Pocono Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Pocono Township Board of Commissioners was held on November 2, 2026 and was opened by Vice Chair Matt Long at 6:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Ellen Gnandt, absent; Natasha Leap, present; Dan McCreary, absent; Matt Long, present, Charles Keppler, present.

In Attendance: Leo DeVito-Township Solicitor; Jon Tresslar- Engineer; Patrick Briegel-Public Works Director; Erica Tomas-Administrative Assistant, Paul Morgan, SFM Consulting.

Announcements 6:05 A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of former commissioner Mike Velardi announced by Natasha Leap. Mike served on the Pocono Township Planning Commission for Nine years and was elected to the Board of Commissioners were he held that seat for the past 2 ½ years until announcing his resignation.

Public Comment
6:06 Paul Vincent – enquired about a noise ordinance in his area of the township due to weekend noise levels.
6:09 Lou Ginsburg – resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately as he is moving out of state.
6:10 Jim Pelegrini – offered his condolences to Mike Velardi's friends and family.

Hearings 6:11 Pocono Township Manager Ordinance 2026-12 – All context has been recorded by Donna Kenderdine, Court Stenographer.

- 6:11:21 Matt Long made a motion, seconded by Charles Keppler, to open the hearing for Ordinance 2026-12 to approve the Pocono Township Manager Ordinance. All in favor. Motin carried.
- 6:13 Matt Long made a motion, seconded by Charles Keppler, to close the hearing for Ordinance 2026-12 to approve the Pocono Township Manager Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:13:39 Matt Long made a motion, seconded by Charles Keppler, to approve Ordinance 2026-12 Pocono Township Manager Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolutions
- 6:14 Matt Long made a motion, seconded by Charles Keppler, to approve Resolution 2026-35 Granting a time extension of 12 months for LDP 1449 Rte. 611 Hotel/Retail project revised final LDP. Discussion was had among the board, project engineer, and project attorney. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:22 Matt Long made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to approve Resolution 2026-33 granting an extension of 9 mo. of time to satisfy outstanding conditions of plan approval for LDP 1360 & 1313 Running Lane. Discussion was had among the board and project engineer. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:25 Matt Long made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to approve Resolution 2026-37 Establishing a Township policy to observe Trick Or Treat on Halloween October 31st 6pm to 8pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda
- 6:26 Matt Long made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to approve a consent agenda of the following items:
  - Old business consisting of the minutes of the October 19, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
  - Financial transactions through November 2, 2026 as presented, including ratification of expenditures in the amount of $437,518.18 for the following accounts: General Fund, Sewer Operations, Gross Payroll, Capital Reserve, Construction Fund. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6:27 Charles Keppler made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap for Discussion, to approve a cross walk to be painted from the Township Municipal parking lot to the Learn Nature Preserve trailhead across Old Mill Road. Discussion was had among the board and Public Works Director. 6:32 Charles Keppler made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to postpone this matter indefinitely. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:32:48 Charles Keppler made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to offer a virtual attendance option for all BOC work sessions along with an agenda for same. Discussion took place among the board and solicitor. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:42:44 Natasha Leap made a motion, seconded by Matt Long, to postpone the approval of the contract for supplying and installing railing at the TLC Spillway to Build All in the amount of $5,100.00. Discussion took place among the board and Public Works Director. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:43:44 Natasha Leap made a motion, seconded by Matt Long, to approve the 36-month PenTeleData General Agreements for the Blueridge Upgrades: 205 Old Mill Rd Sewer system at a cost of $20/mo and 104 Mountain View Park to convert from cable to fiber at a savings of $4/mo. Discussion took place among the board, Acting Township Manager, Solicitor and Township IT Manager. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Matt Long – 6:52:42 - Reminded everyone of the Budget Workshop on November 4th at 5pm with the second scheduled for November 18th at 5pm.

Reports

Manager Report
Public Works – Patrick Briegel – 6:53:50 - Bridge inspection today at France Road over Scott Run went well. We will be having a ribbon cutting for the new TLC pedestrian bridge scheduled for December 11th at 11am. Mountain View Park is officially closed for the season. Pat Commended Erica on doing a tremendous job on the events for the township. Erica updated everyone on the upcoming events and invited everyone to continue to participate. Natasha asked about the wire going along the wood at the TLC bridge going to the ball fields.

Zoning Report-SFM Consulting – 6:58 **-** 39 permits in the last two weeks have been issued. The ZHB hearing on the cell tower extension was granted a special exception with both variances. Natasha asked regarding the permits for the well waiver that was heard by the board a few week prior.

Fire Report – Corey Sayer – 7:00 - stated they had 172 calls for the third quarter of 2026 and went over the breakdown with the board.

Township Engineer Report- Jon Tresslar – 7:06 **-** just wrapping up inspections.

Township Solicitor Report-Leo V. DeVito. – 7:07 - a draft of the hunting park ordinance will be out to the board within the week. A request for an intermunicipal liquor license transfer has been received. 7:09 Natasha Leap made a motion, seconded by Charles Keppler, to authorize the solicitor to advertise for a hearing on an intermunicipal liquor license transfer for 2411 Route 611 Scotrun. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment –Matt Long made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.