

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MINUTES – JUNE 28, 2022

The June 28, 2022 Special 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 Chairwoman Vicki Williams, Supervisor Marshall Peirce, Supervisor William Willson, Attorney Joel Wolff, and Secretary Melinda Musso.

Absent: Supervisor Wanda Andreoli

Also Present: Police Chief Robert Bastek

AGENDA: As presented

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

An executive session was held tonight at 6:15 p.m. for personnel and disciplinary action.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Chairwoman Kearney advised there's a correction on June 7, 2022 Minutes for the total of Pioneer to be \$1,311,305.00. Any other corrections on the June 7, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2022 Conditional Use Hearing Minutes re: Seidita Realty, LLC and June 14, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes should be sent to Ms. Musso.

BILLS: No report submitted

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report submitted

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Chairwoman Melissa Kearney asked for the following to be added to next week's agenda: Termination of Zoning Officer, Advertise for new Zoning Officer.

There were discussions on a membership with the Scranton Chamber of Commerce, smoke detectors, selling equipment valued under \$2,000.00, and the possibility of doing a resolution to set a policy for selling township stuff. Supervisor Peirce will present a list of items valued under \$2,000.00.

Chairwoman Melissa Kearney read a letter from Daleville United Methodist Church regarding relinquishing their responsibility in caring for the Daleville Cemetery. The township has been cutting the grass and will continue to do so. There was a brief discussion and nothing further will need to be done.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report submitted

BUILDING INSPECTOR: No report submitted

ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: No report submitted

ENGINEER: No report submitted

SOLICITOR:

Bracey assessment appeal: Attorney Wolff discussed the background of this appeal, suggested the supervisors review the information, and recommended the Board authorize him to sign on the township's behalf.

There was a brief discussion on the status of the Children's Free Campground.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Purchase truck: Supervisor Willson explained in detail the options available on purchasing a new truck and will bring quotes to the next meeting. Supervisor Peirce commented the crew would be able to plow more snow with this than they could with the Chevy pickup truck they currently have.

Mansion re: painting windows and doors: Supervisor Peirce suggested the township pay Bryan Williams for painting the Mansion outside woodwork. There was a brief discussion and Supervisor Peirce will speak to Mr. Williams about a rate of pay.

Roller rental: Supervisor Peirce obtained three quotes on roller rentals for approximately \$5,000.00 per month and stated he would like to hold off on buying a roller until next year.

Supervisor Peirce met with Bernie McGurl from the Conservation District and discussed the easement on the Moffat Estate. Supervisor Peirce will need a list of work completed last year and what the township is currently working on at the Estate for possible grant opportunities.

Supervisor Peirce discussed a call the Road Master received from PennDOT concerning painting stop bars and crosswalks at the intersection by Williams Garden Center and also the Bochicchio Boulevard intersection. Ms. Musso discussed PennDOT's advise that the township must follow and paint the lines according to the approved plans between PennDOT and the township. There was further conversation on the Police Department assisting in traffic control while the road workers complete this.

There was a brief discussion on activity at the North Point property.

Supervisor Peirce advised that Tom Hall is asking the Board if they would sell him seven pieces of tin that came off the recycling building. There was a brief discussion and a request to add this to the next meeting agenda.

There was a discussion on budgeted money for fuel oil this winter since the cost has significantly increased.

ROADMASTER: No report submitted

MOFFAT MAINTENANCE: No report submitted

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Naloxone policy: Chief Bastek presented the Naloxone policy and asked for the Board to adopt it.

Chief Bastek reminded the Board that a new police vehicle needs to get ordered so they get it for next year.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: No report submitted

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: No report submitted

NEW BUSINESS:

N.P. Senior Center wireless internet service and basic TV: There was a discussion on different options available. The Area on Aging is meeting with the Senior Center Coordinator on July 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Chairwoman Kearney asked Supervisor Peirce about putting township trucks in the Covington Fire Company's parade. There was a brief discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Van Fleet questioned why a thirty-day extension for his Right to Know request was received. Attorney Wolff explained time was needed to review if it's privileged or confidential information.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION duly made (Willson), seconded (Williams), and carried to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Musso, Secretary

Approved: