

MINUTES

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:05 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 JULY 11, 2024:

Motion made by Ms. Laino second by Mr. Springs to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BUSHKILL OUTREACH & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT:

Mr. Lamoreaux reported the project is moving forward at a good pace and is still on schedule. Once the weather allows, the patio area will be brought up to grade and the slab will be poured. The trusses and sheathing are up so the building is taking shape. Mr. Rohner questioned if there will be a change order for the lumber, Mr. Lamoreaux responded that he doesn't think there will be one. The issue has been resolved.

2. SPOILS SITE:

Mr. Lamoreaux reported that he resubmitted the plans Friday and they were recognized by the Conservation District, they accepted the resubmittal.

3. EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTH CAMPUS:

Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 401 – OPPOSING THE DELAWARE RIVER NATIONAL PARK AND LENAPE PRESERVE ALLIANCE TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF DELAWARE WATER GAP NAT'L RECREATION AREA TO A NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE:

Tabled.

2. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LEHMAN TOWNSHIP FOR EMS STANDBY AT FOOTBALL GAMES:

The agreement has been executed. The first football game is scheduled for August 26.

MISCELLANEOUS:

None.

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

None.

LEHMAN PIKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

Lehman Pike EMS Administrator Sue Duffy gave the following report:

For the month of July 2024, LPEMS responded to 127 “911” emergency dispatches. 41% (52 calls) were dispatched as Basic Life Support and 59% (75 calls) were dispatched as Advanced Life Support. We lost 5 calls (4%) due to simultaneous dispatches, and we responded to 12 mutual aid calls (9%) for outside agencies. The breakdown of dispatches per Township is as follows:

Lehman Township:	92	72%
Middle Smithfield 588:	21	17%
Middle Smithfield BEC:	8	6%
Delaware Township:	3	2%
Porter Township:	2	2%
Wayne County:	1	1%

Dispatch information for the month of July 2024 was submitted to Middle Smithfield Township, per their EMS Tax Resolution requirements.

Brett Keane and Dr. Jennifer Volpe hosted an In-Service so all staff are trained in the use of Cyanokits. Greg Maresca sent letters out to all surrounding fire, emergency management, and other appropriate agencies, advising them that we are currently the only agency in the area that carries the Cyanokits should a situation arise where this adjunct may prove useful.

We received our recognition and stickers for the Prepared for Pediatrics program. We are currently registered as a Master Level agency. We have four providers who are registered for the Child Safety Seat Inspection Class coming up in November. Once those providers have successfully completed this class, we will apply for an upgrade to Expert Level. A huge amount of work went into our being recognized for this program by Roseanne DiPaolo, Gregory Maresca, and our providers who were required to complete several Continuing Education classes geared towards our pediatric community.

Our staff met with the ESASD North Athletic Department to review policies and protocols for the upcoming football season. We will also be touring all three North campuses with ESASD North

Security so that our staff is familiar with the layouts of these schools. Lehman Pike was invited to join the Homecoming Parade at the North High School.

Gregory Maresca, Theresa Medrano, and Sue Duffy attended a training session with the Monroe County Control Center regarding their new dispatch information system. Having Lehman Pike EMS included in this system would potentially shorten the time between the 911 call and the dispatch and response of the EMS units. While our department will still receive dispatch alerts from Pike County Communications Center, our crews will be notified by Monroe County Control via text alert that a call in their area is pending for our units. We could at least begin our response to those calls faster.

Gregory Maresca and Keith Buccieri will host a Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid class on August 26 for Lehman Township residents. We have had several residents express interest in taking this class. Due to student-to-instructor ratio limitations, we can only accept a finite number of participants per class. We will hold classes regularly from now on. Information regarding CPR classes will be available on the Lehman Township web page and Lehman Pike EMS' Facebook page.

We have two staff members who have just begun the Advanced EMT (AEMT) program; Louis DiFusco and Robert Kramer. Having Advanced EMTs on our roster will help to better serve our community due to the shortage of Paramedics in the Commonwealth. For those who are not familiar with this level of EMS certification, AEMT is a bridge between EMT and Paramedic. An AEMT can perform many of the same skills as a Paramedic, but on a more limited scale. An AEMT can start IVs, perform EKGs, and administer certain medications in order to provide rapid emergency care to patients either prior to or in lieu of the arrival of a Paramedic unit. The goal is to provide the highest level of lifesaving skills to patients as quickly as possible.

As with June, July has presented our staff with several extremely difficult calls. And again, our providers have handled themselves with the utmost professionalism and provided excellent patient care to those in need. Along the lines of difficult calls, LPEMS is looking to have at least one member of our staff complete a Critical Incident Stress Management course so that any providers in need, LPEMS staff, or providers from other agencies might benefit from the CISM program.

ROADMASTER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Roadmaster Tim Rohner gave the following report:

Work continues on trucks and equipment. The second cleanup was held July 19. The crew has been cleaning up from the cleanup and cleaning up the recycling site. The shoulders and site lines have been mowed. Work is being done at the park on the new light project. A new windshield has been installed on truck #921. The shoulders have been repaired on W. Sugar Mtn. Road and Little Egypt Road. The ditches have been cleaned on township roads. Trees have been cut on Creek Road and at the park. New signs have been installed on Big Egypt Road and in Rustic Acres. Four new tires have been installed on the Chase Vehicle and two new front tires have been installed on truck #920. The fire extinguishers for all buildings and equipment have been scheduled for yearly inspection. Driveway repair has been done at the Ambulance Building.

AUGUST 8, 2024

The Road Task Force meeting scheduled for August 15 has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

LITIGATION – PENNDOT

PERSONNEL

There was an Executive Session regarding Litigation – PennDot and Personnel today at 1:30 P.M.

There was an Executive Session July 29 at 9:20 A.M. regarding Personnel.

There was an Executive Session July 31 at 7 P.M. regarding Personnel.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 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