

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING ~ ORDINANCE 2023-05
NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 7:00 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 #2023-05, An Ordinance Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code 2021 Edition. Chairwoman Kearney called the hearing to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

There were present: Chairwoman Melissa Kearney, Vice Chairwoman Vicki Williams, Supervisor Marshall Peirce, Supervisor William Willson, Attorney Joel Wolff, Zoning/Building Inspector David Lamm, 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 #2023-05.

Supervisor's Comment: Chairwoman Kearney informed those in attendance that there was a typo in the advertised ordinance. The typo was in Section 3 (page 2) where it originally stated 302.14, it should have read 304.14 since there is no 302.14. She also commented that she feels the township needs to have the property maintenance code in effect, with Supervisor Willson agreeing. Chairwoman Kearney advised the Board of Supervisors will need to advertise for and appoint an appeals board. She advised the board can consist of the zoning officer, zoning hearing board chairman, and others from the community.

Public Comment: Roz Davis questioned if this ordinance would replace something already in place. Chairwoman Kearney advised the zoning ordinance is different. Supervisors Willson and Williams commented further on this code.

Vote: ON MOTION duly made (Willson), seconded (Williams) and carried 3-1 with Supervisor Peirce opposed to adopt Ordinance #2023-05, An Ordinance Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code 2021 Edition.

Adjournment: On motion duly made (Williams), seconded (Kearney) and carried to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved:



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