

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

The first regular meeting of May of the Pike County Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Caridi at 9:00 a.m. at the Pike County Administration Building, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag. Father Greg Kelly of St. Patrick's Church, Milford, offered the opening prayer.

PRESENT: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner; Chief Clerk Orben; Solicitor Farley.

**PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO:
PRIVATE ZACHARY J. ROMANCE AND PRIVATE BRANDON KENNEDY
PLATOON 1028, 1ST BATTALION, CHARLIE COMPANY, US MARINE CORPS.**

PRESENTATION OF \$50,000 TO PIKE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

Public Comments/Questions concerning today's agenda.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the May 1, 2013 Agenda.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the April 17, 2013 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the April 19, 22 and 24, 2013 Conference Minutes.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment of **COUNTY BILLS**, in the amount of \$680,017.51, subject to further review.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (Habitat for Humanity)**, in the amount of \$50,000.00.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to approve payment from **SRL ACCOUNT (Eshleman)**, in the amount of \$9,676.22.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve payment from **PC EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INS. FUND**, in the amount of \$79,508.63.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to adopt Resolution No. 13—13, National Nurses Week, May 6-12, 2013, which was read by Commissioner Osterberg. Linda Harding of District 4 PSNA accepted the Resolution.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 13-14, Supporting the Efforts to Maintain the Tax-Exempt Status of Municipal Bonds. Commissioner Wagner explained that each time a municipality, school district, county, etc. floats a bond, the bond is tax free, which means that the owner of the bond does not pay taxes on the interest. Therefore, the interest rate is much better. If Congress changes the tax-exempt status then any entity that floats a bond will pay more, which directly affects the taxpayers.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to adopt Resolution No. 13-15, Providing for Temporary Tax Exemption for Certain Improvements and/or New Construction to Industrial, Commercial and Other Business Property in the Deteriorated Area within Shohola Township, Pursuant to the Act of December 1, 1977, P.L. 237 and Defining Deteriorated Area, Establishing the Amount of the Exemption, Providing an Exemption Schedule, and a Procedure for Securing an Exemption.
VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Mike Sullivan, Executive Director of the Business Development Corporation, explained that Resolution No. 13-15 will aid in making Shohola Township very appealing in the form of tax abatement, so that new businesses will receive abatements on improvements only. This does not affect the value or tax on the land itself, only improvements. This is an incentive for businesses to invest in Pike County. This is also for existing businesses that wish to expand. This particular resolution is for Shohola Township only. Deteriorated areas means a high unemployment rate.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the Chairman to execute the Rental Assistance Subsidy for May 2013 in the amount of \$298 from Delaware Run.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Osterberg, to authorize the Chairman to execute the 2013 Hazardous Material Emergency Response fund Grant Application, on behalf of the LEPC.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to authorize the advertisement of the Pike County Recycling Ordinance. Solicitor Farley stated that this ordinance is required to have the waste haulers report the exact amount of recycling they do each year. This will eliminate the County's responsibility for the recycling program. DEP agreed that this is a non-substantial change and this is the last step.

VOTE: Commissioners Caridi, Osterberg and Wagner voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Tom Ryan, Delaware Township Supervisor, announced that on July 5th and 6th at the Malibu Dude Ranch the 2nd Annual VetStock will be held to help support our veterans. There will also be a raffle. All proceeds will go to "Homes for Our Troops" to benefit Corporal David Noblit Jr., a wounded Afghanistan war veteran, his wife and son who are Selinsgrove, PA residents.

Questions and comments were opened to the Public and the Press.

ADJOURNMENT:

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013, AT 9:00 A.M., AT THE PIKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.