

**Mount Pocono Borough Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Summit Pointe Meeting Room  
Monday, November 15, 2021  
8:22 P.M.**

The Mount Pocono Borough Council meeting held on Monday, November 15, 2021, was called to order at 8:22 P.M. by President Fran O'Boyle at the Summit Point Meeting Room.

**Roll Call:** Councilmember Ron Emilie via phone at 8:25 P.M.; Councilmember Patty Bucco, present; Vice-President Mike Oser, present; President Fran O'Boyle, present; Councilmember Aida Montanez, present; Councilmember Claudette Williams, present; Councilmember Stacy Stewart-Keeler, present.

**In Attendance:** Michael Penn, Mayor; Joshua Walker, Borough Manager; Alexis Wilkinson, Zoning/ Codes Enforcement Officer; and, Danielle Hewitt, Treasurer

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Adoption of Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan** – Mayor M. Penn reported that the County finally received approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan from FEMA.

Vice President M. Oser moved to adopt the Monroe County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan by Resolution #12 of 2021. Councilmember P. Bucco seconded.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH, COUNTY OF MONROE  
ADOPTING THE *Monroe County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan***

**WHEREAS**, the Mount Pocono Borough, Monroe County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires State and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mount Pocono Borough acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of Mount Pocono Borough, and

**WHEREAS**, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Monroe County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body for the Mount Pocono Borough:

- The Monroe County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Mount Pocono Borough, and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Monroe County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

Duly adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, by the Borough Council of Mount Pocono Borough, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

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Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's Bond** – President F. O'Boyle explained that Treasurer D. Hewitt is willing to pay her bond as it is due to be paid now and would ask that the Borough would reimburse her in the new year. It was noted that this would be an agenda item in the future to take action.

**Lot 28 Bond Release** – Zoning/ Codes Enforcement Officer A. Wilkinson explained that the developer is asking for the bond to be released and after she and the Borough Engineer inspected the site. The Borough Engineer recommends that Borough Council partially release the bond retaining ten percent (10%) to cover stormwater issues.

Vice President M. Oser moved to release a portion of the bond in the amount of \$7,696,624.33 for the Lot 28 project as recommended by the Borough Engineer. Councilmember P. Bucco seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Health Insurance Renewal** – Vice President M. Oser moved to accept the mapped renewal health insurance quote at a cost of \$106,380.86 annually. Councilmember P. Bucco seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember P. Bucco moved to renew the dental and vision insurance. Councilmember A. Montanez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of 2022 PMRP Budget** – Vice President M. Oser moved to approve the Pocono Mountain Regional Police (PMRP) 2022 budget in the amount of \$846,121.88. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ProTech Quote** – Councilmember A. Montanez moved to accept the quote from ProTech in the amount of \$1,450.00 for SR 611 light conduit repair and to waive any permit fees. Councilmember S. Stewart-Keeler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Park & Recreation Resignation** – Councilmember C. Williams moved to accept the resignation of Karen Struckle from the Park & Recreation Board as of December 31, 2021. Councilmember S. Stewart-Keeler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Borough Manager Position & Ordinance** – This item was tabled.

**Public Participation –**

**Michelle Peck, Vice President of Summit Pointe Property Owners Association** – asked for a status on the short-term rentals currently in litigation and the signs indicating no short-term rentals

It was acknowledged that twenty (20) signs have been ordered and anticipated delivery by the end of this week.

**Diane Schepp, 3 Deerfield Drive** – stated her concerns of water flowing from Heath Lane into the lake which then overflows onto properties in Summit Pointe.

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**Don Struckle, Safety Commission** – He will provide a budget request to Borough Council. He stated that the road crew did an excellent job installing the signs.

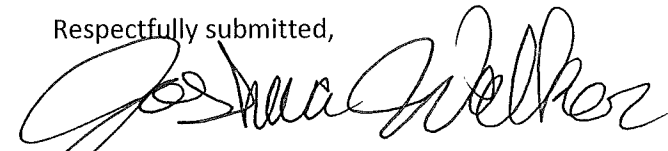
**David Peck, 34 Summit** – questioned bulk pick-ups.

It was confirmed that bulk pick-up days were renegotiated to be picked up twice a month, (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month) and that leaf pick up days this year are November 10<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Lori Noonan, 14 Pointe Street** – stating that driving through town bulk items are not being picked up.

There being no further business or public participation Vice President M. Oser moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 P.M. Councilmember P. Bucco seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Joshua Walker  
Borough Manager

