

**POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP**

APRIL 5th, 2016 5:00 P.M.

The Workshop of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 04/05/2016 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by Vice President Harold Werkheiser at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Sami Sarrouh, Sr. Technical Engineer; and Russell Benner, Vice President, T&M Associates, Engineer; Jeffry Clapper, Pocono Township Public Works Director; Gregg Schuster, Manager; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Twp. Secretary; were present.

PRESENTATION:

Jeffry Clapper gave an overview of the sewer system and problems the township will face. Key points:

- a) Sanofi Feed station to control odor - future project
- b) Northern portion of line to be video for lateral locations, estimated \$50,000.00.
- c) PS2 - problems with blockages and PS1 to review.
- d) Former sewer committee agreed to provide a service line to 4 properties in the future service area - Rt. 611 Tannersville.
- e) Forcemain and Valve Station reconstruction.

J. Clapper introduced Sami Sarrouh to present the proposed upgrades to the sewer system forcemain.

Sami Sarrouh explained the proposed corrections to the system and explained difference between pursuing a change order verse bidding.

J. Lastowski questioned if the repairs would impact the customers. S. Sarrouh noted the work can be done without major disruptions.

H. Werkheiser spoke concerning past mistakes and who would provide oversight of the work. J. Clapper and T&M will provide oversight of the work. H. Werkheiser requested additional overview/inspections of the proposed repairs.

S. Sarrouh noted his expertise in the field. J. Clapper expressed his confidence in S. Sarrouh work.

Annabella Lastowski, Twp. resident, questioned the liabilities to the Township. G. Schuster noted the Township has insurance to cover some but not all.

Brad Wise, Twp. resident, spoke in favor of the repairs.

B. DeYoung questioned why the proposal was time and material.

J. Coover left the meeting.

Discussion followed. The Board will take the recommendations into consideration. No action was taken.

Change Order - Hump repair - Mark Ambrose, T&M Engineering, explained the change order request. The Change Order would result in a decrease in the contract for and estimated \$105,000.00 to \$120,000.00. He noted a decision needed to be made immediately. Discussion followed.

H. Werkheiser called a 10 minute recess at 8:40 p.m.

Tom Felver and Judi Coover were contacted by phone and briefed on the Change Order.

The full board concurred to look favorably on the Change Order and take formal action at the 04/18/2016 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to adjourn the workshop at 8:55 p.m. Roll call vote: H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Finkbeiner
Township Secretary