

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 2, 2023

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Covington Township Municipal building, Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA 18444.

There were present: Chairwoman Melissa Kearney, Vice Chairwoman Vicki Williams, Supervisor Marshall Peirce, Supervisor William Willson, Supervisor Wanda Andreoli and Attorney Joel Wolff.

Also present: Police Chief Robert Bastek, Building Inspector Dave Lamm, and Roadmaster Tom Hall.

Absent: Zoning Code Enforcement Officer David Hall and Township Engineer Mary Lou Butler.

Agenda: ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce) seconded (Williams) and carried to accept the agenda as presented. Two (2) revisions were made to the agenda during the meeting, prior to official action being taken. ON MOTION, duly made (Williams), seconded (Peirce) and carried to set the date of the public hearing for the proposed change in zoning for Joyce Outdoor Advertising, LLC. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson) seconded (Andreoli) and carried to approve the purchase of a bucket truck capped at \$10,000.00.

Announcements: An executive session was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, immediately following the work session, to discuss legal issues with the short-term rentals.

Public Comment: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Laperuta from Riverfront Way, Clifton Township who own property in Eagle Lake questioned the fee for a sewer inspection while being on community sewer. Chairwoman Kearney advised the Resolution for the fee schedule for Short-Term Rentals will be read later in the meeting and considered for adoption. She advised the Resolution sets the fees for Short-Term Rentals and that there will be no fees for sewage if the property is on a central or community sewage system.

Minutes: ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2023 monthly meeting, and the public hearing April 20, 2023.

Bills: ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Peirce) and carried to pay the bills as presented.

Treasurer's Report: ON MOTION duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Williams) and carried to accept the treasurer's report as submitted.

Administrative Actions:

Status of Five C's apartments: The plans have been received. Dave Lamm, building inspector will review and contact Five C's directly.

Approve P.O. Box for tax collector: Due to increased security in keeping the township office locked, it is being recommended that the tax collector have a post office box going forward. ON MOTION, duly made (Kearney), seconded (Williams) and carried to allow the tax collector to get a post office box for all tax payments beginning with the 2024 tax year.

Approve E-Recycling Event: The date of the E-recycling event has been set for September 14, 2023. The cost of this event will be around \$1,400.00. We have spoken with Springbrook Township to see if they would be interested in joining this event to help offset the cost. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Peirce) and carried to contract with RRS for the e-recycling event on September 14, 2023.

Resolution #2023-06: Chairwoman Kearney read Resolution #2023-06, Short-Term Rental Fees. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Andreoli) and carried to adopt Resolution #2023-06, Short-Term Rental Fees. Supervisor Peirce asked Mr. and Mrs. Laperuta if they understood the resolution. A brief discussion ensued on the fee schedule.

Repository Sale of Eagle Lake property: ON MOTION, duly made (Williams), seconded (Peirce) and carried to allow the sale of property E4-229 Equestrian Trail in Eagle Lake.

Planning Commission: Chairwoman Kearney reviewed the monthly report. A discussion was held regarding an application that was received for a zone change for a portion of property to be used to erect

billboards. *ON MOTION*, duly made (Williams), seconded (Andreoli) and carried to set the hearing date for the JCO zone change for billboards for Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6 p.m. *ON MOTION*, duly made (Willson), seconded (Williams) and carried to accept the Planning Commission report as submitted.

Building Inspector: Dave Lamm reviewed his monthly report. *ON MOTION* duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried to accept the building inspector's monthly report.

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: No report submitted.

Engineer: Chairwoman Kearney reviewed the engineer's report. *ON MOTION* duly made (Willson), seconded (Williams) and carried to accept the engineer's monthly report.

Solicitor: Nothing to report.

Director of Public Works: Spring Clean-Up dates are set for May 19th and 20th. A discussion was held regarding the purchase of a bucket truck that can be used by the Moffat maintenance and the Road dept. Roz Davis questioned the foundation's ability to assist in this purchase. *ON MOTION*, duly made (Willson), seconded (Williams) and carried to approve the purchase of a bucket truck for up to \$10,000.00. The dump truck and the tractor were successfully sold on Municibid. It was discussed that a road inspection would not be needed this year. A discussion was held regarding the streetlights within the township. Chief Bastek will contact Northeast Signal to repair the light at the intersection of Routes 502 and 307. *ON MOTION*, duly made (Williams), seconded (Willson) and carried to accept the DPW Director's monthly report.

Roadmaster: Roadmaster Tom Hall reviewed his monthly report. *ON MOTION*, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Williams) and carried to accept the roadmaster's monthly report.

Moffat Maintenance: No report received.

Police Department: Chief Bastek reviewed his monthly report. There were no applications received for the advertised position. A letter was received for the annual donation to the Drug Task Force. *ON MOTION*, duly made (Willson), seconded (Williams) and carried to donate \$150.00 to the Drug Task Force/Chief of Police Association. *ON MOTION*, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Willson) and carried to accept the police chief's monthly report.

Recreation Committee: No meeting was held. Supervisors Peirce and Andreoli advised they have been asked about hosting a "tea" at the Mansion, like in the past. This will be discussed at the next recreation committee meeting and will be worked on.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: No report received. Chairwoman Kearney advised she has spoken with KBA about two (2) new applicants.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Ordinance #2023-03, Short-Term Rentals was adopted at the public hearing held on April 20, 2023. The flooring for the senior center is approaching completion.


Correspondence: Thank you cards were received from the family of David Petrosky and the Polish National Catholic Church (on behalf of the donation we sent in memory of David Petrosky). Chairwoman Kearney read an email she received from Dyllon Hawker who wanted to express gratitude to the EMS personnel in Covington Township. Chairwoman Kearney stated she also gave a copy of this email to the Fire Company President. A letter was also received advising the township that we did not win the award for Langan Road.

Supervisor Comments: Supervisor Peirce stated the PSATS conference this year was very informative. He is hopeful the supervisors will be able to utilize the information we learned to make the township better. Chairwoman Kearney advised that a resident of Center Street approached her about doing a clean-up of township roads. Gloves, safety vests, etc. will be provided along with a light lunch after the clean-up. This Saturday will be Center Street, with a meeting time of 8am at 212 Center Street.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: ON MOTION duly made (Williams) seconded (Willson) and carried to adjourn the work session at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 
6.6.23