

**Pocono Township Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.**

The Special meeting of the Pocono Township Board of Commissioners was held on June 12, 2024 and was opened by President Richard Wielebinski at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Ellen Gndt, present; Natasha Leap, present; Mike Velardi, present; and Rich Wielebinski, present, Brian Winot, present.

In Attendance: Patrick Briegel, Public Works Director; Lisa Pereira, Township Solicitor; Jon Tresslar, Engineer; Shawn McGlynn, SFM Consulting; James Wagner, Chief of Police; Jennifer Gambino, Admin Assistant, Jerrod Belvin, Township Manager.

Announcements –

R. Wielebinski, president of the board, read a statement prior to the beginning of the meeting regarding the purpose of the Ordinance.

Public Comment

Dawn Eilber – (Resident) Sky View Dr. addressed her concerns regarding items on the Ordinance. Feels that its wrong to put restrictions on property owners of who they allow to shoot on their property. Issues with time frame and lack of warnings. Confiscation of guns is wrong.

Tim Coover – (Resident) Candlestick Lane, expressed that he has the same issues as previous resident's comments.

Anthony Casciano– (Resident) Stadden Rd. Time frame is an issue along with the previous residents' concerns.

Resident questioned the right of the board to take away the rights of the residents due to issues with just a few. She suggested a nuisance ordinance instead of a gun ordinance.

Tim Eilber – (Resident Dial in) Sky View Dr. feels that the board is overstepping and should pull back a bit to address the issues regarding the residents who don't practice gun safety.

Presentations -

Resolutions -

Consent Agenda

NEW BUSINESS – None

Commissioner Comments

Richard Wielebinski – President

The Commissioners have a responsibility to fix the problem regarding the proposed ordinance. The conversation centered around the need for safe shooting practices, backstops and regulations to address noise and disturbance issues in residential areas. Noice related issues, including excessive shooting safety regulations and permitting requirements for shooting ranges in order to protect the residents and property of the township to ensure a safe and peaceful community. Discussion was held to include E. Gndt, J. Wagner, J. Belvin, B. Winot, M. Velardi, L. Pereira, N. Leap, S. McGlynn.

R. Wielebinski asked the solicitor to put together an ordinance based on the items addressed at this evening's meeting, distributed to the commissioners for review and then to be presented at a meeting possibly in July.

Natasha Leap – Vice President –

Ellen Gndt – Commissioner

Mike Velardi – Commissioner –

Brian Winot - Commissioner

Reports

Zoning

Police Report –

Ambulance Report - None

Fire Report – None

Public Works and Manager Reports

Township Engineer Report

Township Solicitor Report

Public Comment

A Resident asked if a decibel ordinance could be investigated. J. Belvin explained. J. Wagner went into further explanation.

Dan Coover – thanked the board for looking into these matters. R. Wielebinski reiterated that the township residents' safety is the main purpose of this evenings meeting.

Adjournment

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by M. Velardi, to adjourn the meeting at:711 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.