

**POCONO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
December 2, 2013**

MINUTES

Chairman Frank Hess opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Frank Hess, Chairman; Henry Bengel, Vice Chairman; Frank Froio, Township Administrator; Jeffrey Durney, Township Solicitor

Absent: Harold Werkheiser, Supervisor

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALENDAR:

Sewer Meeting on December 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

HJP Park Board Meeting on December 5, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Planning Commission Meeting on December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting (Furino appeal) on December 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Meeting on December 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were questions regarding the status of the Public Works union contract. F. Hess advised that a decision had not yet been made with respect to approving the contract.

There was a brief discussion about the retention of Central Pocono Ambulance Corps.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

J. Durney advised that the Cooperation Agreement Regarding Pocono CBK Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District had been reviewed and was ready to be executed pursuant to Ordinance No. 2013-06.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

J. Durney announced that there would be a brief Executive Session immediately following the meeting in order to discuss personnel matters. No action would be taken on the matters at tonight's meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

F. Hess made a motion, seconded by H. Bengel, to approve payment of the semi-monthly bills on the Bill Payment List dated December 2, 2013, subject to final review. Approved bill payments: **GENERAL FUND: \$38,527.73; PARK FUND: \$69.60; DEBT SERVICE: \$8,164.24.** Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

H. Bengel made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Snyder stated that the Township would be better served by eliminating the proposed 2 mill property tax reduction and using the money toward road repairs. Judi Coover stated that Harold Werkheiser does not believe that the amounts budgeted toward roads are adequate. There was a brief discussion about the amounts budgeted for road repairs and improvements.

Scott Gilliland provided comments on the roads and the amounts that should be dedicated toward repairs/improvements. S. Gilliland also asked several questions about the budget, the recycling grant and the equipment purchased and to be purchased pursuant to the grant.

There was a brief discussion concerning the Public Works union contract and the timing of any vote to approve the contract.

There was a brief discussion concerning the resignation of Police Chief Phil Riley as he prepares to become a magisterial district judge in January and the appointment of his successor.

ADJOURNMENT:

H. Bengel made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m., until December 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pocono Township Municipal Building. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.