

**BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
1114 BUSHKILL CENTER ROAD
NAZARETH, PA 18064**

**MINUTES
September 2, 2021**

The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at the Bushkill Township Recreation Pavilion. The following Supervisors were present: Mr. Kocher, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Bender, Mr. Kline, and Mrs. Hill. Also, present were Township Manager Belinda Roberts, Attorney Steve Mills, Engineer Robert Collura, Chief Michael McLouth, Zoning Officer Kenneth Shiffert, Open Space Coordinator Kerry Reider and Planning Admin. Todd Weidman. There were 5 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Chairman, Brien Kocher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SIGN INS: NONE

MOTION TO CHANGE AGENDA: Motion by Carolyn Hill seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to amend the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

1. **August 5, 2021 - Motion** by Julie Bender seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to approve the minutes of August 5, 2021.

Reports

2. **Police** – Chief McLouth provided the report. Chief McLouth stated that the Police Department would be applying for 2 LSA Grants for a Pole Building & a Fixed License Plate Reader.
 - a. **Resolution 2021-22 Northampton/Lehigh LSA Grant**
 - b. **Resolution 2021-23 Monroe LSA Grant****Motion** by Carolyn Hill seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to approve Resolution 2021-22 & 2021-23
3. **Treasurer** –Treasurer Report enclosed
4. **Tax Collector** – Tax Collector report enclosed
5. **Zoning Officer** – Zoning Officer Ken Shiffert provided the report.
6. **Public Works** – Asst. Foreman Kyle Kline provided the Public Works Report.
 - a. **Municibid** – Authorization is requested to add the Road Mower and Trailer to the Municibid Website. **Motion** by Harrison Kline seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to approve the use of Municibid to sell the road mower and trailer.
7. **Library** – Library Report enclosed.
8. **Recreation** –**Motion** by Harrison Kline seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to appoint Karen Janis to the Recreation Board.
9. **Fire Company** – BTVFC President Alex Thompson provided the report
10. **Engineer** – Engineer Robert Collura provided the report.
11. **Solicitor** –
 - a. **Truck Restriction Ordinance 2021-01:** Ordinance restricting Truck Traffic except local deliveries on designated Township owned roads. Advertised in the Lehigh Valley Express.

Chairman Kocher asked for Public Comment regarding the Ordinance, there were no comments. **Motion** by Jason Smith seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to authorize Truck Restriction Ordinance.

- b. Weight Restriction Ordinance:** Ordinance to establish a maximum weight limit of Five (5) tons for all motor vehicles traveling the Baron Road Bridge. Advertised in the Lehigh Valley Express. Chairman Kocher stated that the ordinance would be tabled until the Baron Road Bridge work is completed. **Motion** by Julie Bender seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to table the Ordinance until after the Baron Road Bridge has been completed.

12. **EAC** – No meeting held in August

13. **NAZ COG** – No meeting held in August

14. **Emergency Mgmt.** – EMC Tom Barnowski provided the report

OLD BUSINESS:

15. **Municipal Building Renovation** – No update

NEW BUSINESS:

16. **Resolution 2021-20 – Grow NORCO Grant (Police)** – Grow NORCO Grant Resolution – Bushkill Township Police Department is applying for a \$50,000 Grant for the purchase of 2 police vehicles. **Motion** by Julie Bender seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to approve Resolution 2021-20.

17. **Resolution 2021-21 – Grow NORCO Grant (Admin)** – Grow NORCO Grant Resolution – Bushkill Township is applying for a \$50,000 Grant to update the outdoor lighting of the Municipal Building, Township Security, and the Municipal Bldg. Generator. **Motion** by Carolyn Hill seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to approve Resolution 2021-21.

18. **2022 MMO (Uniform & Non-Uniform Pension)** – Uniform MMO is \$201,724 and Non-uniform MMO is \$91,895. **Motion** by Julie Bender seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to approve 2022 MMO for both Uniform & Non-Uniform Pension.

19. **2022 Workers Compensation Renewal** - Renewal of Workers' Compensation for 2022. **Motion** by Julie Bender seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to approve the renewal of the 2022 Workers Compensation Insurance.

20. **Trick or treat** – Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 6pm to 8 pm. **Motion** by Carolyn Hill seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to approve October 31, 2021, from 6-8pm for Trick or treat.

21. **2020 Census** – 2020 Census reports 8482 residents in Bushkill Township, an increase of 304 from the 2010 Census.

PAY BILLS: Bill List - \$654,422.73– **Motion** by Julie Bender seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to pay the bills.

GOOD OF THE BOARD: Next regular Board of Supervisors meeting – October 7, 2021 @ 6:00pm
NCATO County Convention – **Cancelled**
Touch a Truck – October 2, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jason Smith seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda A. Roberts, Manager