

**Pocono Township Board of Commissioners
Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2023**

The Sewer Committee meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and was opened by Chairman Richard Wielebinski at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Jerrod Belvin, present; Ellen Gndt, present; Gerald J. Lastowski, present; Keith Meeker, present; Rich Wielebinski, present.

IN ATTENDANCE: Leo DeVito, Twp. Solicitor; Amy Montgomery, Twp. Engineer; Patrick Briegel, Sewer Consultant; and Jennifer Gambino, Administrative Assistant.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

HEARINGS – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Belvin, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 sewer committee meeting. E. Gndt noted a correction regarding her attendance. Motion amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Sewer Resolution Update – No update.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS – None

APPEALS – None

REPORTS

SEWER CONSULTANT

- General Sewer Update. Very limited I&I issues with the last rounds of heavy rain, which shows efforts to combat infiltration have been effective.
- Update – Pump Station 5 Jockey Pump Project. Nearing completion.
- Update – Deferred Lateral Connections Project. Worked with contractor to complete connection into the manhole. Work is almost complete with pay request anticipated soon.

RW made a motion, seconded by K. Meeker, to amend the agenda for consideration of a 25 sewer EDU reservation request for The Swiftwater of the Poconos. All in favor. Motion carried.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to approve the 25 sewer EDU reservation request for The Swiftwater of the Poconos. J. Lastowski asked if the EDU request is typical of the use. All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS

E. Grandt asked how the Township is doing with collections on delinquent accounts. P. Briegel said there have not been any new delinquencies and there may be an interested buyer of one of the liened properties that has a large outstanding user fee balance.

ADMINISTRATION – None

SEWER ENGINEER

- Sanofi Sanitary Sewer Easement – No update.
- Act 537 Plan – No update.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

- Tobyhanna Township Act 537 Capacity Request & Equalization (EQ) Tank. Tobyhanna is starting their Act 537 amendment process which will lead to permitting and construction of the required EQ Tank.
- Update – Amendment to Intermunicipal Sewage Collection & Disposal Services Agreement. On hold pending litigation. No update.
- General legal update. Kalahari litigation against Pocono Township is ongoing.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by K. Meeker, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.