

**Pocono Township Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting Minutes  
July 26, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

The special meeting of the Pocono Township Board of Commissioners was held on July 26, 2021 and was opened by President Rich Wielebinski at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Jerrod Belvin, present; E. Gnandt, present; J. Lastowski, present; Keith Meeker, present; and Rich Wielebinski, present.

**In Attendance:** Leo DeVito via Zoom, Township Solicitor, Broughal & DeVito; Taylor Muñoz, Township Manager; and Krisann MacDougall, Administrative Assistant.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

**Resolutions**

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to pass Resolution 2021-18 authorizing preparation and submission of a Declaration of Taking and related documentation for the condemnation of land for use as part of the municipal complex for Pocono Township, located in Pocono Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania. J. Lastowski asked for clarification. L. DeVito explained the Deed in Lieu of Condemnation process. All in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by K. Meeker, to approve an agreement between Pocono Township and Berthamae Daubert outlining the terms for a Deed in Lieu of Condemnation for the acquisition of 114 Alger Avenue. L. DeVito indicated he will prepare a brief addendum stating that the Township will not sell the property for a period of three years following the closing on the property. R. Wielebinski amended motion to include the Township will not sell the property for a period of three years following the closing on the property. No further comment. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Discussion and possible action regarding the awarding of a bid for the purchase of Township-owned property located along I-80 (the old PennDOT rest stop) – L. DeVito gave summary of bidders.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by K. Meeker, to accept the bid from Tom Lovito for the I-80 property for \$63,500 conditioned on a seven-day review period for him to reconsider beginning Tuesday morning, July 27. All in favor. Motion carried.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Belvin, to accept a COSTARS quote for \$181,360.00 for the construction of a recessed basketball court at TLC Park in Tannersville. J. Lastowski asked if it would be done this year. E. Gnandt asked for further clarification. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Discussion and possible action regarding an MOU with Teamsters Local 773 establishing the position of Acting Chief.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to go into executive session, and return to make a decision. All in favor. Motion carried.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by K. Meeker, to return from executive session at 6:37 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by K. Meeker, to rescind the prior motion from 7/19 approving the MOU with Teamsters Local 773 establishing the position of Acting Chief and to approve a revised MOU with Teamsters Local 773 establishing the position of Acting Chief dated 7/26/2021. Roll call vote: J. Belvin; yes; E. Gnandt, no; J. Lastowski, yes; K. Meeker, yes; R. Wielebinski, yes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

**Adjournment**

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Belvin, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. All in favor.  
Motion carried.