

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

President K. Davis opened the Special Meeting at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Vice President J. Woehrle; Councilmembers F. O'Boyle; D. Casole; C. Williams and K. Transue. Mayor F. Courtright, Solicitor J. Fareri and Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Mobile Radios for Maintenance Department

Borough Council was in receipt of two (2) proposals for the replacement and upgrade of the Maintenance Department's radios to UHF. Both proposals were for ten (10) radios and would also include the FCC Licensing for UHF Government Spectrum Radio Frequency which would be valid for ten (10) years and renewable after that point of time. It was noted that the quote from TuWay Communications which is a Costar vendor was in the amount of \$21,200.24. There was also a quote from P & D Emergency Services in the amount of \$21,030.00. It was noted that P & D was not a Costars vendor and should we go with them we would have to advertise for bids.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the differences in the two (2) proposals, Vice President J. Woehrle moved to accept TuWay Communications bid in the grand total amount of \$21,200.24. Councilmember F. O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Knob View Tree Trimming

Councilmember K. Transue noted that he and Vice President J. Woehrle met with Ike Olson and reviewed the area to clear the view from end of guard rail to end guard rail, to leave what he clears, but they requested that he avoid putting it on top of any of the garbage that is down there as Councilmember K. Transue hopes to remove all that garbage here in the next few weeks. Ike Olson was in agreement to do this work at a cost of \$4,000.00.

It was also noted that Councilmember K. Transue met with Campbell's Tree Service who agreed to remove the brush and scrub oak, Campbell's estimated that it would be a three (3) man job and it would take three to four (3-4) days at cost of \$1,200.00 a day. This would be \$4,800.00 for four (4) days plus an additional \$600.00 for clearing the larger trees.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the two (2) proposals. It was noted that Mr. Olson removed a tree on Center Avenue free of charge this past fall and donated his time and that he is very generous to the Borough.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to accept the offer from Ike Olson, Keystone Tree Specialists to remove and clear the Knob View from guardrail to end of guardrail at a cost of \$4,000.00. Vice President J. Woehrle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Vacancy Appointment

Three (3) of the four (4) individuals who submitted letters of interest to fill the Council vacancy were in attendance this evening: Matt Hensel; John Scalamandre and Mike Oser. Mr. Tom Neville was not in attendance. Borough Council discussed and gave each of the three (3) individuals present an opportunity to answer additional questions presented to them from the Borough Councilmembers.

After the Q & A period, Councilmember D. Casole moved to appoint Mike Oser to fill the Council vacancy. Vice President J. Woehrle seconded. Motion went to discussion with Councilmember F. O'Boyle discussing law suits that Mr. Oser has filed against the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority and himself personally, which ultimately cost the Municipal Authority extra money. Motion went to a roll call vote: Councilmember D. Casole, "Yes"; Councilmember F. O'Boyle, "No"; Councilmember K. Transue, "No"; Councilmember C. Williams, "Yes"; Vice President J. Woehrle, "Yes"; and, President K. Davis, "Yes". Motion carried 4 – 2.

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At this time Mayor F. Courtright administered the oath of office to Mr. Mike Oser.

There being no further business coming before the Board, Councilman K. Transue moved to adjourn. Vice President J. Woehrle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary