

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY WORK SESSION
JULY 30, 2024

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly work session on Tuesday, July 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, and Attorney Joel Wolff. Supervisor/DPW Director Marshall Peirce attended the work session via phone.
Also present: Police Chief Jeff Lamm.

Absent: Supervisor Wanda Andreoli and Supervisor William Willson

Agenda: The agenda was accepted as presented.

Announcements: An executive session was held on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss personnel in the police department.

Public Comment: No public present.

Minutes: Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney asked all board members to review the draft monthly meeting minutes of July 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:

Performance Bond PSBT Land Development: Attorney Wolff will begin working on the performance bond for the Peoples' Security Bank Land Development project.

Repository Sale: A bid was received for a property located in Eagle Lake that is on the repository list. The bid was received from Mark Holochuck, in the amount of \$3,491.10 to purchase a property located at Bald Eagle Lane.

Trees at Moffat Estate: A proposal was received from Mattern Logging and Tree Service to drop 24-30 dead trees on the Moffat estate in the amount of \$2,800.00. A brief discussion was held advising that the bid can be accepted but the work should be done in the Fall.

SRO contract termination: A letter was received from the NPSD advising the township that the school district will be terminating the SRO agreement, which provided (1) School Resource Officer to the District for its use at the District High School in exchange for certain payment to the police department, effective August 16, 2024.

Planning Commission: Available next week.

Building Inspector: Available next week.

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: Available next week.

ZCEO attorney: The zoning secretary met with Attorney Donald Karpowich to discuss becoming the township's zoning code enforcement attorney. Attorney Karpowich expressed interest and advised his hourly rate for municipalities is \$150.00. This will be discussed at the monthly meeting next week.

Engineer: Available next week.

Solicitor: Previously discussed under administrative actions; Peoples Security Performance Bond.

Director of Public Works: Available next week. Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney reported the gate is scheduled to be installed on August 14th. Electrical and concrete work will need to be completed prior to the installation.

Roadmaster: Available next week.

Moffat Maintenance: No report. Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney reported the tile in the Master bathroom has been repaired. There are a few pieces of bullnose that will need to be chalked into place, but the wall tile has been replaced.

Police Department: Police chief Lamm is asking the board to allow the department to purchase portable breathalyzer tests (PBT's) because the ones the department currently have do not work. The cost of (2) portable breathalyzer tests will be \$1,285.56. A donation in the amount of \$1,000.00, received from Eagle Lake, will be applied to the cost of the PBT's, so the township will only be responsible for the balance. This will be added to the agenda for the meeting next week. A brief discussion was had regarding body and car cameras, supplies needed for the cars, repairs being made to the cars and a possible vehicle replacement schedule.

Recreation Committee: The fishing derby will be held on August 24, 2024, from 9am to noon.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: Available next week.

New Business: A proposal was received from Preferred Management regarding the cleaning and inspection of the HVAC systems at the "new police station" and dance studio. A proposal and report were received for the inspection of the electrical panel box for the wind turbine. This was requested by the county, who has a lease with the township for the wind turbine. There are some minor recommendations by the electrical inspector that will be discussed at next week's meeting.

Old Business: Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney reminded the board of the (2) public hearings that will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, beginning at 6:00pm. She also advised of the schedule of events that will follow the passing of the ordinance for the NP Comprehensive Plan including the next meeting of the representatives of the NP Comprehensive Plan.

Correspondence: Notification was received for the 2024 Judicial Tax Sale. Three (3) Eagle Lake properties will be included in the sale.

Supervisor Comments: Supervisor Peirce would like the board to consider writing a letter to the police department, specifically Officer's Bastek, Jr. and Frisbie expressing the board's disappointment in their absence, and lack of traffic control, during the Covington Fire Company's annual parade held on Thursday, July 11th. A brief discussion ensued. A discussion was also held regarding the traffic light located at the intersection of State Routes 435 & 307.

Public Comment: No public present.

Adjournment: The work session adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 8-6-24

