

Covington Township
Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 12, 2016

The September 12, 2016 regular monthly meeting of the Covington Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Covington Township Municipal Building at 114 East Hill Road, Covington PA. Chairman Stuart Lisowski called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present along with the chairman was Supervisor Richard Powlison, Supervisor Frank Yungwirth and Secretary Nicole Bennett.

Chairman Lisowski asked for Public Comments on Agenda items only. No comments.

Minutes of the meeting held on August 8, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

Motion to pass: 1st – S. Lisowski 2nd - F. Yungwirth, all ayes.

The Treasurers Report: The Treasurers Report was reviewed.

Motion to pass (pending audit): 1st - S. Lisowski, 2nd – R. Powlison, all ayes.

The Bills List: The Bills List was reviewed and motion was made to pay bills. Supervisor Lisowski stated that everything is concurrent. Will see new bill in for Custom Canvas which was the purchase of our Vinyl Tarps for Cinder/Salt shed in amount of \$565.78.

Motion to pass: 1st – S. Lisowski, 2nd – R. Powlison, all ayes.

Real Estate Transfer Report: Report was reviewed.

Payroll/Employee Hours: Report was reviewed for August 2016.

Road Master Report: Road Crew has been cleaning ditches, done Creek Bank stabilization on Walls Road, done the head wall project at one of train car pipes. The road crew has also installed the vinyl tarps for Cinder/Salt shed. Supervisor Lisowski advised that we had a resident on Barber Road Extension get millings and put them on road with lawn tractor on his own, Secretary had received a phone call of a complaint of the road being so terrible. Road crew went up and fixed to the best they could – Supervisors would like to add them to the list next year to have road oil. Dirt and gravel road grants are completed and submitted for East Creek, Kendrick, & Hilfiger. Supervisors and Charlotte Lilly stated that Nate Bennett (Road Master) has done an excellent job with filling out the grants. Supervisors would like to know about when should hear something back. Supervisor Lisowski also advised that the old 550 is having some issues regarding the box rusting out. There is a newer box at Stagers for \$3,000.00. Supervisors would like estimates from a welder regarding doing the patch work on the flooring. Will go from there.

Zoning Report: Zoning Violations report was reviewed. Supervisors would like an additional letter sent out to Rodriguez regarding the continuous issues we are having with them. If they cannot follow the ordinances, the Supervisors would like to have the Mobile Home Park removed.

OLD BUSINESS

Foster had question at last month's meeting about ramps and or steps being so many feet away from building. Secretary spoke with ERB and was advised that in 2004 new codes came in and all doors are required to have steps or a ramp attached to building.

We received the vinyl tarps for the cinder shed and they have been put up. Which was advised of in the Road Master report.

NEW BUSINESS

Line of Credit was opened in 2005, bank has advised us of it coming up for renewal. Supervisor Lisowski asked Supervisor Yungwirth if he was aware of it, Supervisor Powlison asked Tom Wivell if knew anything about it either. Supervisor Yungwirth thinks the line of credit should remain open to always have a backup. Supervisor Lisowski and Supervisor Powlison would like to close the line of credit as we have CDs open for a backup if needed as well as the Township should have good enough credit that if need be will be able to open line of credit in future. Motion was made to close line of credit.

Motion to pass: 1st – R. Powlison, 2nd – S. Lisowski, Yungwirth – no.

We have received letter from Penn DOT in regards to the Welcome to Covington signs that are at the north and south end of N. Williamson Road. They would like the Township to apply for the permits since they never were before and remove or move them. The Supervisors discussed about the signs being put up in 2002 for a Senior Project for a student at North Penn. Have no problem applying for permits, but are not willing to remove or move the signs as they have been there for 14 years. Supervisor Lisowski will be giving the gentleman a call in regards to this.

Resolution for Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, comprehensive plan. Secretary asked to table this until able to speak with Solicitor further on this. Faxed information to him today and have not heard anything in return yet.

There was a discussion in July in regards to pay raise for Zoning Officer, yet no amount was discussed once she reached her 90-day mark. Supervisors made motion to give \$1.00 more an hour for all hard work and to be retroactive to 90-days.

Motion to pass: 1st – S. Lisowski, 2nd – R. Powlison, all ayes.

Secretary advised Supervisors that we have had residents ask about us being a notary in the office, would like to let know if want self or zoning officer to become would be willing to do so. Supervisors made decision that there is no need for this, we should get a list of local notaries around from our Township and have in the office to help build them up.

TCCCC Event Invite for a seminar on "The Importance of Forests to Clean Water" and "A Quick Guide to Groundwater in Pennsylvania". This program will be held on Thursday October 13, 2016 from 10AM – 11:30AM at the Victoria Theatre on Main Street in Blossburg. Supervisor Yungwirth asked Secretary to put on website as he knows many people use the website.

Secretary advised Supervisors that there was a letter dropped off to Township Building prior to meeting and would like to read. Letter was received from John Hummel in regards to how wonderful the Recycling Program has been.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry M. would like to thank from Whispering Pines in regards to the screenings that were donated.

Dave K. asked about sewer loan. Stated Putnam Township had similar loan approx. 15-18 years ago, turned everything over to bank and no longer have loan. Will have bank contact us.

Mike B. stated should get new steps for recycling, Secretary then advised that there is nobody signed up.

Dave K. asked Supervisor Lisowski if he wanted to let everyone know about water. They are starting to fill out the paperwork, will be coming to Planning Commission for UTTRA tank location on Pequignot property.

Goal is to be up and connected by 2018.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Bennett
Secretary