

POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 3rd, 2017 6:00P.M.

The Regular meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 01/03/2017 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by Vice-President Bob DeYoung at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ellen Gndt, present; Bob DeYoung, present; Harold Werkheiser, absent; Jerry Lastowski, present; and Judi Coover, present.

Leo DeVito, Solicitor, Broughal & DeVito; present; Jon Tresslar, Township Engineer, Boucher & James, Inc.; Charles Vogt, Township Manager; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Township Secretary, were present.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Executive Session will be held after the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joe Folsom, Twp. resident, spoke concerning the illegal parking in the fire lanes in the Township. Discussion followed.

MINUTES:

E. Gndt made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to approve the sewer meeting minutes of 12/19/2016. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/19/2016. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to approve the work session and Special meeting minutes of 12/29/2016. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, abstained; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS:

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to approve the bill's list of 01/03/2017. Discussion followed. J. Lastowski and E. Gndt amended the motion to remove the Unifirst Invoice - Check No. 55299 in the amount of \$622.47. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

E. Gndt made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to approve the Transfers dated 01/03/2017 minus \$622.47 - Unifirst Check No. 55299. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, for approve the check ratification list of 01/03/2017. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Maxine Turbolski, Twp. resident, questioned an invoice for Truck repairs.

2015 AUDIT APPROVAL - J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to adopt the 2015 Audit. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, no; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, no. Motion failed. B. DeYoung and J. Lastowski noted they are in favor of approving the 2015 audit.

Jerrold Belvin, Twp. resident, questioned the risks involved with not approving the audit.

Joe Folsom, Diane Zweifel, and Alex Grum, Twp. residents, questioned the reasons for not approving the 2015 audit.

Discussion followed.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

President's report - absent.

Bob DeYoung, Vice-President, requested E. Gndt to provide the information to Julian Kirk for the 2015 Audit.

Jerry Lastowski, Commissioner, none.

Judi Coover, Commissioner, - 2016 Auditor - J. Coover made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to solicit for Request for Proposals (RFPs) for 2016 audit. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Ellen Gndt, Commissioner, none.

Hearing for Corona Deli - Suspended on the agenda at this time.

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION:

Charles Vogt, Township Manager,

Reappointment of Robert Demarest and Marie Guidry to Planning Commission:

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to reappoint Robert Demarest and Marie Guidry to 4 year terms, expiring 12/31/2020. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Library Children's programs on Thursday mornings - The Board concurred to allow the library to use the meeting room Thursday morning.

J. Lastowski questioned the underground storage tank on the TLC Property. Discussion followed. The Board directed L. DeVito to work with PMSD on the removal of the tank and sewer connection.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Extension of Consulting Agreement with Pocono Management Associates - no action taken.

Roads:

1. New Truck delivered 12/23/2016

2017 VACANCY BOARD APPOINTMENT: No action taken.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: E. Gnanadt noted the Finance Committee will meet after the next schedule work session.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Lamar/Rubin Zoning Hearing Board Sign Application - J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to authorize the Township Solicitor to represent the Township - Discussion followed. Mike Tripus, Zoning Officer, requested L. DeVito attend the hearing.

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by E. Gnanadt, to table the motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to represent the Township at the Lamar/Rubin Zoning Hearing Board Sign Application. Roll call vote: E. Gnanadt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Boucher & James Professional Services Agreement- No action taken.

Boucher & James Repair to Valve Station #2 Project Proposal - No action taken.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation re Zoning Petition for "Light Manufacturing" Definition Change - Medical Marijuana- John Weston gave an overview of the medical marijuana process. Discussion followed. J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to send the Request for Landowner Curative Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Proposed Amendment to §547 Light Manufacturing. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: E. Gnanadt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Resolution 2017 -01 2017 Meeting dates and Mileage Reimbursement rate - J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by E. Gnanadt, to adopt Resolution 2017-01 - 2017 meeting dates and Mileage Reimbursement rate. Roll call vote: E. Gnanadt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Jane Cilurso, Twp. resident, requested the Resolutions be read aloud. J. Lastowski read the resolutions.

Charlie Trapasso, Twp. resident, commented on objections to the treatment center.

Dennis Purcell, Twp. resident, questioned the delay to approve the 2015 audit.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES CONT:

Resolution 2017-02 - Establishing the Park and Recreation Board of Pocono Township - E. Gnandt made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to adopt Resolution 2017-02 - Establishing the Park and Recreation Board of Pocono Township. Roll call vote: E. Gnandt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to authorize the Twp. Solicitor to advertise the rescinding of Ordinance 2014-10 - Establishment of a Recreation Committee for the 01/17/2017 regular meeting. Roll call vote: E. Gnandt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Initial Members to the Park and Recreation Board -

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to appoint:

Charlie Lynn Trapasso - 5 year term ending 12/31/2021

Alex Grum - 5 year term ending 12/31/2021

Tony Farda - 4 year term ending 12/31/2020

Jen Fisher - 4 year term ending 12/31/2020

Nathan Laubach - 3 year term ending 12/31/2019

Robert Felins - 3 year term ending 12/31/2019

Dottie Telesky - 2 year term ending 12/31/2018

Roll call vote: E. Gnandt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2017-01 - Transfer of Eating Place Retail Dispenser Liquor License - Corona Deli - L. DeVito noted since the Court Reporter failed to attend, the hearing will be recorded for the record. B. DeYoung opened the hearing for public comment. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed. J. Coover made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to adopt Ordinance 2017-01 - Transfer of Eating Place Retail Dispenser Liquor License No. E-5245 from Hamilton Township to Pocono Township - Roll call vote: E. Gnandt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by E. Gnandt, to adjourn the meeting into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:44 p.m., until 01/17/2017 at 6:00 p.m., at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA. Roll call vote: E. Gnandt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Pamela Finkbeiner
Township Secretary

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