

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 22, 2022

The February 22, 2022 Work Session of the Covington Township Board of Supervisors was called to order with a Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA 18444, by Vice Chairwoman Vicki Williams.

Present: Vice Chairwoman Vicki Williams, Supervisor Marshall Peirce, Supervisor William Willson, Supervisor Wanda Andreoli (via phone), Chairwoman Melissa Kearney present at 7:20 p.m. (for Police Department report), Attorney Joel Wolff, and Secretary Melinda Musso.

Also present: Police Chief Robert Bastek

Public present: Scott Van Fleet, Roz Davis

AGENDA: As presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Minutes presented from the February 1, 2022 Monthly Meeting.

BILLS: No report

TREASURER’S REPORT: No report

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Estimates for Moffat fire/burglar alarm system: Two proposals were received. There was a discussion on the differences between them and some questions. Supervisor Bill Willson stated he would reach out to both companies for clarification.

Preferred Management Proposal re: Short-term Rental Ordinance: Vice Chairman Williams advised they need to complete the fee schedule for the Short-term Ordinance by Monday. Attorney Wolff suggested if there is a lawsuit where the township is listed, a venue should be stated such as the Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas or the Federal Middle District Court. There was a discussion concerning other township’s fees with their short-term ordinance.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report

BUILDING INSPECTOR: No report

ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: No report

ENGINEER: No report

SOLICITOR:

MDH/Safe Haven Land Development: Attorney Wolff explained the history behind the sale of this property, a subsequent name change, transferring the developer’s agreement, and escrow money. He will be drawing up an addendum to reflect the new name change.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Thumb: Supervisor Peirce explained he’d like to purchase a thumb that is made for their machine for approximately \$3,800.00 and would like to sell the previous one that was purchased.

Roller bids: Supervisor Peirce would like to buy a roller and would like to advertise in the Scranton Times, Lancaster Farmer, and send bid information to area companies.

ROADMASTER: No report

MOFFAT MAINTENANCE: No report

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Light estimate re: 2022 Ford Interceptor: Chief Bastek reviewed.

Speed timing estimates re: 2022 Ford Interceptor: Chief Bastek explained the difference in the quotes.

Chief Bastek stated the 2017 Charger has a bad ball joint and received an estimate of \$332.50 to fix it, but was unsure if that included an alignment and if not, that would be extra.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: No report

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: No report

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Knox Box: There was a discussion on the proposed ordinance.

Appoint Senior Center Coordinator & establish pay rate: This is advertised on our website and Chairwoman Kearney will be reaching out to a few seniors.

Appoint Recreation Committee members (2): Chairwoman Kearney stated Bill Beavers was supposed to call the current members to see if they were still interested and if they still wanted to remain on the committee. There was a discussion of people who have expressed interest.

Roz Davis asked that since Mr. Beavers is an auditor, had he submitted his resignation from the Recreation Committee. Chairwoman Kearney explained that since the Recreation Committee is not a board that has any authority it is allowed. Ms. Davis mentioned that he was appointed and (Kearney) clarified that he isn't appointed to an office, just a member of a committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

N.P. Mini Golf Classic benefit sponsorship re: N.P. Public Library: There was a discussion about the sponsorships receiving perks in return and that it isn't legal for the township to participate in. Supervisor Peirce stated the township donated last year.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Supervisor Willson discussed an ongoing zoning issue to be addressed at the next meeting with the Zoning Officer. Supervisor Andreoli suggested the township needs to address the owner of the property to get it cleaned up.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roz Davis told Chief Bastek that the traffic lights at Routes 502 & 307 are in blinking mode since the power was restored.

Supervisor Andreoli stated there's garbage on Route 307 that's been there since last May or June. It has become uncovered since the snow melted and is located across from Naro's. There was further discussion and Supervisor Willson stated the Zoning Officer can check this out.

Roz Davis informed the Board that errors were made when voting on items that weren't on the agenda without amending it first, gave examples, and asked about corrections. There was a lengthy discussion on the process and department heads being responsible for their items getting on the agendas. Supervisor Peirce suggested putting the items on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION (Peirce), seconded (Kearney), to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Willson stated a motion was not needed. Motion failed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Musso, Secretary

Approved: