

**Pocono Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022 | 4:30 p.m.**

The special meeting of the Pocono Township Board of Commissioners was held on November 15, 2022 and was opened by President Rich Wielebinski at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Jerrod Belvin, present; Ellen Gnantt, present; Jerry Lastowski, present; Keith Meeker, present via Zoom; and Rich Wielebinski, present.

In Attendance: Leo DeVito, Township Solicitor; Jon Tresslar, Township Engineer; and Taylor Munoz, Township Manager.

Public Comment – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and possible action regarding architectural feasibility proposals for a new Township municipal complex. Matthew McQuaide, Kimmel Bogrette Architecture, reviewed architectural proposals prepared for the existing municipal site at 112 Township Drive and the Pocono Elementary Center property.

J. Belvin asked about operational costs to run the building.

Suzanne Campbell (Pocono Township Librarian) – Discussed details for a proposed library design and expressed interest in break room access for library use.

Lisa Buccholz (Jackson Township) – Spoke in support of the library with increased space and amenities.

Joshua Knapp (Township Resident) – Asked what one could expect regarding life expectancy for a new building versus renovated building. Emphasized emergency operations considerations and needs.

Scott Gilliland (Former Resident) – Discussed professional experience, needs of the Township and possible approaches for municipal complex.

Bruce Kilby (Township Resident) – Talked about various Township needs including file storage, flood plain issues, stormwater and police needs.

Carmen Churion (Jackson Twp) – Asked for clarification regarding square footage.

The Board of Commissioners went into recess for executive session at 6:30 p.m. Board returned at 7:50 p.m.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Belvin, to authorize the Township solicitor to make a purchase offer for PEC to the Pocono Mountain School Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments – None

Public Comment

Bruce Kilby (Resident) – Commended Township for planning for the future.

Karen Doleiden (Resident) – Thanked Board for doing the right thing and hopes the Township can acquire the property and thanked the Board for their work on the curative amendment.

Adjournment

J. Belvin made a motion, seconded by R. Wielebinski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.