

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING ~ ORDINANCE 2023-04
NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at the Covington Township Municipal building, Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA 18444 for the purpose of considering Ordinance #2023-04, An Ordinance Authorizing the Volunteer Fire Departments, the Volunteer Ambulance Services, and other Emergency Rescue Service Organizations of this Township to Charge and Recoup the Costs of Certain Emergency Rescue Services and Equipment. Chairwoman Kearney called the hearing to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Supervisor Wanda Andreoli.

Chairwoman Kearney opened the hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance and then turned the hearing over to Attorney Wolff.

Exhibits:

Township #1: Proof of notice sent to The Scranton Times for publication along with the full text of the proposed ordinance for public review.

Township #2: Affidavit of publication on dates: November 3, 2023 and November 7, 2023 in The Scranton Times.

Township #3: Public Notice posted on front door of Municipal Office.

Township #4: Proposed Ordinance #2023-04.

Supervisor's Comment: *None.*

Public Comment: *Roz Davis was sworn in and questioned if this ordinance would nullify the current ambulance fund drive. Supervisor Peirce advised it would not. Roz also questioned the section regarding other emergency rescue service organizations, the fire tax millage, the schedule of fees, and Section 3 of the ordinance. A lengthy discussion was held. There were no other public comments.*

Vote: *ON MOTION duly made (Kearney), seconded (Willson) and carried 3-1 (abstained) to adopt Ordinance #2023-04, an Ordinance Authorizing the Volunteer Fire Departments, the Volunteer Ambulance Services, and other Emergency Rescue Service Organizations of this Township to Charge and Recoup the Costs of Certain Emergency Rescue Services and Equipment. Supervisor Peirce abstained from this vote.*

Adjournment: *On motion duly made (Williams), seconded (Peirce) and carried to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary*

Approved:



This is not the official record of the public hearing. The stenographer's record is the official record of this hearing.