

THE TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Tobyhanna Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 31, 2017 at the Tobyhanna Township Government Center Building, 105 Government Center Way, Pocono Pines, Pennsylvania, 18350.

Present were Supervisors Anne Lamberton, John J. Holahan III, Heidi A. Pickard, Brendon Carroll, John E. Kerrick, and Township Manager John Jablowski Jr. Also in attendance were Ed Tutrone and Autumn Canfield.

1. Chair Anne Lamberton called the meeting to order at 8:00AM. It was determined that a quorum was present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. New Business
 - a. Anne Lamberton states that Swiftwater Creek is up for re-designation, and it may not be of exceptional value anymore. This will impact other streams and creeks. If the creek is not designated exceptional value, there will be a beneficial financial impact on businesses. The Board reached out to private businesses for letters of support, and wants to draft their own letter of support by November 16th. John Holahan motions to draft a support letter, Heidi Pickard seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
 - b. John Jablowski presents two proclamations for conventions at Kalahari Resorts, one for the American Wine Society and one for the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists. John Holahan motions to sign both proclamations, Heidi Pickard seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
 - c. John Jablowski states that the Top of the Mountain Democrats have requested the use of the Township Building for a Christmas Party (December 18, 5-8:30PM) and for their meetings, held on the third Saturday of every month from 1-3PM. John Jablowski spoke with Jonathan Reiss, who recommended allowing the meetings now, but drafting an ordinance that would prohibit this in the future. The Board expresses concern over potential consequences of allowing this, and decides to prohibit the party. The Board directs Jonathan Reiss to draft an ordinance prohibiting groups not connected to the Township (i.e., the ambulance meetings, Fire Company meetings, etc., will still be allowed) from meeting in the Township Building.
 - d. 2018 Proposed Budget. The Board discusses the breakdown for expenses from DPW, and asks that future gasoline usage be delineated by organization. Concerning the General Fund Revenue, the official, certified totals from the County have not yet arrived. The Board discusses the Real Estate Transfer Tax, Earned Income Tax, Local Services Tax, Public Utility Realty Tax, Alcoholic Beverage Tax, Foreign Fire tax, and the Police Pension. Interest Earnings and Building Rental Fees have both increased.

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The Board discusses the Clymer Library and traffic planning. Anne Lamberton asks that the record reflect that she favors Joe Provoznak as her attorney of choice. The Fire Fund is discussed, and the Board considers appropriating the money to an 83%-17% split again: 83% for Tobyhanna Township Volunteer Fire Company, and 17% for a potential future fire station operating out of the former Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Company. The Board decides to pursue merging the Capital Reserve and the Capital Contingency funds. The Board will have a resolution prepared for discussion during the Work Session and potential adoption during the Regular Business Meeting.

- e. Brendon Carroll suggests erecting a pole barn or other roofed structure to shelter the snow plows and other equipment that is exposed to the weather.

4. Public Comment

- a. Stanley Menking asks for clarification on if the received monies were to-date, or if they represent a guesstimate for the whole year. The Board clarifies that the received monies are accurate as of September 30, 2017.

5. Meeting adjourned at 10:08AM.