

**POCONO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
December 27, 2012**

MINUTES

Chairman Frank Hess opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALENDAR:

Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Resolution No. 636 – Adoption of 2013 Budget. F. Froio advised that the 2013 Budget was ready to be considered for adoption. Judi Coover asked about the process of budget amendment, including whether the purchase of the truck approved at the December 17, 2012 meeting could be included in the Budget. There was an extended discussion concerning the maintenance and repair of roads within the Township and whether budgeted funds were sufficient. There was further discussion regarding the condition of the Township vehicles and the scheduled replacement. Jane Cilurso asked about various employee and compensation matters. H. Werkheiser stated that he did not believe that the Budget contained sufficient funds for road maintenance. H. Bengel stated that H. Werkheiser had not provided sufficient information to support his request for additional funds. F. Hess made a motion, seconded by H. Bengel, to approve Resolution No. 636 and adopt the 2013 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; H. Werkheiser, no; F. Hess, yes. Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. 636.

Resolution No. 637 – Establishment of 2013 Real Estate Tax Rates. F. Froio advised that consistent with the Budget adoption, the Board next needed to adopt the taxing resolution. H. Werkheiser stated that he was not in favor of the tax reduction, believing that the small amount of money each taxpayer would save could be used for other Township purposes. H. Bengel made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to approve Resolution No. 637 and adopt the following millage rates for 2013: General Fund – 12.945 mils; Emergency Services – 2.030 mils; Park & Recreation – 1.125 mils; and Debt Service – 1.250 mils. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; H. Werkheiser, no; F. Hess, yes. Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. 637.

Resolution No. 638 – Year-End Supplemental Appropriations. F. Froio advised that the Township’s accountants recommended that appropriate year-end supplemental appropriations be made to adjust budgeted accounts to more accurately reflect what happened through the year. F. Froio advised that he had not received all of the information necessary to complete the list of necessary supplemental appropriations. F. Froio advised that the Township had underspent budgeted funds. F. Froio recommended that the Resolution be adopted subject to the completion and Board review of the final detailed list of supplemental appropriations. H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by H. Bengel, to approve Resolution No. 638 subject to review and approval by the Board of the final list of supplemental appropriations. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; F. Hess, yes. Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. 638.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

H. Bengel made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to approve payment of the bills on the Bill Payment List dated December 27, 2012 (GENERAL FUND: \$61,363.28; ROAD EQUIPMENT: \$3,053.10; DEBT SERVICE: \$2,462.71; FIRE FUND: \$24,548.22; AMBULANCE FUND: \$807.43). Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

H. Bengel made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m., until January 7, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., at the Pocono Township Municipal Building. Roll call vote: H. Bengel, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.