

THE TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 17, 2017

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A special meeting of the Tobyhanna Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 17 2017 at the Tobyhanna Township Government Center Building, 105 Government Center Way, Pocono Pines, Pennsylvania 18350.

Present were Supervisors Anne Lamberton, John Holahan, Heidi A. Pickard, Brendon Carroll and John E. Kerrick, Township Manager John Jablowski Jr, Zoning Officer Maureen Minnick, Township Engineer Bob McHale.

1. Chair Anne Lamberton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Announcements:

Executive Session was held on May 11, 2017 from 9:35 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. to discuss a possible litigation issue.

Next Executive Session is scheduled for June 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

4. New Business

- A. Signs

Heidi Pickard begins discussion on signs in the cart way versus the right of way. Ms. Pickard suggests that it needs to be defined better including that there are also PennDot requirements that may need to be considered. Mr. Jablowski suggests applicants call PennDot division to get clear requirements.

Mike Christian adds that another section was added per Jonathan Reiss's request that says that any sign in the township's right of way that needs to be removed for road widening projects will be done at the sign owner's expense. Discussion continues on the cart way and right of way sign removal costs and how PennDot handles such issues.

John Holahan begins discussion on digital signs being approved in the commercial district. Suggests that he would like to see a map showing where the digital signs could possibly be to understand better the impact of digital signs

in the scenic bi-way. Discussion ensues about the possibility of a village overlay.

Brendon Carroll suggests the purpose of the ordinance is so that there are rules and guidelines for sign owners to follow - until then any one is free to do what they want.

Maureen Minnick brings up concern of charging the same tax rates to commercial property owners who would not be permitted to have a digital sign as those who would be allowed the digital sign use. Suggests that the digital signs either need to be allowed or not allowed across the board for everyone.

John Jablowski discusses the option of developing a neighborhood commercial zone. John Holahan discusses the option of developing a commercial resort zone.

John Kerrick suggests having a meeting to hear from the public for their opinion. Anne Lamberton and Brendon Carroll agree. Bob McHale suggests having Adams come in to display the size and brightness of an actual digital sign would look like so people have an idea of exactly what to expect. John Jablowski agrees to contact Adams.

Town Hall scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for public opinion.

#### B. Insurance Proposals

Currently going through insurance proposals, Heidi Pickard requests the authority to make the administrative decision for the general liability and fire policies. Board authorizes.

#### C. New Ventures Commercial Park - Sewer Flow Rates

This item tabled for future meeting.

#### D. T&M Engineering Proposal - Management of Sewer District No. 1

John Holahan made motion to approve T&M Engineering Proposal in the amount of \$29,000 for the management of Sewer District No. 1. John Kerrick seconded. Vote: 4 in favor, Anne Lamberton abstained. Motion carries.

E. RKR Hess Desktop Study Proposal - Proposed Water Supply [Pocono Summit]

Heidi Pickard made motion to approve RKR Hess desktop study in the amount of \$8,500. John Holahan seconded. Vote: All in favor; motion carries.

F. Collaborative Approaches to Delivering Fire & EMS Services Course-May 23<sup>rd</sup>

John Jablowski invites members of the Board to this seminar at a cost of \$50 per person, 8:00 a.m. to noon.

G. Mayors & Municipal Leaders Conference - May 20<sup>th</sup> at NCC

John Jablowski invites members of the Board to this seminar from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

5. Public Comment

Ed Tutrone requests the authority to sell the shoulder machine with price between \$500 - \$1500 depending on the condition. Board authorizes Mr. Tutrone to sell the shoulder machine.

Heidi Pickard makes comment that because there are so many things going on right now and requests that the Board consider having two meetings a month. Board will consider the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evening of each month and decide at a future meeting.

6. Upcoming Events

TTBA Mixer, Pheonix Athletica, Pocono Summit - May 18, 2017, 5:30 to 7:30

Memorial Day Parade - May 29, 2017

Movie Night in the Park, "Monsters vs Aliens" - June 2, 2017

Community Day - July 8, 2017

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.  
Board enters Executive Session.