



POCONO TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA

February 5, 2024 | 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>

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

- An executive session was held on Monday, January 29 for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and potential real estate acquisition.

Presentations

- Motion to approve the promotion of Officer Eric Rath to the position of Patrol Sergeant for the Pocono Township Police Department. **(Action Item)**

Hearings – None

Resolutions – None

Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve a consent agenda of the following items:

- Old business consisting of the minutes of the January 16, 2024 regular meeting and reorganizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
- Financial transactions through January 25, 2024 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

- Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the Pocono Township Police Chief. **(Possible Action Item)**

2. Travel/Training Authorizations

Commissioner Comments

Richard Wielebinski – President

- Motion to execute an agreement of sale with Northampton Community College for the purchase of their former Old Mill Road Campus in Tannersville. **(Action Item)**
- Zoning Hearing Board Candidate Interviews **(Possible Action Item)**
 - Mike Savage
 - Brian Winot
 - Matthew Lentz
- Motion to authorize a COSTARS purchase order for a new Peterbilt 548 tandem dump truck in the amount of \$159,353 as provided for in the 2024 Capital Budget. **(Action Item)**
- Motion to close the Township’s ESSA account ending in 0106, which was opened for the purpose of receiving DCNR grant funds for the TLC Park splash pad construction and has now concluded. **(Action Item)**
- Discussion regarding Paradise Township request for sewage capacity. **(Possible Action Item)**

Jerrod Belvin – Vice President

- Emergency Management Update
- Update – Continued issues with washout and flooding on Archer Lane. **(Action Item)**
- Update – Laurel Lake Dam meeting.
- Bartion Court Utility Lines

Ellen Gndt – Commissioner

Natasha Leap – Commissioner

Mike Velardi - Commissioner

Reports

Zoning

Police Report

Ambulance Report

Public Works Report

- Sewer Updates
 - General sewer update.
 - Bioxide pilot program.
- Current Public Works Projects.

- Mountain View Park Updates.
- TLC Park Updates.
- Old Learn Farm parking access.

Administration – Manager’s Report

Township Engineer Report

- Sewer engineering issues (if any).
- 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.
- Sewer matters.
 - Tobyhanna Act 537 & EQ Tank Installation.
- Motion to advertise a liquor license transfer hearing for Wawa, Inc. at their 2977 Route 611 location.
(Action Item)
- Zoning Hearing Board updates.
 - Solicitor attendance for PoconoPlaces LLC zoning hearing.
- Update – Johnson Appeal Commonwealth Court argument.

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Adjournment