

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 07, 2020

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 07, 2020 at 7 p.m., at the Covington Township Municipal Building, Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA.

There were present: Thomas M. Yerke, Chairman; John Brostoski, Vice Chairman; William Fells, Supervisor; Joseph Setta, Supervisor; Melissa Kearney, Supervisor; Kate Tierney, Secretary / Treasurer; and Joel M. Wolff, Esquire.

The meeting was opened with a Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Yerke.

AGENDA: ON MOTION duly made (Kearney), seconded (Fells), and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Chairman Yerke announced that Executive Session was held on March 19, 2020 at 3:15 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m., this evening to discuss personnel and potential litigation.

OPEN TO PUBLIC: There were no comments.

MINUTES: ON MOTION duly made (Setta), seconded (Fells), and carried to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2019 Regular meeting and the March 19, 2020 Emergency meeting.

BILLS: Supervisor Kearney asked about the ABC oil invoice, questioning what the equipment tank was. Mr. Yerke stated the equipment tank is a 500 gallon tank located behind the old municipal building and the fuel is used for the loader, backhoe and other equipment. ON MOTION duly made (Kearney), seconded (Setta), and carried to pay the bills.

TREASURER'S REPORT: ON MOTION duly made (Fells), seconded (Brostoski) and carried to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Ratification of the Declaration of Disaster Emergency: ON MOTION duly made (Setta), seconded (Fells), and carried to ratify the Declaration of Disaster Emergency.

Secretary & Asst Treasurer Appointment: ON MOTION duly made (Setta), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to appoint Douglas A. Hein at fifty eight thousand salary annually, thirty five hours per week with duty of attending all meetings of the board, with no health insurance required, pension, dental and life insurance. Kearney abstained and remitted a conflict of interest abstention memorandum.

Police Car Purchase: ON MOTION duly made (Setta), seconded (Fells), and carried to allow Chief Klocko to purchase the police car and the light package. Mr. Yerke requested that Chief Klocko provide to him the lighting package quote since he will need it to apply for funding to pay for this expense.

Covington Independent Fire Co: A prepared letter for the Covington Independent Fire Company, as per their request, to authorize the Fire Company to apply for funding from Walmart and the Walmart Foundation for the betterment of the community was read by Chairman Yerke. ON MOTION duly made (Kearney), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to authorize the Chairman to sign and approve the letter that was read, on behalf of the board.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Supervisor Brostoski spoke to the issue of the Township renters, Michelle at the dance studio and Kelly at Wonderful. He thought the township should not charge them rent for this time. Mr. Yerke stated that he spoke to them and told them that they don't have to pay rent unless they apply for Federal funding and receive reimbursement from the Federal government. At the request of the treasurer she was told to continue billing the utilities for the Dance Studio. The renters could request a waiver of rent and utility expenses and they would apply for funding, then the township could get reimbursed. There was a short discussion.

Supervisor Kearney thanked the board for their consideration in the interview process. Additionally, she noted what an outstanding job the Covington Independent Fire Company is doing. They are shopping for people who can't get out, taking the fire truck to children's birthday parties and this Friday night they are taking the fire truck around the township with the Easter bunny.

Supervisor Setta confirmed that Douglas Hein's first day of work would be May 4, 2020.

ON MOTION duly made (Fells), seconded (Kearney), and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Tierney, Secretary

APPROVED: