POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Work Session Minutes

DATE:

May 16, 2018

TIME:

4:05 pm

PLACE:

Township Building

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: Jerry Lastowski

ROLL CALL:

Harold Werkheiser - Absent Richard Wielebinski – Present Robert DeYoung – Absent Jerrod Belvin – Present

Also present were Joe Phillips, Architect of Phillips & Donovan, Architects LLC, Jon Tressler, Boucher & James, Township Engineer and Donna Asure-Township Manager

The work session was called to order at 4:05pm by President Lastowski.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss with the architect the draft of space requirements as requested by each department (Administration, Public Works and Police), the needs of the township going forward and the options available.

Topics discussed were -

- The space request from each department
- The footprint it would create on the current township municipal complex if all requests were granted
- Whether the township departments should be together on one site or separated
- The amount of land that would be needed to develop a municipal complex
- Township owned properties and the feasibility of their use and in some instances their purchase through the county open space program and the restrictions in place
- Other properties within Pocono Township that may be available for purchase for the development of a municipal complex.

Public comment -

Ellen Gnandt -

- asked whether there were benefits to keep the police here with the fire and ambulance companies
- suggested that the Board look at the community center developed by Coolbaugh Township

Pam Tripus -

- asked whether the township could trade land in place of open space land purchased through the county open space program.

The Township Manager was asked to work with the township engineer to research all township owned property for possible development, to find out if county purchased open space land could be traded for other land and to contact a commercial realtor to find out the availability of property between 5 and 10 acres.

NO OFFICIAL ACTIONS OR ROLL CALL VOTES WERE TAKEN DURING WORK SESSION. The work session ended at 4:52pm.

Submitted by

Donna M. Asure Township Manager