

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

President K. Davis opened the Special Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Vice President J. Woehrle; Councilmembers F. O'Boyle; D. Casole; K. Transue, M. Oser and C. Williams. Mayor F. Courtright, Solicitor J. Fareri and Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

**Municipal Authority Appointment**

It was noted that there were two (2) positions open on the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority.

Vice President J. Woehrle moved to appoint Mike Oser and Matt Hensel to fill these positions. Councilmember D. Casole seconded.

There was discussion regarding the motion with Councilmember F. O'Boyle providing information on his term limits and number of years he has served. He noted that twice in the past he was appointed to a four (4) year term when it should have been a five (5) year term and he feels that his position still has two (2) more years and that his position is not vacant.

President K. Davis looked at Solicitor J. Fareri for guidance in regards to this information Councilmember F. O'Boyle presented this evening.

Solicitor J. Fareri stated that it is his job to act as Solicitor and he stated that he has a great deal of respect for Councilmember F. O'Boyle and for Mrs. Ruth Gross, however, in view of this information and that the last term Mr. O'Boyle served he served five (5) years, he feels that his term is now vacant and if he had an issue with his four (4) year appointments those should have been brought up at that time.

Vice President J. Woehrle moved to appoint Matt Hensel to a five (5) year term to the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority with a term to expire on December 31, 2021. Councilmember M. Oser seconded. Motion went to a roll call vote: Vice President J. Woehrle, "Yes"; Councilmember F. O'Boyle, "No"; Councilmember D. Casole, "Yes"; Councilmember K. Transue, "Yes"; Councilmember M. Oser, "Yes", Councilmember C. Williams, "Yes"; and, President K. Davis, "No". Motion carried 6 – 1.

Vice President J. Woehrle moved to appoint Mike Oser to a five (5) year term to the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority with a term to expire on December 31, 2021. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion went to a roll call vote: Councilmember K. Transue, "Yes"; Councilmember M. Oser, "abstained"; Councilmember C. Williams, "abstained"; Vice President J. Woehrle, "Yes"; Councilmember F. O'Boyle, "No"; Councilmember D. Casole, "Yes"; and, President K. Davis, "Yes". Motion carried 4 – yes; 2 – abstentions; and 1 – nay.

Councilmember F. O'Boyle stated that if the USDA finds out about the sale of a public utility they will not loan the money and it would cost the Borough more money for the spray irrigation.

**Ron Emilie, Brunswick Drive**, current member of the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority stated that he has lived in the Borough since 1983 and Fran knows the sewer plant and what goes on in the Municipal Authority and he went on record that the Borough Council is making a terrible mistake and noted that he was quite angry with Borough Council in making this decision.

**Pocono Mountain Regional Police Inter-Governmental Agreement**

Solicitor J. Fareri once again came back to the table with several items regarding Pocono Mountain Regional Police Inter-Governmental Agreement, noting that he and the Solicitors have gone back and forth on the points that he discussed with Council at their last meeting. He noted that there is one (1) last issue that needs to be worked out and that was the issue in regards to the financial impact of leaving the Regional Police Commission.

President K. Davis recognized State Representative Jack Rader who was in attendance this evening.

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Mr. Rader briefly stated that he likes to come around and attend meetings of the municipalities that are in his area. He discussed the LSA Grant Program, tax reform and regional police.

Councilmember F. O'Boyle advised Borough Council that since he and Ruth were not reappointed, he noted that it could leave the Municipal Authority in a bind for check signatures as there will be nobody to sign checks.

Councilmember K. Transue moved that the new Mount Pocono Municipal Authority members, Mike Oser and Matt Hensel terms would become effective Thursday, February 9, 2017, and that Mr. O'Boyle and Mrs. Gross will remain members of the Municipal Authority until Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Councilmember M. Oser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mount Pocono Park & Recreation Commission 501 3(C)**

Borough Council advised Mr. Ford, who was present this evening, member of the Mount Pocono Park & Recreation Commission that Borough Council has no objection in them forming a non-profit organization under the 501 3(C) designation.

**Public Participation**

None.

There being no public participation and no further business coming before the Board, Councilman M. Oser moved to adjourn. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary