

Mount Pocono Borough  
Borough Council Chambers  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

The Mount Pocono Borough Council Public Hearing held on Tuesday, Oct 07, 2025, was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President Norman DeLano at the Borough Council Chambers.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – was said by all.

**Roll Call:** President Norm DeLano, present; Vice President Debra Fulton, present; Councilwoman Erin Melbert, present; Councilwoman Ella Santiago, present; Councilwoman Claudette Williams, present; Councilwoman Jazmin Rivas, present; Councilman Joe Simeone present; and Mayor R. Altemose, present.

**In Attendance:** Marissa Duffy, Borough Manager; James Fareri, Solicitor; and, Danielle Hewitt, Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from Sept 2 meeting
  - Motion made by J. Rivas and seconded by J. Simeone
  - Motion passed 7-0.

**Announcements:**

- Leaf Pickup is Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Public Comments:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Motion to Approve Proclamation for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the PMVFC
  - Motion made E. Melbert and seconded by E. Santiago
  - Motion passed 7-0
- Motion to approve Accept Eddie Gonzalez Safety Commission Resignation
  - Motion made by C. Williams and seconded by J. Simeone
  - Motion Passed 7-0
- Motion to Authorize Purchase of Snow Plow for 2022 F350
  - Bonhams- \$6,935
  - West End Equipment- \$6,950
  - Pocono Four Wheel Drive Center- \$8,700
  - A motion was made by D. Fulton and seconded by C. Williams to accept Bonhams \$6,935
  - The motion passed 7-0
- Motion to Authorize Submission and Resolution #8 for Salt Shed LSA Grant for \$371,250
  - Motion made by J. Simeone and seconded by C. Williams
  - Motion passed 7-0
- Motion to Authorize Services for Maintenance Building Bid Documents
  - Engineer Josh explained the goal is to have the building up and running by next October

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- Target construction start date is March
- Motion made by D. Fulton and seconded by J. Simeone
- Motion passed 7-0

**President's Report:**

- Meeting scheduled with Sheets to discuss the 611 Pine Hill intersection project. The meeting will address borough and Sheets' responsibilities. Participants include George Strunk, Marissa, Jim, and Stan.
- Issue with Pocono Pride: Unauthorized pitching lessons for profit in the building. Cease and desist order issued. Any private business making money on borough property is not allowed.
- Trunk or Treat event on October 25th, more trunks are needed.
- First budget meeting with regional is scheduled for Thursday morning.
- Firehouse banquet on the 18th, council members are encouraged to attend.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Union negotiations are nearly complete.

**Borough Manager Report:**

- Road dedication at the warehouse is in progress. Chris McDermott is checking the status of things.
- Lawsuit with the Pocono Mountain Library. The library thinks that after the reduction in the millage when the reassessment went through, that they should have went back to the old tax rate. Mount Pocono solicitor, the speaker, and the Coulbaugh solicitor do not agree with that. A motion for summary judgment was filed, asking the judge to throw the case out.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- None

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Bills to be approved total \$255,541.05
  - A motion was made by C. Williams and seconded by E. Santiago
  - The motion passed 7-0

**Zoning Officers Report:**

- The zoning report is attached; questions can be emailed to Amber.

**Public Comment:**

Gino, from 1379 Knob Rd

- Question about reinstating people into the park and rec. Claimed it was illegal because it was done behind closed doors and went against the sunshine law. Terms were up, and they were reinstated months later.
- Complaint about communication issues with the office. Claimed that when they come to the office, they are told no one is there, despite cars being present. Emails and calls are not being returned. In defense, it was mentioned that many emails contained profanity, which is why they were not responded to.
- Complaint about the dog park. Cars are sitting there with their headlights on with their dogs in the park at 10 or 10:30 at night. Suggested putting a lock on the park at dusk. The board will discuss the dog park

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issue at a work session. The speaker doesn't think the town needs a dog park because residents have yards. They complain about people from New York and New Jersey leaving garbage.

- They express concern about road debris being dumped there, creating a high fill that is cracking. They worry about potential gasoline, oil, and organic material contaminating the area and killing trees.
- The resident suggests replacing the concrete pillars with big rocks to prevent dumping. The council acknowledges the need to keep people out for liability reasons and will add it to the next work session.

Tom Neville

- Tom requests that speakers use their microphones and that the monitor be adjusted for better visibility for the audience.
- He reports an abundance of broken glass on Knob Road that needs to be cleaned up. There was also garbage there for three days in a row.
- Tom suggests replacing the Jersey barriers on Laurel Lane with boulders for aesthetic reasons. He also suggests planting sunflowers and comfrey to stabilize the soil and remove toxins from the sweepings.
- Tom commends Marissa for her work with grants, particularly the youth mentoring grant, and suggests exploring programs for senior citizens.
- He thanks the council for listening and emphasizes the importance of community, respect, and neighborliness in their small borough.

Council Member C. Williams

Snow Removal

- The board needs to look at where the snow will be pushed. There's no place to put it. This issue will be put into infrastructure.

Borough Cleanup

- The road crew used to empty garbage cans in the morning at the Knob and in all the parks.
- Borough Manager Marissa will check the frequency of this service.

AARP CSET Program

- AARP has a program called the CSET program.
- It pays minimum wage to seniors who volunteer at different organizations or places in the borough.
- The speaker has two individuals in the museum paid by AARP for 20 hours a week.

**Adjournment** – Public Hearing adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marissa Duffy  
Borough Manager