

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 - REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

The December 7, 2021 regular meeting of the Covington Township Board of Supervisors was called to order with a Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA 18444, by Chairwoman Melissa Kearney.

PRESENT:

Chairwoman Melissa Kearney, Vice Chairman John Brostoski, Supervisor Vicki Williams, Solicitor Joel Wolff, Secretary Melinda Musso

Also present: Police Chief Bernie Klocko, Corporal Robert Bastek, Road Master Tom Hall, Building Inspector David Lamm, Engineer Mary Lou Butler.

Absent: Supervisor Marshall Peirce, Supervisor Chris Balish

AGENDA:

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept the agenda as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executive Session held on November 30, 2021 for personnel reasons pertaining to the Police Department and hiring. Township is hosting a meeting between DCNR and residents pertaining to property issues along Freytown Road on December 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairwoman Kearney stated it was brought to her attention that she may have come off as being harsh at the last meeting. She thanked a resident for bringing that to her attention, but she assured those in attendance that she is open for everyone to speak, within limits, since she knows what it's like to be silenced.

OPEN BIDS – 4x4 TRACTOR WITH BOOM MOWER:

One bid was received by Wengers of Meyerstown for \$49,500.00. Vice Chairman Brostoski advised the bid was available to view and explained this was being purchased to cut back brush on township roads.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept the bid as read.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roz Davis stated she had questions concerning the budget and asked if she should wait until we reach that topic on the agenda. Chairwoman Kearney advised yes.

MINUTES:

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to accept the November 2, 2021 and November 30, 2021 minutes as presented.

BILLS:

Vice Chairman Brostoski asked Tom Hall if the salt that was ordered will carry us through the season. Tom Hall stated it all depends on what kind of winter we get.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to pay the bills.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Motion to cancel 12/28/21 Work Session Meeting:

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to cancel the work session meeting scheduled for December 28, 2021.

Motion to correct SRO pay & retroactive to start of school:

Chairwoman Kearney explained the school district increased the pay for SPO's to \$25.00 per hour and the township has a police officer in the high school that is not making those wages. At the last meeting, Supervisor Peirce brought this up and asked the Board to increase the officer at the high school to \$25.00 per hour and to have it retroactive to the beginning of this school year. Supervisor Brostoski asked if we can do this and then have the officer resume his prior wages when he goes back to patrol. Attorney Wolff stated it wasn't a problem since there's no contract.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and passed to increase the SRO's wages to \$25.00 per hour and make it retroactive to the beginning of this school year.

Motion to authorize treasurer to pay bills to the end of the year:

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried authorizing the treasurer to pay the bills to the end of the year.

Denise Hokein's resignation from Lackawanna County Tax Collection Committee:

Chairwoman Kearney stated Mrs. Hokein already resigned as Planning Commission Secretary as of the end of the year due to taking a new position at her job. The Board will appoint someone to this position at the organizational meeting in January.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to accept Denise Hokein's resignation from the Lackawanna County Tax Collection Committee.

William Willson's resignation as Auditor:

Mr. Willson's resignation letter as Auditor was read by Chairwoman Kearney.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to accept William Willson's resignation as Auditor.

Bernie Klocko's resignation as Chief of Police effective December 31, 2021:

Chief Klocko's resignation letter was read by Chairwoman Kearney.

ON MOTION reluctantly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept Bernie Klocko's resignation as Chief of Police effective December 31, 2021.

Vice Chairman Brostoski stated that the township has been very fortunate to have Chief Klocko for the past twenty-two years and our department has been in very good hands. Mr. Brostoski told Chief Klocko he was much more than an employee; he was a public servant and wished him all the best in the future.

Chairwoman Kearney presented Chief Klocko with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Board.

Chris Maguire's resignation as N.P. High School's SRO:

Chris Maguire's resignation letter was read by Chairwoman Kearney.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept Chris Maguire's resignation as SRO.

Adopt 2022 Budget:

Chairwoman Kearney stated the Board spent approximately 6 hours reviewing the budget line by line and they came up with a balanced budget the first time. Chairwoman Kearney was elated to announce two items. The first is Supervisor Brostoski's request for a two-mill fire tax for the fire department to help them afford to upgrade their equipment. This is approximately \$110,000 and the Board is able to do this. Secondly, this will be done without raising taxes.

Brook Williams asked if the millage would be staying at 10.25 and Chairwoman Kearney stated yes.

Roz Davis questioned on page four of the budget an item for refunding prior year expenses and asked if that was from Officer Grube leaving. Chairwoman Kearney explained that is the reimbursements for police services.

Roz Davis questioned the line item for police where she doesn't see any category for the reimbursement of Chief Klocko in the amount of approximately \$47,756 not including overtime from November 15th on for his police contract where he was suppose to be getting raises equal to other full time employee's and he never got them. Chairwoman Kearney stated that wasn't brought to the Board's attention from Chief Klocko and he didn't ask for anything. Ms. Davis pointed out it's in his contract and asked if the Board is going to make it right.

Chief Klocko stated he did advocate for his officers to get raises because they were grossly underpaid. Chief Klocko stated the only time he advocated for a raise for himself was last year when he requested 5% and was denied but did receive the normal 3% raise. Chief Klocko also stated he knows where Ms. Davis is coming from because there is a clause in his contract, however, he had no intention of chasing the Board for that money. If he was to stay, he was hoping that his wages would have been taken care of in his next contact. Chairwoman Kearney thanked Chief Klocko.

Brook Williams asked if the two mills for the fire department will be something every year going forward. Chairwoman Kearney stated yes.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to approve the 2022 Budget.

Roz Davis stated this has nothing to do with the budget but she had found an error in Chief Klocko's wages where he was shorted \$66.38 so far from his paychecks. Chairwoman Kearney stated she will bring that to the treasurer's attention.

Chairwoman Kearney read Resolution 2021-06 enacting two mills being given to the fire company.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept Resolution 2021-06.

Letters of Interest for open auditor's term on website:

Chairwoman Kearney requested Ms. Musso to advertise on the township website the remaining auditor's term of two years for anyone that may be interested.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to post on the township website for letters of interest pertaining to the remaining auditor's term.

SRO Contract:

Attorney Wolff stated the district requested a few changes that were minor concerning days of being absent and verbiage changed in another section from shall to will. Chairwoman Kearney explained the process of the contract and any approval will be contingent upon the district approving the terms on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Cpl. Bastek asked for a stipulation be entered that if they don't agree to the contract by Thursday, December 9, 2021, then the officer in the high school will be removed when school resumes after the holidays. He explained that the department is short staffed and the school isn't making the commitment for an extended period of time. Attorney Wolff stated he will pass this information on to the school board.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to approve the SRO contract with the contingency of North Pocono School District accepting the contract at their meeting on December 9, 2021. If the contract isn't signed, our officer will return to normal duty on patrol beginning January 3, 2021.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Chairwoman Kearney summarized their report.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept the Planning Commission's report as submitted.

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

David Lamm reviewed his monthly report.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to accept the Building Inspector's report as submitted.

ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Chairwoman Kearney reviewed the report submitted by Ronald Donati.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to accept the Zoning Code Enforcement Officer's report as submitted.

ENGINEER:

Mary Lou Butler reviewed her monthly report. She notified the Board that she still hasn't received an application for payment for the Storm Road project. Additionally, she still has not been able to contact the company concerning the Union Mill Road project and stated they are not easy to get in touch with.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept the Engineer's report.

SOLICITOR:

Assessment Appeal re: Michael & Brittany Terbovich:

Attorney Wolff stated he is requesting approval from the Board to enter his appearance in order to keep apprised of the court activity.

Assessment Appeal re: Kevin & Robin McCarthy:

Attorney Wolff stated this appeal is on a vacant lot in Eagle Lake. A stipulation was entered by the district and county for the assessment to be \$2,500.00 and is requesting the authority to sign the stipulation on behalf of the township.

Assessment Appeal re: William Bracey:

Attorney Wolff stated an appraisal is needed and the county doesn't want to participate in it, but the school district does and is requesting the cost be shared equally. An estimate from Moyer Appraisals in Allentown was received for \$4,500.00. Normally this is split three ways, but the county didn't want to participate in this.

Supervisor Williams asked about the 75% / 25% split that was mentioned at the last meeting. Attorney Wolff stated the school district felt since the cost was low, it's reasonable to split it equally.

Supervisor Brostoski asked why the county isn't getting involved. Attorney Wolff stated it is unusual and he doesn't know why.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried approving Attorney Wolff to enter his appearance in the Terbovich appeal.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to authorize Attorney Wolff to sign the \$2,500.00 stipulation for the McCarthy appeal.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to split the cost of the \$4,500.00 appraisal with the school board that's needed for the Bracey appeal.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Kearney), and carried to accept the Solicitor's report as presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: No report was submitted.

ROADMASTER:

Tom Hall reviewed his monthly report. There was a discussion concerning the frequent dumping of garbage on Freytown Road and options available to the township to catch these people. Chief Klocko and Supervisor Peirce were looking into cameras, but they were sold out everywhere. If the township purchases cameras, we need to make sure the video goes right to our cell phones in case these people tamper with them. Mr. Hall also stated this is being done along the DCNR property.

Bill Willson stated the bus driver that goes back on Freytown Road wanted Tom Hall to know what an unbelievable good job he has done repairing that road.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept the Roadmaster's report.

MOFFAT ESTATE MAINTENANCE – GROUNDSKEEPER:

Chairwoman Kearney reviewed the report.

Roz Davis asked why the trees were not cut down to the ground. Supervisor Brostoski stated it is very hard to do that with a big saw and having some trunk left is beneficial when trying to remove the stumps.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept the Moffat Estate Maintenance-Groundskeeper report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Klocko reviewed his monthly report. Chief Klocko spoke about the Eagle Lake contract and how the Eagle Lake board wants a five-year contract with incremental increases. The supervisors discussed reducing shifts to four hours on Sundays in order to pay the rates. Vice Chairman Brostoski stated the minimum rate is \$50.00 per hour in order to cover wages, vehicle, and insurance. Supervisor Williams suggested only having an officer there on Fridays and Saturdays since Sundays are slow days. Chief Klocko said he would reach back out to Eagle Lake with this information. Vice Chairman Brostoski stated if they don't want to sign the contract, the township will respond to any 911 calls but won't have an officer stationed there.

Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Policy #5-14:

Chief Klocko recommends this be added to their policy manual because it not only protects the current employees but also those that retire. There was a conversation concerning requalifying and who would be doing that.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to accept the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Police #5-14.

Letter from Cpl. Bastek re: promotion of Officer Ciannella to Senior Officer at \$23/hour & new starting rate for all new officers \$20/hour:

Corporal Bastek requested Officer Ciannella be promoted to Senior Officer with a pay rate of \$23.00/hour and any new officers hired at a rate of \$20.00/hour.

Letter from Cpl. Bastek re: promotion of Officer Layland to full-time at \$21/hour & SRO at \$26/hour (as per contract):

Corporal Bastek request Officer Layland be promoted to full-time employment at a rate of \$21.00/hour. Officer Layland will be the full-time SRO at the high school at a rate of \$26.00/hour as per the contract once it is signed. Corporal Bastek stated that when school is not in session, Officer Layland will be working full-time patrol for the township and is requesting his rate to be \$21.00/hour.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to promote Officer Frank Ciannella to Senior Officer. Chairwoman Kearney advised his pay rate will be addressed at the township's organizational meeting in January.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to promote Officer Brian Layland to a full-time officer and as SRO for the high school contingent on the school board accepting and signing the SRO contract at their meeting on Thursday night, with a rate of pay being \$26.00/hour as per the contract. Chairwoman Kearney stated they will address his pay rate at the township's organizational meeting in January.

Roz Davis asked about the Police Chief's memo on the agenda. Chief Klocko advised it was just information he passed onto the Board and didn't really need to be on the agenda.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to accept the Police Department's report.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Chairwoman Kearney reviewed the report. Santa parade was held on November 28th with the Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary where the last stop was at our pavilion for the Hall of Trees. The turnout wasn't as good as expected and they have received some feedback on the event.

Chairwoman Kearney stated she is hopeful to reorganize the Recreation Committee next year in order to be able to continue doing all of the community events they used to do.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to accept the Recreation Committee's report as submitted.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Chairwoman Kearney reviewed the report.

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to accept the Sewage Enforcement Officer's report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gentile property concrete crushing equipment re: DEP permit application:

Chairwoman Kearney advised this has been done in the past and they would like to continue to crush the concrete barriers. Previously, the township sent a letter outlining restrictions and does the township still want to have the same restrictions.

David Lamm stated there were no complaints last time this was done. There was a discussion on how much was crushed with the last permit with DEP and what the crushed barriers could have been used for.

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried for the Zoning Officer to submit the paperwork with the same contingencies.

Fire Company proposal re: smoke detectors:

Chairwoman Kearney stated Marshall Peirce brought this up last week. They are proposing if the township provides smoke detectors to our residents, the fire company will install them in their homes. This came about due to a fatal fire earlier this year where there were no working smoke detectors. They are reaching out to ACE Hardware to order them in bulk.

Moffat Family Charitable Trust:

Chairwoman Kearney stated for many years the Trust and Township had a good working relationship with the upkeep of the Estate and a few years ago that had stopped. She had reached out a few months ago to Yvette Wentland and explained the Board changes and issues faced with all the repairs at the mansion. A letter was submitted to the Trust outlining all of the repairs that were completed, money spent, and what was still needed to get done. Chairwoman Kearney proudly announce the township is receiving a \$75,000.00 grant to be used for Moffat Mansion repairs and the Township and Moffat Family Trust are back together working as a team to keep this Estate beautiful.

Vice Chairman Brostoski commended Ms. Kearney for doing all the work to repair that relationship.

Roz Davis asked what was the amount that was submitted to the Trust for repairs already completed. Chairwoman Kearney stated she didn't have the exact amount, but it was in the \$200,000.00 range.

Tax Collector's request for all real estate tax requests and payment service charges:

Chairwoman Kearney read the letter submitted. Upon reviewing this letter and ordinance, the ordinance may need to be amended to adjust the split in fees to possibly 75% / 25% since there are still conveniences of the township office. Chairwoman Kearney advised if the Board decides to do this, we will need to advertise and set a date for a hearing to amend the ordinance.

Vice Chairman Brostoski asked approximately what the services charges come to. Currently the fee is \$15.00 per certificate. There was a discussion on advertising requirements being ten days before the meeting and since there was still time, it was decided to table this until the January meeting.

Roz Davis asked if Kate Tierney returned the township's cell phone. Chairwoman Kearney stated she kept the phone but is paying for her own service now.

Repository Sale re: Eagle Lake WL4-431:

ON MOTION duly made (Williams), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to agree to the proposed bid.

Letter of interest from Scott Van Fleet re: Zoning Hearing Board Alternate:

Chairwoman Kearney read Mr. Van Fleet's letter of interest for the open Zoning Hearing Board Alternate position. Ms. Kearney asked Ms. Musso to forward this letter to the Zoning Hearing Board for their formal recommendation. Ms. Musso advised another letter of interest was received today and she will forward them both. Chairwoman Kearney stated the Zoning Hearing Board will give them a recommendation and the Board will appoint someone at January's organizational meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kelly Davies (Wonderful) Lease:

Chairwoman Kearney stated the current lease expires on December 31, 2021 and Ms. Davies is looking to renew the lease. Ms. Davies reviewed what her business offers and her involvement in the community, along with

how she came upon moving her business to its current location. Ms. Davies reviewed her business plans from the past and in the future, then outlined the difficulties of renewing her lease with the new Board, which brought her to the decision of closing Wonderful. Over the last several weeks she has changed her mind and asked the supervisors to consider the cost of rent. In 2019 she paid \$700.00 per month, however, recently she was told it would be \$1,200.00 per month. Ms. Davies felt this was unreasonable and unethical. She would like to hear from the Board before the end of her current lease with a mutually beneficial agreement.

Ms. Davies discussed the oil heat and felt it should be broken up over twelve months as opposed to one large payment because it's not feasible for a small business.

Chairwoman Kearney explained that when the oil is delivered, the bill must be paid in full at that time. Averaging it out would be difficult since the prices fluctuate. Chairwoman Kearney stated that when the pandemic began there was a period of four months where rent was not collected at all.

Ms. Davies expressed how the previous Board was very eager to support her and help her out. She stated she didn't move to Covington Township to close her business and the Board is elected to serve their community.

Anna Culkin, Covington Township resident and school counselor in a nearby district, advised this isn't just a small business, but a service to our community. As a school counselor, she's inundated with children's mental health needs and the service Ms. Davies provides is unique and supports our children's mental health in a way she has not seen with other activities. Ms. Culkin asked that the Board not just consider Wonderful as a small business but as supporting your community members and this township in a very beneficial way.

David Martin stated he was astounded by the 71% increase and is on a board for realtors in Scranton. This amount seemed personal to him, more of a vendetta, a predatory lending act, and an outright personal attack. Vice Chairman Brostoski stated this township provides more services to the community than any other surrounding townships and listed many services, along with, not raising taxes in over twenty-two years. Mr. Brostoski stated the initial rent of only \$700.00 was meant to help Wonderful out because the township used to receive more than that previously. Mr. Martin kept interrupting Mr. Brostoski. Attorney Wolff spoke up instructing Mr. Martin to let Mr. Brostoski speak. Mr. Brostoski explained that the Board has to take care of the taxpayer's money so that we can provide as much as we can at a value.

Another person in attendance, Amy Castanzo, referred to Ms. Davies as her sister, kept interrupting the conversation and talking over those speaking, becoming very argumentative. Ms. Castanzo stated she would leave due to the Board being ridiculous, then approached the supervisor's table in an aggressive manner and stood there yelling at the supervisors. Corporal Bastek approached Ms. Castanzo to escort her out of the meeting and informed Ms. Castanzo that she needed to leave, but she became more agitated and began spewing foul language at the officer. Corporal Bastek informed her she would be arrested if she didn't leave and proceeded to escort her out of the building.

Vice Chairman Brostoski continued explaining how another tenant pays \$1,500.00/month for almost the same square footage and the township recognized Ms. Davies' public service, which is why her rent was initially so low. Ms. Davies spoke about her reasons for moving, money she put into the building, what she maintains and takes care of, how the savings in rent allowed her to put more money into her business, and issues with renegotiating the lease due to COVID.

Amy Belcher asked what the square footage of the space is. Chairwoman Kearney stated it was 2,000 square feet. Ms. Belcher asked what the rate per square foot is. Chairwoman Kearney stated it is currently .62 cents per square foot for the commercial space, which is also what another tenant pays in rent. There was a discussion about how cheap the .62 cents per square foot is for a commercial space in this area.

Ms. Davies stated she still has not sat down with the entire Board and can only stay calm until she can't take anymore. Ms. Davies stated she wants this resolved. Chairwoman Kearney brought to her attention the Board majority is present now and they had already told her the rent would be \$1,200.00 per month plus heating costs earlier in the year. Ms. Kearney reminded Ms. Davies that her lease expires on December 31, 2021. Ms. Davies expressed there were still questions gone unanswered, such as square footage and utilities.

Chairwoman Kearney asked Ms. Davies what her proposal to the township is. Ms. Davies replied she wants the same terms as her current lease, \$850.00 per month plus oil heat, since it's more than fair. Ms. Davies claimed the dance studio only recently started to pay utilities to which the supervisors informed her the studio was paying them all along. Ms. Davies explained how it's different for the studio since the owners have regular employment and the studio is their side job, whereas, her business is her primary source of income.

Vice Chairman Brostoski recognized the services to the community that both tenants provide to the community, but there's no way to put a dollar sign on that value. Ms. Davies felt these two businesses could not

be compared. Chairwoman Kearney interrupted to say that they must move on with the meeting because it was 9:00 p.m.

Ashley Helman, business consultant for Kelly Davies, asked if the Board would entertain a three or five year plan to get up to the suggested rent since it's not sustainable all at once. Vice Chairman Brostoski reminded her that the rent was initially very low because the township wanted to help her out. Chairwoman Kearney stated they would take the plan under advisement.

Leah Anderson, with her children in attendance asked to speak. Ms. Anderson stated there are no other after school activities that compare to Wonderful and Ms. Davies should be allowed to grow her business. She added that it's sad that her three kids sat here for this meeting, as well as some other kids, and watched everybody at the table either not make eye contact or rude gestures with their faces.

Chairwoman Kearney stated that when talking with Ms. Davies last week, Ms. Davies told her she was offered space for free through May and it was turned down. Ms. Davies stated it's because the space where she is at now is what's best for the children. Ms. Davies stated she could easily move and easily pocket all the money but her son has been sitting here for two hours without dinner, but she would prefer to stay and keep battling with the Board because the current space is perfect for the kids. Ms. Davies expressed she felt this was disrespectful. Chairwoman Kearney announced the conversation is over and the Board will take everything under advisement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

11/23/21 Letter from DEP re: Storm Estate sewer module:

This is an update on the status of the sewer module.

As the meeting continued, Kelly Davies and other people got up to leave at this time. Ms. Davies stated thank you and she appreciates them for being respectful, then proceeded to exit. C.J. Davies shouted vulgar expletives as he walked out of the building. Corporal Bastek escorted the group of people out of the building. David Lamm turned to the people still in attendance that came in support of Kelly Davies and asked them if they still want to bring their kids there and if they condone that type of behavior. Some of the supporters stated it wasn't Ms. Davies that said those things and it's childish for people to point that out.

Thank you card from Kelly Davies at Wonderful:

The card thanked the Board for their graciousness over the last few months.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

Chairwoman Kearney stated the Board is going to miss Vice Chairman Brostoski and presented him with a certificate of service from PSATS for twelve years of public service and a plaque from the residents of Covington Township and his fellow Board members thanking him for his service.

Mr. Brostoski stated he really enjoyed being on the Board and explained that even though not everyone agreed with the way he voted, he never let his own interest get in the way. He's sure the new Board will also do the same by keeping their personal interests aside while keeping the interest of this community first.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brook Williams asked what the plan was to replace the Police Chief. Chairwoman Kearney stated they will be promoting from within with Corporal Bastek replacing Chief Klocko.

Roz Davis stated she called Ms. Musso asking about welcome packets for her new neighbors and discovered we don't have any. Ms. Davis asked if the township has considered this and maybe the Recreation Committee could put something together. Chairwoman Kearney stated it's a great idea and would be a nice thing for the township to have. They would need to work out who may have the time to do this. Roz Davis suggested putting the word out for volunteers.

Amy Belcher stated that there are businesses that would be willing to do sponsorships for events or welcome packets and maybe reaching out can be helpful. Ms. Kearney informed them of our Facebook page where events would be posted.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Williams), and carried to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Musso, Secretary

Approved: