


JOINT MEETING OF THE
TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 26, 2023

A Joint Meeting of the Tobyhanna Township Board of Supervisors (“Board”) and the Tobyhanna Township Planning Commission (“Commission”) was held on January 26, 2023, at the Tobyhanna Township Government Center located at 105 Government Center Way, Pocono Pines, PA 18350.

John Kerrick, Rachel Schickling, Joseph Colyer, Sam Keiper, Alfred Kerrick, Michelle Bisbing, and Edwin Miller are present. Also present is Solicitor Owen Coleman, Autumn Canfield, Assistant Manager, and Lourdes Aponte, Zoning Officer.

1. John Kerrick calls the meeting to order at 6:30PM, a quorum is present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
3. Presentation for Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan Renewal by Monroe County Conservation District: Drew Wagner from Monroe County Conservation District reviewed the model Act 167 Ordinance Amendment. He highlights changes made from the previous amendment citing new rain fall data, exemptions, and digital mapping. He also states the Conservation District will be doing a bus tour for local officials to see some of the area’s stormwater management.
4. Discuss Potential Ordinance Amendment for Towing Operations: Lourdes Aponte reviews the current Zoning Ordinance section 155-88 Motor Vehicle Services and discusses a needed use for towing operations. The Board and Commission discuss current towing operations in the Township and Special Exception requirements for Motor Vehicle Services. The Board and the Commission have consensus to draft an Ordinance Amendment to move Motor Vehicle Services to a permitted use in the commercial district and add towing operations to the section. The Board directs the staff to draft the amendment for further discussion and advertise another joint meeting with the Commission on February 6, 2023.
5. Consider Appointing Vacancies: Joseph Colyer motions to table this item, Rachel Schickling second. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
6. Board of Supervisors Report/Comment: Rachel Schickling wants the Board to consider a subcommittee to discuss subdivision and land development and zoning ordinance. The Board will consider it at the next meeting.
7. Public Comment:
 - a. Heidi Pickard asks for future consideration on additional commercial districts like village commercial.
 - b. Viki Mebius has a complaint about the recent tree cutting in the public right of way near her home.
8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourns at 7:46PM.

Minutes recorded by Crystal Butler


Bethanne Eisler
Township Secretary