

**POCONO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 3rd, 2012**

Chairman Frank Hess opened the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

F. Hess welcomed Attorney Jeff Durney to the board and introduced him as the new Township Attorney.

Vincent Trapasso, Tannersville, questioned Harold Werkheiser concerning the bad conditions of the roads. Words were exchanged.

J. Coover, Henryville; Tommy Olsen, Tannersville; and Robert Grimaldi, Tannersville questioned the Regional Park project.

Jack Swersie, Scotrun, status on the Frantz Hill Road Project. F. Hess noted the Township will receive a grant for the repair.

- 1) Dates for upcoming Pocono Township Re-organizational meetings - all to be held at the Pocono Township Municipal Building.
 - A) Pocono Township Auditor's meeting - 01/04/2012 at 1:00 P.M.
 - B) Pocono Township Planning Commission meeting - 01/09/2012 at 7:00 P.M.
 - C) HJPPSC meeting - 01/05/2012 at 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES: H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to approve the minutes of the 12/19/2011 Regular meeting and the Special meetings of 12/20/2011 and 12/30/2011. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, abstained; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

F. Hess made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to approve the minutes of the 12/06/2011 Special meeting. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, abstained; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

BILLS: F. Hess made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to approve the payment of the Semi-Monthly Bills. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, abstained; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

BILLS: H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess to approve the semi-monthly bills. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

BIDS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SEWER PROJECT:

H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to approve:

- 1) Contract No. 4 - Pioneer Construction - Payment Request No. 20 - in the amount of \$162,571.07.
- 2) Contract No. 4 - Pioneer Construction - Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$183,055.44 and formalizing a Time Extension of Substantial Completion to November 30th, 2011.
- 3) Contract No. 4 - Pioneer Construction - Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$22,727.34.
- 4) Manhole inspection - Proposal for Soil Testing and Geotechnical Engineering related to re-setting of Manhole #B2-1-05 (near Alfredo's Pizza) and recommend acceptance of the proposal from Midlantic Engineering in the amount of \$3,381.00.
Roll call vote: H. Bengel, abstained; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

Margie Kiernan, Henryville; Paul Frantz, Scotrun; and Ron Swink, Henryville, questioned the cost of the change orders.

Paul Frantz questioned if the sewerline was over budget. F. Hess noted the total cost has been less than budgeted for.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) H. Bengel made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to open and amend the Township Budget for 2012. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

J. Coover, Henryville, asked if there will be work sessions on the revised budget and how much the expenditures exceeded the revenues. Tommy Olsen, Tannersville, asked how much money will be trimmed from the present budget.

Rich Manfredi noted the present budget is \$101,000.00 over the revenues. The Township does have a reserve fund but the board does not want to use the reserve.

- 2) Sheldon Kopelson request for hearing - Sheldon Kopelson requested an amendment to the Township Zoning map. Discussion followed. No action was taken.
- 3) Conditional Use application for Northampton Community College - Regional Impact Development - for 01/12/2012 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS CONT:

- 4) Supervisors' 01/16/2012 regularly scheduled meeting falls on a holiday (Martin Luther Kings' Birthday). H. Bengel made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to reschedule the 01/16/2012 regular meeting to 01/17/2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Pocono Township Municipal Building. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

H. Bengel made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., until 01/17/2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Pocono Township Municipal Building. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.