

**POCONO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 15th, 2008 7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Pocono Township Supervisors was held on September 15th, 2008, at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, Pa., and was opened by Chairwoman, Jane Cilurso, at 7:00 p.m. 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.

Diane Zweifel, Pocono Township resident asked if the township's burning ordinance has been updated. J. Cilurso noted the supervisors are in the process of reviewing the burning ordinance and other ordinances in the township.

ROLL CALL: Jane Cilurso, present; Harold Werkheiser, present; and John Bramley, present.
Timothy McManus, Solicitor; David Horton, Boucher & James, Inc., Pamela Finkbeiner, Recording Secretary; Dennis Keesler, Pocono Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, and Steve Meylach, Pocono Township Zoning Enforcement Officer, were present.

POCONO HERITAGE LAND TRUST: Dawn Gorham, executive director of PHLT addressed the board on the funding available to preserve land in Pocono Township and Monroe County. 12,000 acres have been preserved through both purchase and conservation easement within the county through the Monroe County Open Space program and land conservation groups. The Pocono Heritage Land Trust is available to assist residents of Pocono Township who wish to conserve their properties. The Board thanked Ms. Gorham for the excellent work PHLT has done for both Pocono Township and Monroe County.

MINUTES: J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to approve the minutes of the Supervisor's 09/02/2008 Regular meeting. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to approve the minutes of the Special Meetings of 09/02/2008 and 09/09/2008. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; abstained, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

BILLS: The semi-monthly bills were presented. H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by J. Bramley, to approve the semi-monthly bills for payment. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

BIDS:

- 1) Advertisement will be made for Bids for sale of an "As Is" 1968 Austin-Weston Grader and a 1985 JD-610-B Loader/Backhoe for opening and reading aloud at the 10/06/08 Supervisor's meeting.
- 2) Advertisement will be made for Bids for a Subcontractor to Plow the Township Roads, to be opened and read aloud at the 10/06/08 Supervisor's meeting.

SEO REPORT: D. Keesler, Township SEO reported on his activities of the last twelve days. A full copy of his report is on file at the township.

ZO REPORT: S. Meylach, Township ZO reported 30 permits were issued. Yard sale signs are an ongoing problem in the township. He requested all township residents to please remove signs within 24 hours after their sales are over. A full copy of his report is on file at the township.

NEW PLANS:

1) Steve Basick Lot Combination Plan - Plan submitted for the 09/15/2008 Sup'v. mtg. \$300.00 fee paid. Barry Tompkins, BTT Associates, represented the plan. Lots 2 & 3, Block - J are proposed to be combined. J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to accept the Steve Basick Lot Combination Plan. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

2) Becker Construction Revised Plan - Diane Schmoyer, HRG Engineering represented the plan. She explained the drainage easement agreement is no longer needed since the recent storms have moved the drainage ditch solely onto the Becker property. Township Eng., Dave Horton, noted the plan was acceptable as long as the drainage area remains as shown on the plan. Approval will be on condition of an engineering site visit to confirm the drainage location.

3) Christopher and Margaret Kinsley Sketch Plan - Chrissie Himler, Borton Lawson Engineers represented the plan. She explained the Kinsley's own a 21 acre property and would like to create two additional lots for their children. They will be requesting waivers from length of private road - road proposed - 950' and more than three lots utilizing a private road - plan proposed 4 lots. The Pocono Township Planning Commission looked favorably on the requests. The board commented that the private road should be improved for emergency vehicles, and the plan should note any further subdivision would require a full land development plan.

ONGOING PLANS:

1) The Reserve at Cherry Lane Final Plan - Stroud Twp. has approved their portion of the plan. The Pocono Township Planning Commission recommended Conditional Approval of the plan. The Supervisors accepted a Waiver letter extending the requirement until 11/30/2008. The plan was tabled at the 09/02/08 Sup'v. meeting. J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to table the plan. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

2) Garvey Agency, Inc. Lot Consolidation Plan - (Lots 807 & 808 Alpine Lake) Plan submitted for 02/04/2008 Sup'v. mtg. \$300.00 Plan fee paid. Plan was tabled at the 09/02/2008 Sup'v. meeting. The 90-day time requirement expires 10/20/08. J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to table the plan. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

3) The Spirit of Swiftwater, Inc., Land Development Plan - The Pocono Township Planning Commission at its 08/11/2008 meeting recommended Preliminary Approval, conditioned upon all comments of the Twp. engineer's 08/11/2008 review letter being satisfied. The time extension expires 10/06/2008. Atty. Geoff Worthington, and Anthony Maula, owner represented the plan.

2 RFM's requested for approval. SALDO SEC. 2.303.A requires a smaller size plan than presented. The applicant requested a larger size to show the complete property. Ordinance 65, Appendix B.g-side slopes. The drainage basin's location next to the existing stream and Route 611 require a steeper slope.

J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser to approve the Request for modifications from:

1) SALDO SEC. 2.302.A - Standard sheet size-from 24" X 36" to 30" X 42"

2) Ordinance 65, Appendix B.g - Side slopes of drainage basins.

Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes.

Motion carried.

J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, for preliminary approval of the Spirit of Swiftwater, Inc. Land Dev. Plan with conditions:

1) All outside agency's approvals.

2) All conditions of the Township's Engineer's letter of 09/15/08 as per Preliminary Plan approval shall be met.

3) The Conditions of the Conditional Use hearing of February 19th, 2008, shall be met.

Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes.

Motion carried.

WAIVER LETTERS:

1) Martinell Land Dev. Plan - The Pocono Twp. Planning Commission recommended a Final 30-day Waiver letter with the stipulation that a representative attends the 09/22/2008 P.C. meeting to provide an explanation of the delay in proceeding with the plan.

J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to accept the 30-day waiver letter. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

2) The Lands of the Spirit of Swiftwater, Inc. (Office) Plan - The Pocono Twp. Planning Commission recommended that the Sup'v. accept a waiver letter from the Lands of the Spirit of Swiftwater, Inc. (Office) Plan granting a 60 - day extension from the deadline date of 9/21/08, which extension shall expire 11/20/08, as requested.

J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to accept the 60-day Time Extension Waiver until 11/20/08. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Traffic Signal Plan at intersection of SR314W and Rt. 611 and SR314E (By the Amber Club in Swiftwater). Twp. Solicitor has submitted a draft agreement for review by Mt. Airy. J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to table the Traffic Signal Plan. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

2) Pocono Township Community Days is scheduled for September 27th, 2008, from Noon until 5:00 p.m. Application are available for non-profit organizations.

3) Pocono Township's Fall Clean-up is scheduled for October 2, 3, and 4, 2008. Fliers are available in the lobby of the Township building.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) ACT 167 Hearing- The Act 167 Hearing for Stormwater management was scheduled for November 3rd, 2008 at 6 p.m.
- 2) Pocono Community Bank - Motion to approve the release of moneys as per the Twp. Engineer's comment letter of 09/02/08. Discussion followed on the requirements still needed for final completion. J. Cilurso made a motion, seconded by J. Bramley, to approve the release of \$183,727.50. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS:

Joe Sadowski, township resident, commented on the traffic problems of Rt. 715 and Rt. 611.

Dean Hartshorn asked if the township would consider a screen to display plans. It would allow the audience to view the plans. J. Bramley noted the board is presently reviewing the cost.

ADJOURNMENT: J. Bramley made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. until October 6th, 2008. Roll Call Vote: J. Cilurso; yes, H. Werkheiser; yes, J. Bramley; yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Pamela Finkbeiner
Recording Secretary