

**POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SEWER MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 6:00 P.M.**

The Sewer meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 09/06/2016 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by President Harold Werkheiser at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Ellen Gndt, present; Bob DeYoung, present; Harold Werkheiser, present; Jerry Lastowski, present; and Judi Coover, present.

Leo DeVito, Solicitor, Broughal & DeVito; Jon Tresslar, Twp. Engineer, present; Jeffry Clapper, Public Works Director, present; Charles Vogt, present; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Township Secretary, were present.

**MINUTES:**

E. Gndt made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to approve the Sewer meeting minutes of 08/15/2016. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, abstained; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Strubert, Bartonsville, explained he has been in the process of connecting to the sewer system since 2014. He felt it was unfair of the Township to request the additional \$1,250 since he is working on his connection. Discussion followed. J. Lastowski, H. Werkheiser, and B. DeYoung spoke in favor of revisiting the sewer policy. J. Coover and E. Gndt spoke against revising the sewer policy. Discussion followed. The Board concurred to discuss the sewer policy at the next workshop meeting. No action taken.

Carol Counterman, Bartonsville, noted they have received their sewer bill but are unable to pay since they are on a fixed income

Rusty Johnson, PMSD School Board President, requested exemption from the tapping fee and the correct calculation for the EDUs assignment. Discussion followed. J. Coover suggested he contact the Twp. Manager to be placed on the 09/19/2016 meeting agenda.

Deanna Schmoyer, engineer, questioned reimbursement for cost of lateral locations. J. Coover noted they should be submitted to the Twp. Manager.

Paul Benner, contractor, questions concerning lateral locations and cost associated with finding the lateral. J. Coover noted the invoice should be submitted to the Township for consideration.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

1458 Pocono Lane - Joseph Williams to defer 1458 Pocono Lane (PIN: 12637102974307) Claudia Williams explained they own two lots, with an abandoned structure on the additional lot. They have applied for a demolition permit for the structure. The Board concurred to defer the property from billing as per the sewer policy.

**CURRENT BUSINESS CONT:**

Battery purchase for Emergency Generators - J. Clapper explained the batteries are for the Pump Station Generators. Discussion followed. J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to authorize the purchase and installation of batteries for the Pump Station Emergency Generators in the amount of \$2,144.91 from Emergency Systems Service Company. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

DCNR Agreement - L. DeVito explained the agreement was previously approved to sign but DCNR has requested a change to Paragraph #5. Discussion followed. E. Gndt questioned the Township's responsibility if a spill occurs during construction. J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to approve the revision to the DCNR agreement and authorize the Township Official to sign. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, no; B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, no. Motion carried.

PACT TWO Payment Application - L. DeVito requested Board direction to complete the application to the Board satisfaction. Discussion followed. B. DeYoung suggest L. DeVito work with E. Gndt to resolve the outstanding issues. J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to move the PACT TWO Payment Application to the 09/19/2016 - C. Vogt suggested the sewer meeting start earlier. Discussion followed on moving the sewer meeting to an earlier time. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Pump Replacement at Pump Station 2
- b) Overall Evaluation of Pump Station 1 and 2
- c) Service Lateral North of Serfas Road
- d) Sanofi Feed Station
- e) PACT Force Main Project
- f) Water measurement 103 Kenny Way - John Prehart installed meter  
06/10/2016
- g) Kalahari Sewer Flow Adjustment

**NEW BUSINESS:**

J. Lastowski thanked Jeffry Clapper for his work as Public Works Director and wished him success with his new position.

**ADJOURNMENT:** J. Coover made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., until 09/16/2016. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Pamela Finkbeiner  
Township Secretary