

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY WORK SESSION
APRIL 30, 2024

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly work session on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Covington Township Municipal building, Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA 18444.

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

Agenda: The agenda was accepted as presented.

Announcements: There was a typo on the agenda as the executive session dated for March 26th had previously been announced and was not removed from the agenda.

Public Comment: No public present.

Minutes: Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney asked all board members to review the draft monthly meeting minutes of April 2, 2024, and let her know of any revisions or corrections prior to the meeting.

Bills: The bill list will be available at next week's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report will be available at next week's meeting.

Administrative Actions:

Discuss Senior Center joining County: Supervisor Willson commented on a meeting he attended along with Missy, Sr. Center coordinator Barbara, and (2) representatives from the County Area on Agency. He reported that the only requirements for the township to become joined with the county once again would be some reporting. There is no contract, and the township can break the agreement at any time. The county would be willing to assist with applying for grants for building upgrades and maintenance. The county will provide meals to the senior center to distribute to the members of the center. They are looking to close the center in Jefferson Township and would like to have those members attend our center. Barbara is willing to give it a shot and see where it goes. The township will remain in control of the senior center as it is a township run center. A brief discussion was held on allowing the senior center to expand once the police department moves out.

Discuss In-Service disbursement for retired employees: Secretary/Chairwoman Kearney advised the in-service distribution reports have been received. These reports explain the additional cost to the township, should the board decide to allow retired employees to return to part-time work. The non-uniform report needs to be revised, so we are awaiting the new report. If received, this will be on the agenda for next week's meeting.

Planning Commission: The monthly report has been received. There are (3) recommendations for approval with contingencies received by the planning commission. A discussion ensued on the notes that have been received by the county planning commission. After the discussion, it was decided that the secretary would send a letter to the planning commission asking that they hold their recommendations until the notes from the county planning commission have been received and reviewed.

Capple minor subdivision: The county planning commission commented that the property owners may need to resubmit for a major subdivision due to the length of the driveway and size of the property, along with other comments. A discussion ensued on the minor subdivision submittal and the notes of the county planning commission.

Patel minor subdivision: Recommended by the planning commission for approval pending completion of all the engineer's comments.

Dollar General/AutoZone land development: Secretary/Chairwoman Kearney advised she received a call from the developer asking if the board would grant an approval with contingencies at the monthly meeting next week. A discussion was held regarding the HOP permit and the existing easement in front of Rite-Aid to gain access to the property. Atty. Wolff will look into the deeds of both properties to see if the easement is included in either or both deeds. The secretary will contact the developer and

advise that the board has questions regarding the HOP and impact study meeting which is scheduled for December. She will have the developer attend next week's meeting to answer any questions.

Building Inspector: No report.

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: No report.

Engineer: The cost estimate has been received for the Dollar General/AutoZone project.

Solicitor: Atty. Wolff commented earlier in the session on his conversation with Mary Lou regarding the subdivision/land development plans.

Director of Public Works:

LED lights for basement in building that houses the dance studio: A proposal was received from Preferred Management in the amount of \$3,977.10 to install LED lighting in the basement of the building that currently houses the dance studio. It was discussed that the lighting in the basement is not very good or bright and needs to be updated. This proposal includes labor and materials and will increase the lighting in the basement. DPW Director/Supervisor Peirce would also like to get a proposal to change the lighting to LED on the flagpole at the monument.

Roadmaster:

"School bus stop ahead" signs: We have received approval from PennDOT to allow the township to install "school bus stop ahead" signs on Dorantown Road.

Moffat Maintenance:

Garage doors for Moffat garage: One overhead garage door on the Moffat garage is broken and needs to be replaced. A proposal has been received to replace all 4 overhead garage doors so they will match. The proposal was received from Garage Doors by Joe Kishel in the amount of \$11,260.00. This quote does not include the openers.

Police Department: No report.

Recreation Committee: No report.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: No report.

New Business: None

Old Business:

NP COG Comprehensive Plan: The NP COG has been notified at their last meeting that the county has been approved for the grant to begin the comprehensive plan. A resolution for an intergovernmental agreement will need to be passed. This resolution will need to be passed by the July meeting of the NP COG, but we are awaiting word from Mary Liz Donato before passing the resolution.

Act 10 of 2024 Increasing Auditor's pay: The governor has passed the law allowing for an increase in the auditor's pay from \$10.00 per hour up to \$18.00 per hour. A resolution will need to be passed.

Correspondence:

Service Requests:

Mr. & Mrs. Prula of Glen Meadows would like to have their stormwater issues resolved. They have been notified this will be addressed once the road department completes the project they are currently on.

Mrs. Shaffer of Union Mill Road is concerned about a beaver dam that has been built in the swampy area off Union Mill Road. She will be notified to contact the Game Commission to remove the beavers. The DPW Director and Roadmaster have investigated this area and found nothing that the township can do.

Supervisor Comments: Supervisor Willson commented that Brian Shaffer of the NP Historical Society is looking for a place to display the artifacts of the N.P. Historical Society because the building they are

currently in is being sold. A brief discussion was held regarding the use of a room on the 2nd floor of the mansion by the N.P. Historical Society. Supervisor Willson will contact Mr. Shaffer to advise him, if interested, to view the available rooms on the 2nd floor.

Public Comment: No public present.

Adjournment: The work session adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 5-7-2024

Vicki J. Williams