

**POCONO TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**01/31/2014**

The Special Meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, Pa., and was opened by President Rich Wielebinski at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS:** President Rich Wielebinski noted that each visitor has the right to comment at this time or before any action is taken on a matter.

**ROLL CALL:** Rich Wielebinski, present; Jerry Lastowski, present; Tom Felver, present; Greg Hill, present; and Brad Wise, present. Leo DeVito, Township Solicitor and Pamela Finkbeiner, recording secretary were also present.

**2014 BUDGET**

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by G. Hill, to open the 2014 budget to amend it to the 2013 Tax rate of 17.350.

Discussion followed. The Board concurred that unknown expenses such as spending related to unexpected growth, the sewer project, engineer costs, record management, Zoning and SALDO updates, Public Works Director and Township manager salaries, roadways, and bridge repairs, etc., could hinder the Boards ability to address those issues.

Harold Werkheiser noted the Stadden Road project is an emergency repair. A new bridge would cost around 1 million.

Taylor Munoz, re: taxing power of governments.

Judy Coover questioned the engineer fees paid by the Developers.

Monica Gerrity, re: new police vehicles.

Jennifer Wise-Werkheiser, and Marie Guidry, spoke in favor of returning the millage to the 2013 rate.

Judy Coover questioned were the additional monies will be placed in the amended budget.

Greg Hill stated the primary increases will be in legal, police, roads & bridges, Public Works Director and Manager.

J. Lastowski amended the motion as follows, seconded by G. Hill, to open the 2014 Budget and amend the 2014 Budget to the 2013 Tax rate of 17.350; and authorize the Administrator to advertise the proposed amended budget for adoption at a special meeting on 2/14/2014. Roll call vote: R.

Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; G. Hill, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Annabella Lastowski re: website updates.

Jane Cilurso re: unapproved updated Zoning and SALDO ordinances.

**ADJOURNMENT**

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m., until the 02/03/2014 regular Commissioners' meeting. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; G. Hill, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.