



POCONO TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA

December 20, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.  
112 Township Drive, Tannersville, PA

**Dial-In Option: 646 558 8656**

**Meeting ID: 836 7719 1318**

**Passcode: 474080**

**Zoom Link:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83677191318?pwd=RnJ0VnFXZ3pSZXUxME95NE9CZGd3Zz09>**

**Open Meeting**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Public Comment**

*We ask that any resident making public comment, including those who may have dialed in by phone, please identify yourselves, provide your street address and state the spelling of your name when addressing the Commissioners.*

*Comments are for any issue. Please limit individual comments to five (5) minutes to allow time for others wishing to speak and direct all questions and comments to the President.*

**Announcements**

- An executive session of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a police grievance arbitration.

**Hearings**

- **Ordinance 2021-06 – Amusement Tax Increase (Action Item)**
  - Motion to open a Public Hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 398, Taxation, Article IV, Amusement Tax, of the Code of Ordinances of Pocono to increase the rate of the amusement tax from 3% to 10% for general Township purposes. **(Action Item)**
  - Motion to close public hearing. **(Action Item)**
  - Motion to open a hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 398, Taxation, Article IV, Amusement Tax, of the Code of Ordinances of Pocono to increase the rate of the amusement tax from 3% to 10% for general Township purposes. **(Action Item)**
  - Motion to close hearing.

- Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-06 to approve the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 398, Taxation, Article IV, Amusement Tax, of the Code of Ordinances of Pocono to increase the rate of the amusement tax from 3% to 10% for general Township purposes. **(Action Item)**
- Ordinance 2021-07 – Adoption of the Pocono Township FY 2022 Budget (Action Item)
  - Motion to open a Public Hearing to consider adoption of the FY 2022 budget and appropriate funds estimated to be required for the purposes of the government of the Township of Pocono, fixing the real estate millage rate for the 2022 Fiscal Year at a rate of 2.429 mills per dollar of assessed valuation and a fire tax rate at 0.201 special purpose mills. **(Action Item)**
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  - Motion to open a hearing to consider adoption of the FY 2022 budget and appropriate funds estimated to be required for the purposes of the government of the Township of Pocono, fixing the real estate millage rate for the 2022 Fiscal Year at a rate of 2.429 mills per dollar of assessed valuation and a fire tax rate at 0.201 special purpose mills. **(Action Item)**
  - Motion to close hearing.
  - Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-07 approving the FY 2022 budget and appropriate funds estimated to be required for the purposes of the government of the Township of Pocono, fixing the real estate millage rate for the 2022 Fiscal Year at a rate of 2.429 mills per dollar of assessed valuation and a fire tax rate at 0.201 special purpose mills. **(Action Item)**

### Presentations – None

### Resolutions

- Resolution 2021-32 – Motion to approve Resolution 2021-32 granting conditional approval of the Great Wolf Lodge Expansion Land Development Plan. **(Action Item)**
- Resolution 2021-33 – Motion to approve Resolution 2021-33 granting conditional approval of the Northridge at Camelback Phase 11-16, Phase 2 – Hunter Circle preliminary land development plan. **(Action Item)**

### Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve a consent agenda of the following items:
  - Old business consisting of the minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
  - A budget adjustment request of \$53,000.00 to ensure specified line items have sufficient funding for the remainder of 2021.
  - Financial transactions through December 16, 2021 including:
    - Ratification of vouchers payable in the amount of \$394.83 and sewer operating expenditures in the amount of \$125.76.
    - Ratification of gross payroll for the pay period ending December 12, 2021 in the amount of \$214,765.75.
    - Vouchers payable in the amount of \$251,687.17.
    - Sewer operating fund expenditures in the amount of \$139,931.06.
    - Sewer construction fund expenditures in the amount of \$22,612.73.
    - Capital reserve fund expenditures in the amount of \$19,086.00.
    - A fire tax disbursement of \$387.35.
    - An American Rescue Plan Act transfer to the General Fund of \$6,126.00 for the purchase of a blower attachment to clear Township stormwater facilities. **(Action Items)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Personnel** – None
2. **Travel/Training Authorizations** – None

**Report of the President**

Richard Wielebinski

- Discussion regarding Township position on sidewalks and curbing for 3101 Route 611 (the old jewelry store).

**Commissioner Comments**

Jerrod Belvin – Vice President

- Emergency Management Update
- Discussion and possible action regarding the institution of a one-year pilot program for 12-hour shifts for Pocono Township patrol officers. **(Possible Action Item)**

Ellen Grandt – Commissioner

Jerry Lastowski – Commissioner

Keith Meeker – Commissioner

**Reports**

**Zoning**

**Emergency Services**

- Police
- EMS
- Fire

**Public Works Report**

- Current Public Works projects
- TLC Park Project Update
- Update – Park Lane Culvert Replacement – Dirt and Gravel Grant

**Administration – Manager’s Report**

- Interviews for Township job openings being scheduled for early January.
- Regional HSPS Comprehensive Plan update – Still waiting on draft plan.

**Township Engineer Report**

- Update – Consolidation of the Municipal Complex lots.
- Update – Righthand turn lanes from Rt. 611 onto Rimrock Road and Bartonsville Avenue.

**Township Solicitor Report**

- Zoning Hearing Board updates.
  - Update – Taveras Appeal.
  - Update – Johnson Appeal.

- Update – Closing for sale of I-80 parcel.
- HJP Park Agreement between Pocono and Jackson Townships.

**Public Comment**

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**Adjournment**