

**POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

The reorganizational meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 01/04/2016 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by Gregg Schuster, Township Manager, at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Tom Felver, present; Harold Werkheiser, present; Jerry Lastowski, present; and Judi Coover, present.

Leo V. DeVito, Broughal & DeVito LLP, Twp. Solicitor; Mark Ambrose, Twp. engineer; Gregg Schuster, Twp. Manager; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Twp. Secretary; were present.

Gregg Schuster, Township Manager, welcomed the new board members and explained the process of selecting the position of President. He opened the floor to nominations.

**PRESIDENT:** H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to nominate J. Coover as Pocono Township Board of Commissioner's President.

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to nominate H. Werkheiser as Pocono Township Board of Commissioner President.

T. Felver made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to nominate J. Lastowski as Pocono Township Board of Commissioner President.

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to nominate T. Felver as Pocono Township Board of Commissioner President.

G. Schuster ordered the vote by raise of hands.

H. Werkheiser and J. Coover voted for J. Coover for President.

T. Felver and J. Lastowski voted for J. Lastowski for President.

G. Schuster noted a tie vote and again opened the floor for nominations.

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to nominate T. Felver as Pocono Township Board of Commissioner President.

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to nominate H. Werkheiser as Pocono Township Board of Commissioner President.

T. Felver made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to nominate J. Lastowski as Pocono Township Board of Commissioner President.

H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to nominate J. Coover as Pocono Township Board of Commissioner's President.

G. Schuster ordered the vote by raise of hands.

H. Werkheiser and J. Coover voted for J. Coover for President.

T. Felver and J. Lastowski voted for J. Lastowski for President.

G. Schuster noted a tie vote.

L. DeVito, Solicitor, explained if the board should fail to organize in 10 days from this date, a petition of ten registered voters can file with the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, the Courts could declare the Commissioner seats vacant and the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County would appoint a new board.

G. Schuster noted the options:

- 1) Recess to allow the members, two at a time to speak to each other.
- 2) The Board could adjourn the meeting, appoint additional board member, and then hold the reorganizational meeting within 10 days.
- 3) Appoint one person now whom will agree to step down once the fifth member is chosen and the board could choose to hold another election of President. L. DeVito noted a President may request to resign the position of President at any time or by majority of votes the sitting President maybe removed and another President selected. J. Lastowski and T. Felver agreed to consider stepping down if chosen if needed when the fifth commissioner is chosen.

T. Felver question if the Township could conduct business without appointing a president. L. DeVito noted the Township cannot conduct business until a President is chosen. Discussion followed on the selection of the fifth Commissioner and the impact on the position of President.

The Board recessed at 7:15 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m.

G. Schuster reconvened the meeting. The Board concurred they could not resolve the impasse.

The Board agreed to a special meeting, 01/07/2016 at 7:00 p.m. to resolve the determination of President.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

T. Felver made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. until 01/07/2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pocono Township Municipal Building. T. Felver, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Pamela Finkbeiner  
Township Secretary