POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Work Session Minutes

DATE:

March 11, 2019

TIME:

5:00 pm

PLACE:

Township Building

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: Jerry Lastowski

ROLL CALL:

Harold Werkheiser - Absent Richard Wielebinski – Present Chad Kilby - Present Jerrod Belvin – Present

Also present were Jon Tressler, B&J, Township Engineer and Donna M. Asure-Township Manager. Township Grant writer Jason Fitzgerald joined the work session by phone.

The work session was called to order at 5:05pm by President Lastowski.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Tressler presented the Board with draft drawings of the Master Safety Enhancement plan for Route 611 from Route 715 to Warner Road. The plan shows the construction of sidewalks on both sides of the roadway.

The following was discussed -

- ✓ How each property may be affected by this construction
- ✓ Whether the work can be done in or out of the PennDot right of way.
- ✓ What information is necessary to apply for a grant
- ✓ The benefits of applying for both a DCED and PennDot Multi-modal grant. Though DCED looks for projects that benefit economic development, there are many safety aspects to the purpose of this plan and that is what the PennDot grant looks for
- ✓ The hazardous area around Fish Hill Road with the two road ways
- ✓ Should lighting be added to the project, the benefits of underground wiring being done during construction and the possibility of the township maintaining this lighting.

Mr. Tressler estimated the project at approximately 6000 lineal feet. Grants can be applied for up to the maximum of \$3 million dollars.

The Board discussed the benefits to the Tannersville area of this project not only for safety but for economic development and building of a town center area that all would be proud of.

No public comment was received.

NO OFFICIAL ACTIONS OR ROLL CALL VOTES WERE TAKEN DURING WORK SESSION.

Work Session was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Submitted by:

Township Manager