

**POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SEWER MEETING**

**MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 6:00 P.M.**

The Sewer meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 05/02/2016 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by Vice President Harold Werkheiser 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 by phone.

Leo V. DeVito, Broughal & DeVito LLP, Solicitor; Gregg Schuster, Manager; Jeffry Clapper, Public Works Director; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Twp. Secretary; were present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to approve the sewer meeting minutes of 04/18/2016. Roll call vote: B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; T. Felver, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** J. Schlier, Twp. resident, commented on great community.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

- a) Seitz EDU Appeal- J. Clapper explained the request. The property is used for exterminator business which uses water to fill the vehicle tanks.

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to approve the EDU Appeal from 3 to 2 for Seitz Bros. PIN: 12637201472433 Roll call vote: B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; T. Felver, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.

- b) Gabels Ice Cream Stand - EDU Appeal - Robert Grimaldi, owner, represented the request. G. Schuster questioned the precedent by reducing the EDU for seasonal businesses. Discussion followed on seasonal businesses. J. Coover made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to approve the EDU Appeal from 2 to 1 EDU PIN: 12637201464561, and by taking this action the Board is not setting any precedent. Roll call vote: B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; T. Felver, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.

- c) 213 Lower Scotrun Ave - J. Clapper explained the property is between Rt. 611 and Lower Scotrun Ave. with the Scotrun Creek running between the home and sewer lateral connection. The owner is requesting relief from the mandatory connection. Discussion followed. The Board requested J. Clapper to contact the property owner for a letter clarifying his request. No action taken.

**CURRENT BUSINESS CONT:**

- d) PFM - Financial Review - G. Schuster explained the PFM will update their financial model for the sewer system. J. Coover made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to accept PFM's proposal to evaluate the financial options available for the Township. T. Felver questioned the cost. G. Schuster noted the refinancing charges would only be if the Township refinances the loans. Roll call vote: B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; T. Felver, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.
- e) PACT TWO Change order in the amount of \$1,590,437.00 for repairs to the Forcemain - J. Coover questioned the change order. R. Benner noted the change order came from the study by Sami Saarogh for repairs needed for the forcemain. Discussion followed. J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to approve the PACT TWO Change order in the amount of \$1,590,437 for emergency repairs of the forcemain - H. Werkheiser questioned if other bids may be obtained. J. Coover questioned the Twp. engineer costs for construction observation and related work. R. Benner noted T&M will provide those cost once the change order is approved. Discussion followed. The Board requested T&M to submit the estimate of engineering cost. R. Benner will provide the Board with total cost for engineering. T. Felver questioned where the funds will come from. J. Lastowski withdrew his motion until the Engineering costs are known. T. Felver withdrew his second. No action taken.
- f) Sewer Line Televising Bid Award - J. Clapper explained the televising will be for northern section of line from Scotrun to Swiftwater. 6 bids were received. Video Pipe Services, Inc. was the low bid at \$75,501.90. J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to approve the sewer line televising bid award to Video Pipe Services, Inc., in the amount of \$75,501.90. Roll call vote: B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; T. Felver, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

T. Felver made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. until 05/16/2016. Roll call vote: B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; T. Felver, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and B. DeYoung, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Pamela Finkbeiner  
Township Secretary