

POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 21st 2015 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 12/21/2015 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by President Richard Wielebinski at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Rich Wielebinski, present; Jerry Lastowski, present; Tom Felver, present; Peter Nish, present; and Brad Wise, present.

Leo V. DeVito, Broughal & DeVito LLP, Twp. Solicitor; Tim Edinger, Twp. Engineer; Gregg Schuster, Twp. Manager; Pamela Finkbeiner, Twp. Secretary; and Regina Zuvich, Twp. Treasure, were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MINUTES:

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by P. Nish, to approve the Commissioners regular meeting minutes of 12/07/2015. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

T. Felver made a motion, seconded by R. Wielebinski, to approve the Commissioners Special meeting minutes of 12/17/2015. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

BILLS AND TRANSFERS:

T. Felver made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to approve the Bill's listing dated 12/21/2015. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Judi Coover, Twp. resident, presented a plaque to the Board of Commissioners thanking them for their service as the First 1st Class Commissioners.

Jane Cilurso, Twp. resident, thanked the outgoing Board of Commissioner's members for their service.

Ray Midlam representative for St. Luke's EMS requested the Board delay their ambulance service selection for six (6) months. He noted they are working with Central Pocono Ambulance to resolve the Board's concerns. St. Luke's has taken over the financial management, offered employment to CPA employees and will require no funding from the Township.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: R. Wielebinski thanked the County Judges for appointing the Board. He thanked the board members, Solicitor, Engineers, and staff for their hard work and dedication.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Jerry Lastowski, Commissioner, thanked the outgoing members for their dedication to the Township.

J. Lastowski noted his homeowner insurance was reduced due to the new ISO rating of the Fire Company. He suggested everyone submit the ISO letter to their carrier.

Tom Felver, Commissioner, noted it was a pleasure to serve with Rich Wielebinski, Brad Wise, and Peter Nish.

Peter Nish, Commissioner, suggested the Fire Company place an ad concerning the new ISO rating so residents can take advantage of any reductions.

P. Nish thanked the other Board members that choose him to fill out the term left by Greg Hill's resignation. He thanked the audience whom regularly attended the meetings for their support.

Brad Wise, Commissioner, noted he appreciated working with everyone and noted the improvement the Board had made in closing out the sewer contracts and the hump repair. He thanked the Engineers, Solicitor and staff for their work and the public for their support.

REPORTS:

EMERGENCY SERVICES: No reports

ADMINISTRATION:

Township Manager Gregg Schuster reviewed his report. He noted a recent meeting with Northampton Community College concerning future recreation opportunities.

Ambulance RFP - G. Schuster noted the Township has received new information.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to appoint Monroe County Emergency Services (Suburban) as the primary responder for Pocono Township. P. Nish noted CPA has served the community for 50 years and he felt strongly that they should allow them the requested time. J. Lastowski spoke concerning the new Pocono Medical Center to be located in the Township bringing jobs and taxes. R. Wielebinski spoke on the process to select a service. L. DeVito noted the new Board may rescind any decision. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, no; and B. Wise, no. Motion carried.

2765 SR 611 - Dangerous Structures - Rick Fisher, Township Zoning officer request for a building code inspector to visit the homes located on the Kopelson Property on the corner of Rt. 611 and Rt. 715. G. Schuster noted under the dangerous structure ordinance a Building Code official will need to do a visual inspection from the roadway. R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by P. Nish, to authorize the Twp. Building Code official to do an drive-by inspection of the buildings on a property located at 2765 SR 611 and start the process to demolish the structures. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Township Engineer Tim Edinger -
Tanalo Estates - Resolution 2014-13 - Planning Commission at their 11/23/2015 meeting, recommended the Tanalo Estates Final plan be deemed null and void if all the conditions of the Resolution are not completed by 12/21/2015. T. Edinger explained the Developer has failed to meet the condition of Resolution 2014-13, dated 04/07/2014 granting conditional approval of the Tanalo Estates Final Major Subdivision. T. Edinger noted a letter was sent out to the developer to note the action the P.C. recommending to the Board of Commissioners. R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by B. Wise, to deem Resolution 2014-13 - Tanalo Estates Major Subdivision - null and void. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Camelback Snowtubing Parking Lot expansion - Request of release of remaining security - T. Edinger noted he is recommending the release of the remaining balance of \$3,462.30 as of 11/30/2015. R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to approve the Camelback Snowtubing Parking Lot Expansion remaining security. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Township Solicitor Leo DeVito -
Agreement with Tobyhanna Township - L. DeVito explained the agreement with Tobyhanna Township/Kalahari allowed the sewerline to tap into recently approved an extension to 06/01/2016. B. Wise made a motion, seconded by R. Wielebinski, to allow an amendment to be drafted to the Pocono/Tobyhanna/Kalahari Inter-governmental Agreement to allow Kalahari to disconnect from Pump Station No. 1 and by-pass the PS1 by June 1st, 2016. T. Felver questioned if Kalahari was paying for the maintenance of PS#1. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Leo DeVito thanked the Board of Commissioners for their work in creating a First Class Township.

Township Treasurer Gina Zuvich gave her report. She noted the Township is over in revenue for the Budget. In revenue expenses are high for Police overtime. Discussion followed on expenses. She noted the Township has not received invoices for the Sewer repair.

B. Wise thanked G. Zuvich, G. Schuster, and P. Finkbeiner for their work on the Township's accounting records.

RESOLUTIONS:

Rescinding of Resolutions 2015-72, 2015-73, 2015-78, 2015-79, 2015-80, and 2015-81. G. Schuster explained the resolutions for reappointments were invalid. R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to rescind Resolutions 2015-72, 2015-73, 2015-78, 2015-79, 2015-80, and 2015-81. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS CONT.

Resolution 2015-87 - 2016 Insurance renewals - G. Schuster requested guidance from the Board on the total pollution coverage. Discussion followed. B. Wise made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski to adopt Resolution 2015-87 - 2016 Insurance renewals. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, no. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-88 - MOUs with Police Union and Public Works Union - G. Schuster explained there is no cost to the Township. Discussion followed as to non-union employees. R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to adopt Resolution 2015-88 - MOUs with Police Union and Public Work Union and non-union employees. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-89 Supplemental Appropriations
Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-90 Capital Improvement Plan - G. Schuster thanked Jeff Clapper, Public Works Director and the Capital Improvement Board for their work developing the plan. J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by P. Nish, to adopt Resolution 2015-90 - Capital Improvement Plan. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-91 Capital Reserve Fund - R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to adopt Resolution 2015-91 - Capital Reserve Fund. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-92 eliminating the Debt Service Fund - R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by P. Nish, to adopt Resolution 2015-93 eliminating the Debt Service Fund.
Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-93 eliminating the Emergency Services Fund - R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to adopt Resolution 2015-93 eliminating the Emergency Services Fund.
Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-94 eliminating the Parks and Recreation Fund - R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to adopt Resolution 2015-94 eliminating the Parks and Recreation Fund.
Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-95 2016 Budget - T. Felver questioned the expenditures. B. Wise questioned reduction in the mil rate. R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to adopt Resolution 2015-95 - 2016 Budget as presented. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, no. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-96 2016 Property Tax Rate - G. Schuster noted the mils have been reduced by 1.25. R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski to approve Resolution 2015-96 - 2016 Property Tax Rate. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, no. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by P. Nish, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., until the reorganizational meeting on 01/04/2016 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Pamela Finkbeiner
Township Secretary