

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 AT 7 PM VIA ZOOM ONLY AT:**  
<https://zoom.us/j/98678529548>

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held its Work Session on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

There were present: Thomas M. Yerke, Chairman; Joseph Setta, Vice-Chairman; John Brostoski; Melissa Kearney, Supervisor; Marshall Peirce, Supervisor; Douglas A. Hein, Secretary / Treasurer; and Joel M. Wolff, Esquire.

1. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** This was not held because there was no flag.
2. **AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as presented.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Chairman Yerke announced that an Executive Session was held January 11, 2021 for legal issues.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment on agenda items.
5. **MINUTES:** Mr. Hein said the January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting minutes were for review only and would be finalized if there were no corrections / changes by the Board.
6. **BILLS:** Chairman Yerke reviewed the interim bills list. Supervisor Kearney asked Mr. Hein what the \$.03 check to Berkheimer was for. Mr. Hein stated it was for local taxes withheld from Chett Havenstrite's pay for the Planning Commission that was not paid on reconciliation of the fourth quarter taxes.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Hein said the report would be submitted at the February 2, 2021 meeting.
8. **PLANNING COMMISSION:** Chairman Yerke reviewed the organization meeting summary. Mr. Hein said there would be a lot consolidation plan for Adam Horsky to be signed at the February 2, 2021 regular meeting.
9. **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** No report.
10. **ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** No report.
11. **ENGINEER:** No report.
12. **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:** No report.
13. **POLICE DEPT:** No report.
14. **RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Chairman Yerke asked Supervisor Kearney if she had a report. She stated the Committee was not able to meet on January 21<sup>st</sup> but would be meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> and she would have a report for the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
15. **SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** No report.
16. **SOLICITOR:** Solicitor Wolff stated he had submitted a draft Short Term Rental ordinance for the Board's review. It was agreed that it would be reviewed in an executive session.
17. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:**
  - a. Purchase recycling containers from DEP Recycling Grant – Discussion was held as to the need of purchasing containers with the remaining \$8,000; the Township would have to put up 10% of the cost and the purchase cost would not be anywhere near \$8,000. Mr. Hein stated the grant expires in March and would need to have invoices dated before the expiration. Chairman Yerke said he did not believe the Township needed to purchase containers as the recycling program is not that extensive anymore and residents are having private haulers pick up their recycling. Supervisor Setta did not believe it was necessary to purchase them. Supervisor Kearney noted the State 902 Recycling Grant program was cancelled for 2021 and didn't believe we need to purchase them. Supervisor Kearney asked if the money would go back to the State; Chairman Yerke said it would. Supervisor Brostoski asked if the leftover

*funds could be used for things needed at the Recycling Center building; Chairman Yerke said it could not because it was written into the grant for containers.*

- b. Short-term rental meeting with Clifton & Lehigh Townships – Supervisors Yerke and Setta attended a meeting at Big Bass Lake to discuss short term rentals. Supervisor Yerke said it was very informative and brought information back to discuss. Supervisor Setta said one person at the meeting stated he would not rent to anyone under 25 years of age and recommended including that in our ordinance. Chairman Yerke said he had further discussion with the security person for Big Bass Lake regarding the illegal dumping last year.*
- c. Camera system for Municipal Campus – No discussion was held.*
- d. Web site design proposals – No discussion was held.*

**18. NEW BUSINESS:** *None*

**19. OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**20. CORRESPONDENCE:** *Chairman Yerke stated the Board of Auditors reorganized on January 5, 2021.*

**21. SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:** *Supervisor Kearney said we should go back to meeting in person, at least for the Supervisors to be in the building socially distanced and have Zoom for everyone else. Supervisors Setta and Yerke agreed. Mr. Hein stated tonight's meeting was on Zoom due to the weather.*

**22. PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Roz Davis asked if the minutes for January's meetings will be posted. Mr. Hein said he will have them posted before next week as long as there are no changes. Supervisor Kearney asked if the Treasurer's report will be posted also. Mr. Hein said he would have it posted on Monday once he had the payroll completed.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Chairman Yerke adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas A. Hein, Secretary*

**APPROVED:**