POCONO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15th, 2011 7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Pocono Township Supervisors was held on August 15th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, Pa., and was opened by Chairwoman, Jane Cilurso, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMENTS RE RESIDENTS: Chairwoman J. Cilurso noted that each visitor has the right to comment at this time or before any action is taken on the matter.

NOTICE OF MEETING TIMES: J. Cilurso welcomed the audience and thanked them for attending. She noted the regularly scheduled Supervisors meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless rescheduled.

ROLL CALL: Jane Cilurso, present; Harold Werkheiser, present; and Frank Hess, present.

Tim McManus, Twp. Solicitor; Jon Tresslar, Twp. Engineer; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Recording Secretary were present.

MINUTES: F. Hess made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to approve the minutes of the Supervisors' 08/01/11 Regular Meeting and the 08/02/2011 Special Meeting. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes – Regular Meeting 08/01/11 – abstained 08/02/2011; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

BILLS: F. Hess made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to approve the payment of the Semi-Monthly Bills. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: All communications pertained to the plans and were addressed when the plans were presented.

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING REPORT: J. Tresslar Twp. Engineer reported no activity.

SEO REPORT: Dennis Kessler, Twp. SEO reported he had inspected several probes for Cherry Lane Estates Subdivision, one final, and one repair has been completed. He noted he has been working with Steve Meylach to close out a backlog of outstanding Certificates of Occupancies. A full copy of his report is on file and available at the Twp. office.

ZO REPORT: Steve Meylach, Twp. Zoning officer, was absent.

NEW PLANS:

1) Northampton Community College Update – presented by Dr. Matt Connell and Jamie Keener, HRG. Jamie Keener provided an update of the plan to the board. The plan has been revised to improve traffic flow within the campus and to realign the entrances along Rt. 715 and Railroad Avenue. NCC will submit the revised plan to the Pocono Township in September, 2011.

   Public comment: Robert Felins, Tannersville, and Vincent Trapasso, Tannersville, re sewer hookup for NCC and future developments timelines.

   Janice Werkheiser, Tannersville, cost for Monroe County Students.

   Don Simpson, Tannersville, re fire company review of plans.

   J. Cilurso thanked NCC for their update presentation.

   A) The Pocono Twp. Planning Commission recommended acceptance of a Time Extension letter for 90 days from 08/08/2011 to 11/06/11 for NCC. F. Hess made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to accept the Time Extension Letter from NCC for 90 days from 08/08/11 to 11/06/11. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

2) Tanalo Estates Major Subdivision Plan for J. A. Snyder Entities, Inc. Sara Bue Morris, Morris Associates represented the plan. S. Morris noted the plan has been changed from 10 lots to 6 lots. The original lots 1,4,5, & 6 will remain the same, lots 2 & 3 have been changed to comply with the NPDES permit. S. Morris asked the board to accept the revised changes as part of the original submittal. The board concurred that the changes are acceptable. Jim Fareri, Alternate Twp. Solicitor is representing the Board of Supervisors for this plan as T. McManus has a conflict of interest. No action taken.

   A) The Pocono Twp. Planning Commission recommended acceptance of a Time Extension Letter from 08/23/2011 to 11/21/11. H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to accept the Time Extension Letter for Tanalo Estates Major Subdivision – J.A. Snyder Entities, Inc. from 08/23/2011 to 11/21/2011. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

ONGOING PLANS:

1) Plan for 39 Learn Road, Tannersville, Pa. – Plan was tabled at the 07/05/2011 Supervisor's meeting. Plan representative did not attend. F. Hess made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to table the Plan for 39 Learn Road, Tannersville, Pa. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Pocono Township Fall Clean-up
   Thursday, 09/29/2011 **Metal Items** Only 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
   Land Fill Items
   Friday, 09/30/2011 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
   Saturday, 10/01/2011 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
   Flyers are available in the lobby of the Pocono Township Municipal Building.

2) Sparnon Wetland Services, Inc. – Waiver Request – Brian Courtright, PLS, and Charles Givler, PhD. P.E. represented the request. The Property owner is requesting a waiver of the 50' wetland buffer – Ordinance 138, Section 303.I.6.b - to construct a pond on his property. A previous submittal to DEP for a pond was rejected. A new area selected for the pond is within the wetland buffer. J. Tresslar, Twp. engineer requested time to review the plot plan for the pond.
   H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to table the Sparnon Wetland Services, Inc. to allow the Twp. Engineer to review the request for Waiver of the Wetland Buffer - Ordinance 138, Section 303.I.6.b. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

3) Transfer of ownership of Police Dog Casey, retired, to Cpl. Dan Kresge. J. Cilurso praised the work Cpl. Kresge and Casey. Casey has resided with Cpl. Kresge during his time with the Pocono Township Police Department. With the addition of Falko, Casey has retired. Former Police Chief Rick Staples in a letter, requested ownership of Casey to go to Cpl. Dan Kresge.
   H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to turn ownership of retired Police Dog Casey to his partner, Cpl. Dan Kresge. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

4) AWSOM – Animal Welfare Society of Monroe – J. Cilurso noted Pocono Township supports the work of AWSOM. H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to donate $1,000.00 to AWSOM (Animal Welfare Society of Monroe). Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

5) Matter of the Pocono Twp. Police Chief – The results of the Police Chief Panel was read. In order – Phil Riley, Kent Werkheiser, and Tom Lynott. A letter was received from Kent Werkheiser requesting clarification of the results. J. Cilurso noted the Board agreed to wait until K. Werkheiser's letter was addressed. Open discussion followed. Attorney Daniel Lyons, representing Phillip Riley, Vincent Trapasso, Tannersville, Mary Frantz, Scotrun, Judi Coover, Henryville, requested the Board of Supervisors to vote on the Police Chief.
   F. Hess made a motion, seconded by J. Cilurso, to appoint Phil Riley as Pocono Township Police Chief. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, abstained; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS CONT:

6) Matter of Pocono Central Ambulance Building – J. Cilurso noted the they have met with the Ambulance committee and the Ambulance Committee has chosen not to build on the new site. Pocono Central Ambulance Corp will remain in the present Ambulance building. The Township will not go through with the purchase of the Ambulance building. The $1,000,000.00 loan will be considered for transfer to the Sewer project.

7) Pocono Township Community Day – Saturday, September 24th, 2011, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Pocono Twp. Volunteer Fire Co., Central Pocono Ambulance, and Pocono Township. Tables are available at no charge. Non-profit organizations only. If interested, applications are available by contacting CPA or Pocono Twp.

COMMENTS:

Mark Vutaggio, Scotrun, Robert Felins, Tannersville, re loans for sewer project.
Paul Frantz, Scotrun, total cost of sewer project.
John Rinker, Frantz Hill road project.

Blanche Healy, Tannersville, Nottingham Manor Road dedication.
Attorney Murray, representing Nottingham Manor residents addressed the board as to the progress.
Twp. Solicitor, T. McManus noted he received an e-mail from Anthony Maula's solicitor, Geoffrey Worthington, before the meeting but did not have time to review it. He is still waiting on a corrected deed, and performance bonds.
A special meeting will be held once all documentation and payment of outstanding fees have been made.
J. Cilurso noted the Twp. is doing all they can to move this along.

Tom Frantz, Scotrun, re Bartonsville Ave & Rt. 611 restoration. H. Werkheiser noted the work should be completed in two weeks, weather permitting.

Jack Swertzie, name changes of roads and who is responsible for road signs.

Lou Barretto, Bartonsville, when new addresses will be accepted.

Ed Elliot, Scotrun, readdressing numbering.

ADJOURNMENT

F. Hess made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela J. Finkbeiner, Recording Secretary