

**POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FOR SIGN AND SALDO ORDINANCES  
MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 6:00 P.M.**

The Special meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 03/16/2016 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by President Tom Felver at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Leo V. DeVito, Broughal & DeVito LLP, Solicitor, Tim Edinger, T&M Associates, Engineer; Gregg Schuster, Twp. Manager; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Twp. Secretary; were present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** G. Schuster noted an executive session was held at 5:30 p.m., 03/16/2016 to discuss a personnel issues.

J. Coover noted an executive session was held on 03/15/2016 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE INTERVIEW - DR. NATHAN LAUBACH** - The Board of Commissioners interview Dr. Nathan Laubach for the Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to appoint Dr. Nathan Laubach to the Bicentennial Celebration Committee. Roll call vote: J. Coover, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; T. Felver, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.

The Board thanked Dr. Laubach for his willingness to serve the Community.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF SIGN ORDINANCE AND SALDO**

Sign Ordinance - L. DeVito explained the since the ordinance was recommended by the planning commission, a Supreme Court ruling 'Reed versus Gilbert' - noted content-based restrictions for temporary, political or ideological signage cannot be regulated. Discussion followed concerning Civil Sponsored Affairs, Garage/Yard Sale Signs, and Banners. T. Edinger noted Monument signage for regional impact plans, and Master sign plans were added. The board concurred to remove: Page 9 - 1) Civic Sponsored Affairs, 2) Garage/Yard Sales signs, and 3) Overhead Banners. The first sentence pg. 9, note 7 - "Except for overhead banners permitted across state Rt. 611" to be removed.

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to authorize Sign Ordinance as corrected, be submitted to Monroe County Planning Commission for review. Roll call vote: J. Coover, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; T. Felver, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.

T. Felver left the meeting at 7:30

SALDO - Discussion on the history of the Regional Comprehensive Plan, zoning and SALDO ordinances updates. T. Edinger noted the update of:

- 1) Criteria for sewer systems
- 2) Water system criteria
- 3) Parking lot design.
- 4) Detail lighting criteria

To the SALDO ordinance

Discussion for inclusion of Stormwater criteria. No action taken.

J. Coover discussed the Gilmore & Associates, Inc. letter of 10/21/2011 and previous versions of the SALDO Ordinance. J. Coover suggested the Township contact MCPC for recommendations to proceed with SALDO.

Discussion followed concerning regional planning.

J. Coover made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to contact MCPC for assistance and/or recommendations to move forward with the SALDO Ordinance. M. Guidry questioned if the Planning Commission would be involved. The Board will work with the PC. Roll call vote: J. Coover, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:** J. Coover made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Roll call vote: J. Coover, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Pamela Finkbeiner  
Township Secretary