to these poisons and is proving to be very successful in saving lives.

We are in preparation to provide EMS standby service for ESASD North football games for the upcoming school year. We have had many staff members express interest in participating in these standbys. Mr. Rohner mentioned this service will be provided to the community at no charge

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We are still awaiting final confirmation of our participation in the Pennsylvania EMS for Children Voluntary Recognition Program. Roseanne DiPaolo is working on a schedule of future events for that program.

We have had a number of very difficult calls recently. Our staff have handled themselves with the utmost professionalism and have provided excellent patient care for some extremely ill and/or injured patients. Great job!

3. EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTH CAMPUS:

Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. TAMIMENT/UNITY HOUSE PROPERTY:

Joan DeSouza from Aldridge Chasewater LLC introduced herself and Joseph Hawlik. She said they are doing “due diligence” on the property and would like feedback from the township and county. Mr. Rohner asked her what plans she would like to see. She said they haven’t really decided and they are trying to get feedback from everyone to see what they can change in the area. Mr. Rohner mentioned the township would like to see age restricted housing and assisted living. The area is zoned Industrial / Light Manufacturing. Mr. Rohner said the township would like to see this and possibly a medical building in this area. The property hasn’t been purchased yet; they are still looking into this possibility. Zoning Officer Stanley Whittaker asked if they are working with John Wolfington to develop this property. Ms. DeSouza responded that they aren’t working with him. Mr. Hawlik stated that they would really like to accentuate the history of the area. Additionally, they plan to restore the golf course.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Logsdon mentioned there is a Planning Commission meeting tonight at 7PM. Pine Ridge Well #3 will be discussed. Mr. Logsdon discussed the “PA Games of Skill”. He is looking into whether the township can impose a local amusement tax. The state government is discussing if there is going to be a state tax on the games. Mr. Logsdon will keep bring it back to the supervisors when there is the possibility for any type of local amusement taxation.

John Oakes shared that he has been working with the Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau to launch and form the Sports Entertainment and Film Commission for the Pocono Region. A formal announcement will be made tomorrow afternoon at Pocono Raceway. Mr. Oakes also discussed that he was told the Blues Festival and Car Show the township hosts every year has been cancelled this year because of the construction at the park. He offered to host the festival at Poconos Park. Mr. Oakes will get contact information for the bands, etc. that perform at the festival.

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

No report.

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ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Roadmaster Tim Rohner gave the following report:

Work continues on trucks and equipment. The first clean up on 6/14/24 was very busy. The crew has been cleaning up from clean up and cleaning up the recycling site. Shoulder and site lines have been mowed. Two front tires have been installed on the boom mower. The Zoning Officer vehicle, ambulance #24-3, and truck # 916 passed state inspection. Work continues on installation of the new lights at the park. The stop blocks have been painted on township roads. The new pipe, roadway, and shoulder have been blacktopped on Briscoe Mtn. Road. The shoulder and roadway on Little Egypt Rd. have been repaired with black top. The guiderails on Little Egypt Rd., Brodhead Rd., and Brisco Mtn. Rd. have been repaired.

The next Road Task Force meeting is scheduled for July 18th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

LITIGATION – PENNDOT

PERSONNEL

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 P.M. and go into Executive Session Litigation– PennDot and Personnel made by Mr. Rohner second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary