

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION MINUTES – MARCH 29, 2022

The March 29, 2022 Work Session of the Covington Township Board of Supervisors was called to order with a Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 p.m., in the Municipal Building, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA 18444, by Chairwoman Melissa Kearney.

Present: Chairwoman Melissa Kearney, Supervisor Marshall Peirce, Supervisor William Willson, Supervisor Wanda Andreoli, Attorney Joel Wolff, and Secretary Melinda Musso.

Absent: Vice Chairwoman Vicki Williams

**AGENDA:** As presented

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Executive session held on March 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for personnel reasons to discuss PTO.  
Executive session held on March 29, 2022 at 6:20 p.m. for personnel reasons.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** March 1, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes were presented.

**BILLS:** No report submitted

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report submitted

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:** None

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No report submitted

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** No report submitted

**ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** No report submitted

**ENGINEER:** No report submitted

**SOLICITOR:** Nothing to report.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Recycling Building:** Supervisor Peirce is getting prices for repairs to the building. There was a discussion on purchasing new tin for the roof.

**Recycling Electronics:** Supervisor Peirce reviewed a program for recycling electronics through a company in Kutztown. There was a discussion on the cost to the township, fees that could be charged, and upcoming events in other towns.

Supervisor Peirce confirmed the Invitation to Bid for a roller is set for the next meeting.

**Stump removal at Moffat:** Supervisor Peirce had a discussion on three local companies that were asked for Quotes and received three additional phone quotes from other companies.

Supervisor Peirce requested Ms. Musso to schedule the three road department applicants for interviews this week on Thursday or Friday.

**ROADMASTER:** No report submitted

**MOFFAT MAINTENANCE:** No report submitted

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** No report submitted

**Line Painting:** Chief Bastek asked to purchase a line painting machine and paint for speed timing. The Board discussed how this doesn't need approval since it's an expense that is needed.

**Request to hire a part-time officer for May:** Chief Bastek discussed advertising for a part-time officer, two days per week at \$20.00 per hour in May, so that hiring can be done at the June meeting. He explained this officer wouldn't start until approximately July due to paperwork and qualifications.

There was a brief discussion on needing to decide on purchasing another Ford Interceptor and plans for older police cars. The Board will review budget reports from the first three months first.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairwoman Kearney offered George Parker to address the Board next.

**Storm Subdivision Approval:** George Parker gave copies of email correspondence from DEP concerning the Initial review of a submitted module which has been completed, and being recommended for approval, and currently under review by management for final approval. There was a discussion on Mrs. Kania putting a house on the property once the deed is transferred and how she must start paying rental fees for the storage of her house. Chairwoman Kearney advised nothing can be done until the Board's regular meeting on April 5, 2022. The solicitor suggested the Board talk to Gary Enslin, SEO, to make sure there's no issues. Mrs. Kania asked if the Board will be signing the plans at their next meeting and was told possibly, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE:** No report submitted

**SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** No report submitted

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Repository Sale re: Fiesta Drive R3-314:** There was a brief discussion on this being a property in the Eagle Lake community.

**America250PA Resolution:** There was a brief discussion on PSATS recommendation to pass this resolution to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States in 2026.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Preferred Management Proposal re: Short-term Rental Ordinance:** There was a lengthy discussion on the township needing to incorporate the fees, what fees are paid to the township and Preferred Management, required fees for permits from zoning, applications, and sewage verification, how other townships are handling enforcement, and the timeframe for when this will begin.

**Estimates for Moffat fire/burglar alarm system:** Supervisor Willson discussed the two quotes that were submitted and the differences between them.

**Mansion Patio Stone Reconstruction:** The Board did previously look at the work needed. Chairwoman Kearney stated this will be tabled for now due to the expense and will need to be discussed further. If no quote is submitted, then this can be removed from next week's agenda.

**Storm Subdivision Approval:** This was previously discussed in the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Lackawanna County Planning Commission's Evaluation re: Lands of Nammo Pocal, Inc.:** Supervisor Peirce discussed the need for this to be thoroughly reviewed by the Planning Commission to make sure no wetlands are affected and a detention pond is used to handle the water in order to keep it from going to Route 435.

Chairwoman Kearney requested to add on the next agenda to advertise for a Planning Commission Secretary.

**Covington Fire Company's EMS Monthly Report re: February 2022:** Chairwoman Kearney was pleased to have this report. Supervisor Peirce requested we receive a similar report from the fire company.

Chairwoman Kearney requested Ms. Musso to send an email to the Fire Chief requesting a monthly fire report and both the EMS and Fire reports would be made available to the public at our township meetings.

**PA Route 6 Alliance re: Façade Improvement Program in Lackawanna County:** No discussion

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

Supervisor Peirce discussed the township's need to purchase Knox Boxes and suggested doing this with the Fire Chief.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Roz Davis asked about a building at Nammo Pocal that was previously mentioned. There was a discussion on how long this issue has been going on, the Planning Commission was never consulted for approval, the building was built within the setback, and water runs off on Route 435.

Supervisor Willson discussed the township is now being very proactive in trying to get people to clean up their properties and we are now receiving a lot of complaints.

Chief Bastek asked for two supervisors to meet with Officer Layland to discuss SWAT information and training.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinda Musso, Secretary

Approved: