

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BUDGET WORK SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 6:00 PM**

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held its second Budget Work Session on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at the Covington Township Municipal Building, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA. There were present: Thomas M. Yerke, Chairman; John Brostoski, Vice-Chairman; Melissa Kearney, Supervisor; Marshall Peirce, Supervisor; Joseph Setta, Supervisor; and Douglas A. Hein, Secretary / Treasurer.

1. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Yerke opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at approximately 6:10 pm.
2. **AGENDA: ON MOTION** duly made (Peirce), seconded (Setta), and carried 5-0 to accept the agenda as presented.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Chairman Yerke announced that Executive Sessions were held October 26, 2020 at 2 pm & October 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm both for personnel.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Roz Davis asked who handled the Township's website. Mr. Hein said Melinda Musso updated it with assistance from Computer Visionaries. Discussion was held as to whether or not a quote was received from them for an update. Vicki Williams asked for a copy of the CivicPlus contract; Mr. Hein said he would provide one once it was approved by the Board.
5. **LIQUID FUELS FUND / STATE FUND BUDGET:** Mr. Hein stated the budget was not changed from the last meeting and asked if any equipment was needed. Chairman Yerke stated a new F550 would be needed next year to replace the 2002 F550. He stated there are road projects that need to be completed in 2021. It was agreed to keep the budget the same for the November 10, 2020 budget work session for approval.
6. **GENERAL FUND BUDGET:** Mr. Hein reviewed the revenues with the Supervisors; no changes were made. Going through the expenses, Supervisors Setta and Brostoski recommended increasing the police wages as follows: Chief Klocko 3% increase; Corporal Bastek to \$21/hour; Officer Ciannella to \$18/hour; Officer Burrier to \$15/hour; all Supervisors agreed. Chairman Yerke recommended increasing the DPW wages as follows: Chris Balish to \$18/hour; Tom Hall and John Bauman 3% increase; all Supervisors agreed. Discussion was held on other line items and was agreed to reduce the police equipment line to \$17,500 and legal services to \$40,000. Supervisor Peirce asked about 409.37 Building Repairs. Mr. Hein said that was a combination of 409.00 and 409.37 from 2020 into one properly classified account and would be used for a roof on the Senior Center, which Chairman Yerke agreed.
7. **SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:** Supervisor Setta recommended restructuring the office to have Mr. Hein as Township Manager to handle all management issues and hiring a part time Township Secretary. Chairman Yerke said it would be discussed. Supervisor Brostoski suggested the possibility of a fire tax, stating the Township had not raised taxes in 22 years. Chairman Yerke recommended setting up a meeting with the Fire Company to discuss this.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Roz Davis recommended taking the difference between the two web site proposals (CivicPlus and Computer Visionaries) and put it toward funding the Fire Department. Mr. Yerke said the Board would take it under consideration.
9. **ADJOURNMENT: ON MOTION** duly made (Setta), seconded (Brostoski), and carried 5-0 to adjourn at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas A. Hein, Secretary

APPROVED: