



POCONO TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA

March 1, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

ZOOM Dial-In #: 646-558-8656
Meeting ID: 952 3075 4473
Passcode: 110701

Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comments

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

- Pocono Township will hold its annual Spring Cleanup from Thursday, April 30 through Saturday, May 1, 2021. Proof of Township residency is required. Residents can bring their difficult-to-dispose-of items to the Township building between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. each day. Disposal fees begin at \$5.00 for a carload and \$10.00 for a pick-up truck load, with higher fees depending on size of vehicle or trailer load. Electronics are collected at no charge. Please note that this public service is offered for residential users only. If you have any questions, please call the Township office directly at 570-629-1922.
- We encourage residents to avail themselves of our Township ice skating rink located at TLC Park at the corner of Route 715 and Route 611 in Tannersville. The rink is open weather dependent. While we do our best to update our Facebook page with its availability, we ask residents to always exercise caution and use common sense before using the rink.
- If you have not already, we would encourage you to sign up for the Township newsletter at www.poconopa.gov, follow our Facebook page for frequent community updates and subscribe to our township-wide Savvy Citizen notification system at www.savvycitizenapp.com.

Hearings – None

Presentations – None

Resolutions – None

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. **(Action Item)**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Personnel** – None

2. **Financial Transactions**

- a. Motion to ratify vouchers payable received through February 25, 2021 in the amount of \$112,029.96. **(Action Item)**
- b. Ratify gross payroll for pay periods ending February 21, 2021 in the amount of \$104,528.87 **(Action Item)**
- c. Motion to approve vouchers payable received through February 25, 2021 in the amount of \$69,907.01. **(Action Item)**
- d. Motion to approve sewer operating fund expenditures through February 25, 2021 in the amount of \$9,373.04. **(Action Item)**
- e. Motion to approve capital reserve fund expenditures through February 25, 2021 in the amount of \$10,742.69. **(Action Item)**

3. **Travel/Training Authorizations** – None

Report of the President

Richard Wielebinski

- Motion to provide a letter of support to the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources in support of the Pocono Heritage Land Trust and their purchase of the Fritz Parcel, which will provide passive recreation opportunities for area residents **(Action Item)**
- Motion to enter a one-year contract subscription with Egnyte to provide virtual servers for both the Township administration and Township Police Department for a contracted price of \$10,020.00 **(Action Item)**
- Update – Fish Hill Road Right-of-Way and drainage culvert issues

Commissioner Comments

Jerrod Belvin – Vice President

- COVID-19/Emergency Management Update
- FEMA Flood Mitigation grant application
- Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Ellen Gandt – Commissioner

Jerry Lastowski – Commissioner

Keith Meeker – Commissioner

Reports

Zoning

Emergency Services

- Police
- EMS
- Fire

Public Works Report

- Current Public Works projects report
- Update – Park Lane Culvert Replacement – Dirt and Gravel Grant
- Update – Well at MVP

Administration – Manager’s Report

- Motion to proceed with an appraisal of 114 Alger Avenue **(Action Item)**
- Discussion regarding the interest of the owner of the Wine Press Inn parcel in the purchase of the adjoining Township parcel.
- Ongoing action items and progress on Township issues:
 - Proceeding with executing the necessary paperwork for the leasing and purchase of equipment approved at last Board of Commissioners meeting – lease of a new tractor with mower attachment, lease of a new bucket truck and purchase of a five-ton asphalt roller.
 - Interviews for Mountain View Park seasonal workers – Recommendations will be made at next meeting.
 - Two more filing cabinets have been cleared from the Township office, with old variance files having been sorted, identified and re-filed into existing property files.
 - Rates were shopped again with our energy supplier and we locked into a discount rate for another 24 months starting in October 2021. Energy prices are on the upswing and this will save the Township approximately \$950 over the two-year period.
- Monroe County Land Bank – Site visit and potential acquisition of 17 Summit Drive, Pocono Manor
- Evaluation of Township’s Wireless Carrier – Verizon vs. FirstNet (ATT)
- Update – Pending grant applications for the Township’s LSA, Multimodal & Recreation Grant submissions will be considered at the March meeting of the Commonwealth Financing Authority
- Update – Regional HSPS Comprehensive Plan

Township Engineer Report

- St. Paul’s Lutheran Drainage Basin
- Archer Lane Drainage Issues
- Righthand turn lanes from Rt. 611 onto Rimrock Road and Bartonsville Avenue – Setting up an onsite meeting with PennDOT

Township Solicitor Report

- Discussion regarding I-80 parcel easement request – Jonathan Weber **(Possible Action Item)**
- Pocono Heritage Land Trust – The Learn Conservation Easement
- Update – Gravatts Way Court Injunction
- Update – Kelly Family Trust
- Zoning Hearing Board Update
 - Appeal of Ryan Possinger
 - Butz Lane STR

Public Comment

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Adjournment