

**Pocono Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Pocono Township Board of Commissioners was held on September 21, 2026 and was opened by Chair Ellen Gndt at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Public Comment

6:01 Joe Folsom – Pocono Township Fire Department Carnival is coming back on October 8 thru the 11th and then again the 16th thru the 18th. The kitchen will be open and there will be rides.
6:02 Ellen Gndt announced that she would like to open the agenda to make a motion to amend the agenda to include a motion to sign a support letter to DCED regarding a Police LSA grant. Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to amend the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.
6:02 Cindy Gregor – Commented on the upcoming zoning hearing regarding the cell tower extension.
6:04 Paul Morgan, Zoning officer, addressed the concerns.
6:06 Dawn Eilber – Expressed her concern regarding Fireworks issues from the superfund site for over 4 hours. Paul Morgan, zoning officer stated that they were not issued a permit and the matter will be looked into.

Presentations

- 6:11 Swearing-in Ceremony for Officer Michael Sabastenelli

Resolutions

- 6:16 Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to adopt Resolution 2026-28 for the Township to Apply to PennVest for financing the construction of various sewer projects within the Township. Discussion was had among the board, township engineer and public works director. All in favor. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Matt Long, to approve a consent agenda of the following items:
 - Old business consisting of the minutes of the September 8, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
 - Financial transactions through September 21, 2026 as presented, including ratification of expenditures in the amount of \$630,154.23 for the following accounts: General Fund, Sewer Operations, Gross Payroll, Capital Reserve, Construction Fund. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Matt Long made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to waive the Pavillion Fee's for Clear Run Intermediate School (non-profit) All in favor. Motion carried.
- Charles Keppler made a motion, seconded by Dan McCreary, to direct the solicitor to advertise a hearing to adopt an Ordinance setting Cherry Lane Church Road speed limit as 35 mph per the Township Engineer's study. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:23 Natasha Leap made a motion, seconded by Dan McCreary, to approve Release No.1 for Camp Lindenmere Sports Arts Center LLC Dining Hall Expansion and release/return the LOC to Dime Bank. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:24 Natasha Leap made a motion, seconded by Charles Keppler, to accept the Quote from Cooper HVAC to replace of two heat pumps for the township municipal offices at a price of \$20,700 that were budgeted. (Lowest quote out of three) All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:25 Charles Keppler made a motion, seconded by Ellen Gndt, to approve two (2) donated AED devices from the Aliver Foundation, with secured, climate-controlled enclosures at MVP &

TLC parks, to be installed at the township's expense and authorization to sign the agreement with the 911 center and Aliver. Discussion was had among the board and Acting Manager along with the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 6:29 Natasha Leap made a motion, seconded by Matt Long, to apply (via Letter of Responsibility) to PennVest for financing to complete various sewer projects within the Township currently estimated at \$6,232,893.38. Discussion took place among the board. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:30 Natasha Leap made a motion, seconded by Ellen Gndt, to approve the budgeted purchase of a new Rogers 21-ton tag trailer from a Costars vendor in the amount of \$37,500. Discussion took place among the board and Public Works Director. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6:31 Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to sign and issue a support letter to DCED regarding the Police LSA Grant. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Ellen Gndt – President

Matt Long – Vice-Chairman – 6:33 Asked if the Budget draft is ready to share. Pat Briegel stated that they will have a draft to the BOC by the end of September. He also asked for an update on the TLC bridge delivery. Jon Tresslar stated it is on track.

Commissioner Comments

Natasha Leap – Commissioner – 6:35 Announced that the kitchen will be cash only at the Fire Company carnival.

Charles Keppler – Commissioner – 6:34 Thanked Great Wolf Lodge for their support regarding the Fire Company.

Reports

Manager Report – 6:36 Line striping will be coming up soon weather permitting. Updated speed limit signs have been installed to address the police department's ongoing speed control on Beehler & Laurel Lake Road. Bids that were received regarding the sewer extension for Stadden & Bartonsville Ave. will be presented to the board at the next meeting. The DPW staff are doing a great job on the paving projects that are being done. Police wing is moving forward with the architect.

Police – James Wagner, Chief – 6:41 The Police report was sent to the board earlier in the day. August had 1515 calls for service, 34 criminal arrests were made, 16 summary arrests, 49 traffic accidents were investigated and the officers made 768 traffic contacts.

Zoning Report-SFM Consulting – 6:44 – Zoning issued 30 permits, 18 were for building, three of which were commercial, the rest were residential. 11 zoning permits, one driveway .

Township Solicitor Report-Leo V. DeVito. – 6:45 – Atty DeVito gave a briefing of the upcoming waiver hearing this Thursday and reviewed the sign waiver hearing that is being held on Tuesday for LVHN on Golden Slipper Road. 6:50 – Natasha Leap asked if it was discussed prior in order to have the Solicitor attend the other ZHB hearings. Ellen Gndt would like the Solicitor to attend. The Solicitor suggested that we consider amending our ordinance to include a mailed notification to property owners within the area of the subject property. Paul Morgan made some concessions on the notification process going forward. Further discussion was had on this matter between the board and Solicitor.

Township Engineer Report – Jon Tresslar – 6:49 –

7:00 Jim Wagner gave a shout out to Erica for making a great call to postpone the car show and reschedule it for October 4th at nine a.m.

Adjournment –Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Matt Long, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.