

POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 9:00 A.M.

The special meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 06/30/2015 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by President Richard Wielebinski at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Rich Wielebinski, present; Jerry Lastowski, present; Tom Felver, present; Peter Nish, arrived at 9:10 a.m.; and Brad Wise, absent.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**ORDINANCES:**

Ordinance 2015-09 - amending Ord. 2015-8 - regulation for Fireworks - R. Wielebinski opened the hearing. L. DeVito, Twp. Solicitor, explained the ordinance and amendment to allow smaller type fireworks displays.

Duffy Slutter, Twp. resident, questions concerning the classification of fireworks and out-of-state residents purchasing and setting off illegal fireworks.

Annabella Lastowski, Twp. resident, spoke concerning the illegal use of fireworks by private homeowners.

Hearing no other comments, R. Wielebinski closed the hearing.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to adopt Ordinance 2015-09 - regulation of fireworks. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; and P. Nish, yes. Motion carried.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to waive the 30 day requirement for the fireworks permit for Great Wolf Lodge Resort. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; and P. Nish, yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

T. Felver introduced Julian Kirk, Township Auditor, to the Board.

**SEWER SYSTEM:**

T&M Associates Proposal for engineering effort to troubleshoot and provide short and long term solution for Valve Stations 1 & 2 and Pump Stations 3, 4, and 5 on the Pocono/Hamilton Sewage Forcemain - J. Clapper, Public Works Director, explained the lower forcemain portion of the sewer line has been malfunctioning. He introduced Sami Sarrouh, PE, Sr. Technical Engineer; and Edward Melanson, PE, Vice President, Process Automation Services, T&M Associates. S. Sarrouh reviewed the Proposal to repair the system. T. Felver asked if the Township had insurance to cover the repairs and if other companies have submitted proposals.

Discussion followed. S. Sarrouh noted it will take approximately 16 weeks to design, 26 weeks for equipment, and one year to be completed. The cost of the proposal is \$324,229.00.

**SEWER SYSTEM CONT:**

R. Wielebinski questioned if the Township should request additional Requests for Proposal for the work. L. DeVito noted T&M is the Twp. Engineer and RFPs are not required.

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by R. Wielebinski, to approve the T&M Associates Proposal dated 06/29/2015 for engineering efforts to troubleshoot; and provide short and long term solutions for Valve Stations 1 & 2 and Pump Stations 3, 4, and 5 on the Pocono/Hamilton Sewage Forcemain at the cost of \$324,229.00. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, no; and P. Nish, yes. Motion carried.

L. DeVito noted PennVEST has agreed to allow funds to be used for the hump repair.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by T. Felver, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; and P. Nish, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Pamela Finkbeiner  
Township Secretary