

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

The reorganizational meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 01/07/2016 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; Russ Benner, T&M Associates, Twp. engineer; Gregg Schuster, Twp. Manager; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Twp. Secretary; were present.

Gregg Schuster, Township Manager, explained the election of officers. L. DeVito noted three members will be required to approve a nomination for President. G. Schuster opened the floor to nominations.

**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.

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.

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 with 2 votes for Judi Coover and 2 votes for Jerry Lastowski.

L. DeVito explained if the Board fails to organize before 10 days from the first Monday of the New Year or January 14<sup>th</sup>; ten registered voters can file a petition with the Monroe County Court of Common Pleas.

L. DeVito noted the Township cannot conduct business until it reorganizes.

T. Felver questioned if payroll can be paid. Discussion followed.

T. Felver suggested the Solicitor and Township Manager move forward to conduct Township business by contacting the Courts. L. DeVito noted he cannot proceed without the reorganization of the Board.

G. Schuster recommended the Board recess to discuss the matter.

G. Schuster declared a ten minute recess at 7:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

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The Board concurred the impasse could not be resolved.

G. Schuster noted the Board's options: 1) to have another recess; 2) schedule another meeting; or 3) adjourn and have the Courts intervene.

Discussion followed for another meeting.

T. Felver noted he will be unavailable due to hospital stay next week and recommended adjourning the meeting.

J. Coover questioned if T. Felver would be available by speaker phone. G. Schuster noted the Board can adjourn the meeting and meet on the regular meeting the 19<sup>th</sup>. T. Felver stated he may be unavailable due to his health.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

T. Felver made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Roll call vote: T. Felver, yes; H. Werkheiser, no; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, no. Motion failed due to tie.

G. Schuster declared a ten minute recess at 7:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:05 p.m. The Board concurred they could not resolve the impasse.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

T. Felver made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Roll call vote: T. Felver, yes; H. Werkheiser, no; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, no. Motion failed due to tie.

J. Coover requested another meeting. No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Roll call vote: T. Felver, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Pamela Finkbeiner  
Township Secretary