



POCONO TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA

June 5, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.
112 Township Drive, Tannersville, PA

Dial-In Option: 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 892 102 5946

Passcode: 18372

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8921025946?pwd=Q1VtaFVkVEpRWUvdIFrSHJ1cE1Tdz09>

Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment

For any individuals wishing to make public comment tonight, including those dialed in by phone, please state the spelling of your name and identify whether you are a taxpayer of Pocono Township.

Please limit individual comments to five (5) minutes and direct all comments to the President. Public comment is not for debate or answering questions, rather it is for "comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation...prior to taking official action" [PA Sunshine Act, Section 710.1].

Announcements

- The Township will host a series of three outdoor concerts this summer on the ball field off Alger Avenue adjacent to the Little League field. The series will kick off on June 22 at 6:00 p.m. with live music performed by Erin McClelland. Visit the Township Facebook page for more information.

Hearings

- Ordinance 2023-03 – Hearing for Rezoning of Seven (7) Learn Road Parcels – Motion to open a public hearing for consideration of Ordinance 2023-03 to change the zoning district classification from commercial (C) to low density residential (R) for parcel tax ID numbers 12.116701, 12.116702, 12.116703, 12.116704, 12.116705, and 12.116706; and to change the zoning district classification for parcel 12.94172 from low density residential (R-1) to commercial (C). **(Action Item)**
 - Motion to close public hearing. **(Action Item)**
 - Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03 to change the zoning district classification from commercial (C) to low density residential (R) for parcel tax ID numbers 12.116701, 12.116702, 12.116703, 12.116704, 12.116705, and 12.116706; and to change the zoning

district classification for parcel 12.94172 from low density residential (R-1) to commercial (C). **(Action Item)**

- Ordinance 2023-04 – Truck Traffic Restrictions for Bartonsville Avenue & Beehler Road – Motion to open a public hearing for consideration of Ordinance 2023-04 to amend Chapter 425 of the Code of Ordinances of Pocono Township, amending Article IV, Traffic Regulations, adding truck traffic restrictions for Bartonsville Avenue and Beehler Road, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith. **(Action Item)**
 - Motion to close public hearing. **(Action Item)**
 - Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04 amending Chapter 425 of the Code of Ordinances of Pocono Township, amending Article IV, Traffic Regulations, adding truck traffic restrictions for Bartonsville Avenue and Beehler Road, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith. **(Action Item)**
- Ordinance 2023-05 – 25 MPH Speed Limits for Tara Dr, Bull Pine Rd & Terrace Dr – Motion to open a public hearing for consideration of Ordinance 2023-05 to amend Chapter 425 of the Code of Ordinances of Pocono Township, amending Article I, Speed Limits, establishing a maximum speed limit of 25 MPH for motor vehicles on Tara Drive, Bull Pine Road and Terrace Drive, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith. **(Action Item)**
 - Motion to close public hearing. **(Action Item)**
 - Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-05 amending Chapter 425 of the Code of Ordinances of Pocono Township, amending Article I, Speed Limits, establishing a maximum speed limit of 25 MPH for motor vehicles on Tara Drive, Bull Pine Road and Terrace Drive, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith. **(Action Item)**

Presentations – None

Resolutions

- Resolution 2023-13 – Motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 granting a 60-day extension to Swiftwater Solar, following the withdrawal of the appeal to the applicant's NPDES permit in May of 2023, to satisfy the conditions of preliminary/final plan approval and record the plan as set forth in Resolution No. 2022-24. **(Action Item)**

Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve a consent agenda of the following items:
 - Old business consisting of the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
 - Financial transactions through June 1, 2023 as presented, including ratification of general fund expenditures, sewer operating expenditures and gross payroll; vouchers payable, sewer operating expenditures, construction fund expenditures, capital reserve expenditures and transfers. **(Action Items)**

NEW BUSINESS

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

Report of the President

Richard Wielebinski

- Motion to approve construction escrow release No. 6 for the Trapasso Hotel Land Development in the amount of \$499,076.30 as recommended by the Township engineer in a letter dated May 25, 2023. **(Action Item)**
- Motion to approve the fireworks application for Camelback Resort for a display on July 2, 2023, subject to receiving the completed permit application with required bond and insurance certificate. **(Action Item)**
- Motion to approve the fireworks application for the Pocono Township Volunteer Fire Company for a display on July 20, 2023, subject to receiving the completed permit application with required bond and insurance certificate. **(Action Item)**
- Discussion regarding maintenance and operation escrow requirements for land development projects that require installation of new traffic lights.

Commissioner Comments

Jerrod Belvin – Vice President

- Motion to have the Township solicitor recover reimbursement from the owner of the property located at 210 Redwing Lane for emergency management supplies expended in the amount of \$594.00 in response to a hazmat fuel spill that occurred on May 19, 2023. **(Action Item)**
- Emergency Management Update
 - Laurel Lake Dam
- Update – PPL utility lines and possible drainage issues on Barton Court.

Ellen Gandt – Commissioner

Jerry Lastowski – Commissioner

Keith Meeker – Commissioner

Reports

Zoning

Police Report

- General police updates.

Ambulance Report

Public Works Report

- Current Public Works projects.
- Mountain View Park updates.
- TLC Park updates.
 - Splash Pad Installation.
 - Dog Park Project(s)
- Update regarding potential lease purchase of new backhoe.

Administration – Manager’s Report

- Current communication with Kegerreis Outdoor Advertising regarding removal of defunct bus stops and replacement with billboards of same dimensions.

Township Engineer Report

- Status of Laurel Lake survey work.

- Preparation of amendments to Township's stormwater management ordinance per DEP and MCCD Act 167 model ordinance recommendations.
- Potential installation of speed tables on Learn Road for speed control.
- Learn Road safety enhancement project and roundabout survey work.
- Update – TASA SR 611 sidewalk project.

Township Solicitor Report

- General legal update.
- Discussion regarding preparation of an ordinance codifying BCRA's public water service area for consistency with the Township's central sewage (Act 537) service area.
- Zoning Hearing Board updates.
- Update – Johnson Appeal Commonwealth Court argument.
- Update – PJJWA transfer agreement.

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Adjournment