

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MINUTES – AUGUST 30, 2022

The August 30, 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 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:

Chairwoman Kearney announced an executive session was held tonight at 6:00 p.m. regarding personnel for disciplinary action.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Chairwoman Kearney announced any changes should be given to Ms. Musso regarding the August 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

BILLS: Report will be presented next week.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report will be presented next week.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION: Report will be presented next week.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Report will be presented next week.

ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Report will be presented next week.

Zoning Office Solicitor: There was a discussion about a letter of interest received from Attorney Donna DeVita, her retainer, hourly rate, and she was formerly the township's solicitor approximately thirty years ago. Chairwoman Kearney advised she gave the zoning secretary some attorney names to call and will wait for the zoning officer's recommendation.

Chairwoman Kearney advised a computer is needed for the zoning officer once the internet wiring is run to that part of the building.

ENGINEER: Report will be presented next week

SOLICITOR:

Attorney Wolff had nothing to report.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Supervisor Peirce discussed Ms. Musso discovering the possibility of a recycling grant. There was a lengthy discussion on getting quotes for an electronic gate, signs needed at the gate and recycling building, cameras to prosecute people for illegal dumping on township property, and a mass mailing to inform residents of the only items the township will accept.

Chairwoman Kearney discussed cutting back the size of the Covington Corner newsletter to only include important township information, the cost, and to resume mailing it out to all residents.

Roz Davis commented regarding a mailing for recycling and asked if it can include details of what a citation would cost in fines.

ROADMASTER: Report will be presented next week.

MOFFAT MAINTENANCE: Report will be presented next week.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Report will be presented next week.

Paper shredder & oil: Chief Bastek discussed a request to purchase a shredder for \$309.98 and the need for either oil or oil sheet for maintenance.

Chief Bastek also requested accordion folders for each police car for paperwork. Supervisor Willson advised he has some and will bring them in.

Chief Bastek discussed upcoming training.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: None

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Report will be presented next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moffat Trust re: Moffat Estate repairs: Chairwoman Kearney discussed a list she gave to the Board for review and requested to let her know if anything was missing before submitting it.

Budget workshop dates: There was a discussion on the following dates: September 12th, September 26th, October 11th, and October 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Ordinance: There was a discussion regarding the need to update the zoning ordinance. Supervisor Kearney requested to remove this item from the agenda and it will get addressed in the future.

Supervisor Peirce discussed a class on solar farms and had Ms. Musso forward this information to the planning commission to attend. There was a discussion on a rezoned property and the need to update the zoning ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Kearney requested to add the DCED Audit to the agenda under old business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roz Davis asked about when the alarm system was installed, she was under the impression the police department was part of that. Chairwoman Kearney briefly discussed the township's camera system being expanded. There was further discussion regarding the Chief not requested this, what the police department has in their office, and the need to get some quotes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Musso, Secretary

Approved: