

TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2025

The August 2025 Special Meeting of the Tobyhanna Township Board of Supervisors was held on August 26, 2025, at the Tobyhanna Township Government Center Building located at 105 Government Center Way, Pocono Pines, PA 18350.

Present are Supervisors John Kerrick, Joseph Colyer, Rachel Schickling and Edward Tutrone. Also present are Manager Robert Bartal and Solicitor, Harry Coleman, Esquire. Supervisor Ted Wolski attended virtually. Assistant Manager Crystal Butler was not here.

1. John Kerrick calls the meeting to order at 6:00PM; a quorum is present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
3. Announcements: There were no announcements.
4. Discussion Items:
 - a. Discuss Purchase of Cylinder and Valve Assembly Quote for Fire Companies: Robert Bartal states that Mr. Tutrone was able to get in touch with Fountain Hill Fire Company. Mr. Bartal thanks Tyler Rispoli for finding the cylinders and Ed Tutrone who did the leg work to see that this was something that could be used and would work with what we have. He states that Mr. Tutrone was able to get the 18 cylinders for \$5,400.00 and that if we were buying them new it would have been \$30,217.00.

Edward Tutrone states that they weren't sure about the grant at the last meeting about the grant and what was asked for as far as the cylinders. He states they Troy Counterman, Tia Fritz, Joseph Colyer and himself had a meeting and discussed the cylinders. Mr. Tutrone states that Tyler Rispoli has reached out to him and advised that someone was selling 18 cylinders on Facebook Marketplace and that the cylinders were 1 ½ years old. Mr. Tutrone states that these were exactly what they were looking for and come in with a price of \$300.00 a cylinder. Mr. Tutrone suggested that if there is a concern about the integrity of the cylinders, we should send them out and get them hydro-tested. A discussion was held.

John Kerrick asks where they are getting the money. Mr. Tutrone states that it was brought up at the last meeting about the distribution of relief money that is sitting in an account, and this is a relief item and should come out of that money. Mr. Bartal asks Chief Switzer if 44 would be willing to spring for the \$5,400.00. Tia Fritz states that they will split the cost with 41. Chief Switzer states that they cannot make a decision without a meeting with their officers. A discussion was held. Mr. Bartal states that they can in the meantime figure out where to get the money from. A discussion was held.

Joseph Colyer makes a motion to take it out of the vehicle maintenance fund with the intent of getting it back. Rachel Schickling seconds. Tyler Rispoli asks what happens if they don't get it back. A discussion was held. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

5. Action Items:

- a. Consider Waiver of Chapter 75-6 Fireworks Bond Requirement for Lake Naomi: John Kerrick states that he thought this was taken care of last year and asks if anyone else has come in and paid the bond. Robert Bartal states yes.

Mr. Bartal states that the difference between the current Ordinance and the proposed new Ordinance which will be on the September Agenda for consideration to advertise a public hearing for the changes. Mr. Bartal states that the old Ordinance requires \$1,000,000.00 insurance and \$1,000,000.00 bond. He states that the new Ordinance will require \$2,000,000.00 insurance with no bond.

Wendy Freeman from Lake Naomi states that they were charged \$15,000.00 for the bond. Ms. Freeman states that their normal Certificate of Insurance which claims the Township as an additional insured is \$2,000,000.00 plus another 4 or 7 individual coverage. She states that their insurance coverage will meet the Township's requirements. A discussion was held.

Edward Tutrone makes a motion to waive, Joseph Colyer seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

6. Board of Supervisors Report/Comment:

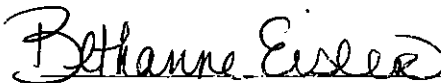
Edward Tutrone states that he read the grant application that we paid a grant writer \$5,000.00 to write and they wrote a soap opera script. He states that we will not be getting this grant when they see what is written there and urges the Board to read it.

Mr. Tutrone states that he wants only factual information or any Court Order information on the website any other information should be removed from the website. A discussion was held. Edward Tutrone makes that motion. John Kerrick seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

7. Public Comment: None

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Minutes recorded by Bethanne Eisler


Bethanne Eisler, Township Secretary