

POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING - SEWER REDESIGN
OCTOBER 5th, 2015 5:00 P.M.

The Special meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 10/05/2015 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by President Richard Wielebinski at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Rich Wielebinski, present; Jerry Lastowski, present; Tom Felver, present; Peter Nish, present; and Brad Wise, present.

Mark Ambrose, T&M Associates, Twp. Engineer; Sammi Sarrouh, T&M Associates, Sr. Technical Engineer; David Reder, BRCA; Gregg Schuster, Twp. Manager; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Twp. Secretary, were present.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

G. Schuster explained the police presence outside the building was due to a resident's threat earlier in the day.

SEWER REDESIGN:

Sammi Sarrouh, T&M Associates, presented a summary of problems and steps needed to stabilize the forcemain and correct the issues with the valves and pump stations. He noted the line has been subject to frequent failures due to improperly sized pumps, undersized motors, pressure surges, wrong valves, and malfunctioning controls.

S. Sarrouh estimated the cost of the temporary repairs to protect the forcemain until the final repairs are completed will be under \$40,000.00.

B. Wise questioned the final cost to complete the redesign and repair of the line. S. Sarrouh noted the cost, minus replacements of pumps to be 1 million; with pumps 1.5 million to 2 million. Discussion followed on the time required to order and replace pumps.

S. Sarrouh reviewed the problems with the valve station. He proposed to eliminate the valve station located by Stroud Mall.

Discussion followed on the cleanout for the pipes. S. Sarrouh noted in some systems vaults are installed which allows scouring of pipes. J. Clapper noted the system does have cleanouts for flushing of the lines. A company would be hired to flush the lines normally every five to ten years.

B. Wise explained the problems of over-pressurization caused the release of 30,000 gallons of sewage, he recommended the board approve the work. S. Sarrouh noted the temporary repairs will help the system last until permanent repairs can be made next year.

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by B. Wise, to approve the recommended temporary improvements to the sewerline to stabilize the system with a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes, P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by B. Wise, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote: R. Wielebinski, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; T. Felver, yes, P. Nish, yes; and B. Wise, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Pamela Finkbeiner
Township Secretary