

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020 7:00 PM

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their Work Session on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Covington Township Pavilion Building, Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA.

There were present: Thomas M. Yerke, Chairman; Joseph Setta, Supervisor; Melissa Kearney, Supervisor; Douglas A. Hein, Secretary / Treasurer and Joel M. Wolff, Esquire. Supervisors William Fells and John Brostoski were absent.

1. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Yerke opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm
2. **AGENDA:** The agenda was accepted as presented.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Chairman Yerke stated that Supervisor Fells is home from the hospital and doing better.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public was present.
5. **MINUTES:** It was noted by Mr. Hein that the minutes were for review.
6. **BILLS:** Mr. Hein stated he was presenting the interim bills list as a new report for more transparency as to what bills were being paid during the month. He said there were two bills needing approval (Edwards Business Machines & USPS). Mr. Yerke said the Treasurer was approved to pay utility and similar bills without interim approval.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Hein said it would be presented at the regular meeting and not at work sessions. Mr. Hein said Nationwide Insurance was discontinuing life insurance and was working with Reliance Standard to transition the policies. Mr. Hein was in contact with them and CC Young to get this worked out. Mr. Hein stated that next month's payment to FNCB for the equipment loan would be the last.
8. **PLANNING COMMISSION:** Mr. Yerke stated the PC reviewed a minor subdivision plan for Bill Fells that would be before the Board at the September meeting for approval.
9. **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** There was no report.
10. **ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** There was no report.
11. **ZONING HEARING BOARD:** Mr. Yerke noted there will be a hearing on Wednesday August 26, 2020 for Nammo Pocal.
12. **ENGINEER:** There was no report.
13. **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Chairman Yerke stated there will be large equipment repair bills coming. The springs for the 1997 Mack were \$7,500. He stated he ordered and DPW is installing 100 25MPH signs on Township roads. Mr. Yerke also said he spoke to the Police Chief and officers regarding the lack of tickets being written for stop sign violations at Eagle Lake.
14. **POLICE DEPT:** There was no report.
15. **RECREATION COMMITTEE:** There was no report.
16. **SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** There was no report.
17. **SOLICITOR:** There was no report.
18. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:**
 - a) **Monthly Bank Reconciliations:** Mr. Hein said he spoke with Supervisor Brostoski about the monthly bank reconciliations. The external auditors said it was OK for Mr. Hein to do them and Mr. Brostoski to review them because they reconcile all bank accounts at the end of the year. Mr. Brostoski agreed to this.
 - b) **Tom Yerke storage/rental agreement:** Mr. Yerke reviewed the history of the storage of Township equipment on his property and his repair of various pieces of equipment over the years. He said there is proof he was allowed to do this; there is a lease agreement although it was never signed, it was approved in the minutes. He believes the Township owes him

- \$3,300 for eleven years of storage of equipment. He never wanted money but believes now that he is being attacked by various Township residents that he will need it for a lawyer. Mr. Yerke also stated that he is going to retire as DPW Director at the end of 2020.*
- c) **Service Request Richard Colwell:** *Mr. Yerke stated he went to look at the property and speak to Mr. Colwell, who was not home when he went there. There is a developer who purchased the property and intends to demolish the trailer, redo the house and its foundation and take care of the septic system.*
- 19. NEW BUSINESS:** *None*
- 20. OLD BUSINESS:** *None*
- 21. CORRESPONDENCE:** *None*
- 22. SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:** *Supervisor Kearney stated there needs to be harder enforcement of zoning and the police need to be rescheduled. Supervisor Yerke said he spoke to Supervisor Brostoski about the Police Department who believes it is running fine. Those present said it is not. Supervisor Kearney said the whole Board should meet with Chief Klocko to review issues. Mr. Yerke said the Board has the right to schedule the police. Mr. Yerke stated he will be taking next week off as vacation and will not be in at all; he will also be taking a week off in October to attend a family wedding.*
- 23. PUBLIC COMMENT:** *No public was present*
- 24. ADJOURNMENT:** *ON MOTION duly made (Setta), seconded (Kearney), and carried 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Douglas A. Hein, Secretary*

APPROVED: