



POCONO TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA

November 6, 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=Q1VtaFVkVEpRWTUvdIFrSHJ1cE1Tdz09>

PLEASE NOTE: THE POCONO TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MEETING OCCURS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE FIRST MEETING DATE OF EACH MONTH.

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 Pocono Township Annual Tree Lighting will take place at TLC Park on Friday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. Join us as we welcome the Christmas season with hot chocolate, s'mores, carols and more. Please park in the Township parking lot and take the provided Santa's Sleigh shuttle to TLC Park!
- An executive session was held on Thursday, 11/2 for the purpose of discussion personnel matters and potential real estate acquisition.

Hearings

Ordinance 2023-07 – Motion to open a public hearing for consideration of Ordinance 2023-07 amending SALDO Section 390-38 and establishing traffic signalization requirements. (Action Item)

- **Motion to close public hearing. (Action Item)**

- Motion to pass Ordinance 2023-07 amending SALDO Chapter 390; amending Article V Performance Guarantees and Open Land, Section 390-38 Continued Ownership and Maintenance Improvements; and establishing traffic signalization responsibilities and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith. **(Action Item)**

Presentations

- Presentation of Township 2022 Audit – Jeff Weiss, Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC.
- Presentation of Architectural Plans for Proposed New Municipal Complex – Matthew McQuaide, Kimmel-Bogrette.
- Vassallo Estate Subdivision Plan – Request for extension of time for plan recordation. **(Possible Action Item)**

Resolutions

Resolution 2023-30 – Motion to pass Resolution 2023-30 granting conditional approval for the Grossi Major Subdivision Plan. **(Action Item)**

Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve a consent agenda of the following items:
 - Old business consisting of the minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
 - Financial transactions through November 2, 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

2. Travel/Training Authorizations

Report of the President

Richard Wielebinski

- Motion to cancel the planned November 20, 2023 public hearing of a debt ordinance for the purchase of a new municipal complex. **(Action Item)**
- Motion to approve a construction escrow reduction for Cherry Lane Development Partners in the amount of \$686,102.65, as reviewed and approved by the Township engineer, conditioned on the receipt of a standby letter of credit from Wawa, Inc. in the amount of \$686,102.65 and review/approval by the Township solicitor. **(Action Item)**
- Motion to formally commit \$535,000 appropriated in the 2023 Township Budget to be used solely for the purpose of new municipal complex debt service and renovation costs. **(Action Item)**
- Motion to approve an easement agreement with the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority for the re-location of a public water line along the property line of TLC Park, as required by the PennDOT SR 715 project and reviewed by the Township engineer and professional staff, and to authorize the (Vice) Chair of the Board of Commissioners as signatory. **(Action Item)**

Commissioner Comments

Jerrold Belvin – Vice President

- Emergency Management Update
- Laurel Lake Dam

Ellen Grandt – Commissioner

Jerry Lastowski – Commissioner

Keith Meeker – Commissioner

Reports

Zoning

Police Report

Ambulance Report

Public Works Report

- Current Public Works Projects.
- Mountain View Park Updates.
- TLC Park Updates.
- Old Learn Farm parking access.

Administration – Manager’s Report

- Discussion and motion to authorize the transfer of Township operating and reserve funds to First Northern Bank and PLGIT to leverage higher interest rates offered. **(Action Item)**

Township Engineer Report

- Learn Road safety enhancement project and roundabout survey work.
- Update – TASA SR 611 sidewalk project.
- In Progress – Discussion and possible action regarding the Township’s revised Act 167 stormwater ordinance, incorporating changes to the ordinance as prepared by the Township engineer and as required by PA DEP.

Township Solicitor Report

- General legal update.
- Zoning Hearing Board updates.
 - 585 Railroad Drive Appeal
 - Grossi Appeal
 - Camelback Small Cell Telecommunications Facilities
 - Bartonsville Wawa (Ertle)
- Update – Crawford Appeal
- Update – Johnson Appeal Commonwealth Court argument.

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.

Adjournment