

**POCONO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 9th, 2014 7:00 P.M.**

The Special Meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on January 9th, 2014 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by President Richard Wielebinski at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Richard Wielebinski, present; Jerry Lastowski, present; Greg Hill, present; and Brad Wise, present. Tom Felver was absent.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS: President Rich Wielebinski noted each visitor had the right to comment at this time. The Board would then convene into Executive Session and would take no action upon return.

COMMENTS:

Annabella Lastowski requested permission from the board to create a committee to improve the meeting room re: seating arrangement, table placement, etc. Rich Wielebinski thanked her for the offer of help.

Judi Coover questioned the process of hiring a manager and if the public input would be allowed.

Greg Hill noted they had looked into Layette College's program to assist with the search for a manager and also to develop a job description and ordinance.

Jerry Lastowski stated the board could possibly set up a time for public comment on the procedure during a Commissioners meeting.

Rich Wielebinski informed the audience to use their new Township email accounts for sending suggestions.

Diane Zweifel asked if the Police Chief needed to attend meetings.

Rich Wielebinski noted the Board did not feel a need for Police presence at meeting.

Marie Guidry asked about the status of her position on the Planning Commission and had concerns about time deadlines for plans before the P.C. Board.

Jennifer Wise re Township Solicitor.

Discussion followed on the interview and selection process for Township Solicitor.

Greg Hill addressed the audience noting that it is an honor and privilege to serve. He would like to have Request for Proposal for all positions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Greg Hill announced an Executive Session was held on Wednesday, 01/08/2014, to interview a law firm.

Greg Hill felt that the firm interviewed, Broughal & DeVito, L.L.P. met the needs of the Township.

Greg Hill made a motion to hire Broughal & DeVito, L.L.P. as Township Solicitor. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Jerry Lastowski stated the Board had agreed to interview all Solicitor applications before an appointment is made.

Harold Werkheiser advised the Board that an Attorney should be present at all meetings to protect the Township.

Greg Hill agreed on the importance of having an attorney present.

Judi Coover re 2013 Budget - stated in her opinion the Board could reopen the Budget by motion, without an Attorney.

Hearing no further public comment

Greg Hill made a motion, seconded by Rich Wielebinski, to convene the meeting into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Greg Hill, yes; Jerry Lastowski, yes; Rich Wielebinski, yes; and Brad Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Rich Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by Brad Wise, to reconvene and adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Greg Hill, yes; Jerry Lastowski, yes; Rich Wielebinski, yes; and Brad Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Pamela Finkbeiner
Recording Secretary