

**POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**November 12, 2014 4:30 P.M.**

The Special meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 11/12/2014, at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by President Richard Wielebinski at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Richard Wielebinski, present; Gerald Lastowski, present; Thomas Felver, present; and Bradley Wise, present.  
Gregg Schuster, Township Manager, present; Pamela Finkbeiner, Secretary, present; and Lynn Lansdowne, Vacancy Board, present.

R. Wielebinski noted candidates would be interviewed independently and afterwards the Commissioners would deliberate. Public comment would be allowed before the interviews but not during.

**COMMENTS:**

Jack Swerzie, Twp. resident, asked if the Commissioners had contacted the candidates before the meeting. R. Wielebinski stated no.

Diane Zwiefel, Twp. resident, thanked the Board for interviewing in public and questioned why of the 4 women whom applied none were considered for the interviews.

J. Lastowski stated the applicants were ranked individually for their experience by each Commissioner and the three high scores were chosen.

Charlie Trapasso, Twp. resident, spoke in support of Alex Grum.

Jack Burns and Jane Cilurso, Twp. residents, spoke in support of Peter Nish.

**INTERVIEWS:**

Each candidate was asked the same series of questions and interviewed in order:

Alex Grum

Peter Nish

Robert Wright

J. Lastowski noted all three candidates were excellent but he felt Peter Nish had the most experience.

R. Wielebinski thanked all candidates and stated Peter Nish would be an asset to the Township during the transition period from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> class.

B. Wise felt Peter Nish had experience with unions and healthcare, and would be an asset to the Township.

T. Felver noted Peter Nish should be commended for his work on the Civil Service Commission but he felt Alex Grum would be the better choice for Commissioner.

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by R. Wielebinski, to appoint Peter Nish as Pocono Township Commissioner. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, no; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS:** The Board of Commissioners congratulated Peter Nish as the new Township Commissioner.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Pamela Finkbeiner  
Secretary