

Organizational Meeting – Covington Township – January 7, 2019

Covington Township Supervisors Richard Powlison, Stuart Lisowski and Scott Fessler met for reorganization of the Township Building, located at 114 East Hill Road, Covington PA. Also attending was Secretary Nicole Bennett

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Motion by R. Powlison, second S. Fessler, all ayes to appoint S. Lisowski as Temporary Chairman.

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Temporary Chairman S. Lisowski.

The public comment portion of this meeting related to this agenda was opened with no comments being made.

Motion by S. Fessler, second R. Powlison, all ayes to appoint S Lisowski as Chairman.

Motion by S. Fessler, second S. Lisowski, all ayes to appoint R. Powlison as Vice Chairman.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second, second by R. Powlison, all ayes to appoint the following employees and to keep their current wages, then to discuss pay increase at a later meeting:

Nicole Bennett, Secretary/Treasurer (14.80)

Nathan Bennett, Road Master (17.30)

Donna Casselberry, Zoning Officer (13.80)

Terry Austin, PT Road Crew (15.80)

Larry Meeker, Road Crew (16.00)

Mark Spohn, Road Crew (15.30)

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes to retain Chris Lantz as Township Solicitor and Bruce Vickery as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, all ayes to appoint Gloria Schwab as vacancy board chairman.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes that Scott Bray to be retained as Township Engineer.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes to retain First Citizens Community Bank as financial institution.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, all ayes to appoint ERB Inspections for the next 30 days, after our Building Code Official will be Mike Stoudt from Blossburg Borough. (Letter sent out to ERB January 17, 2019. Received notification January 30, 2019. As of February 11, 2019, will switch to Blossburg Borough.)

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes to appoint Ridgerunner SEO Services Inc. as Sewage Authority with alternate being Robert Burtin.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, all ayes to appoint Zoning Officer as Flood Plain Administrator. Order of staff would be: Zoning Officer, FEMA Office, Supervisors, Bloss Borough.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, all ayes to appoint Scott Fessler as a 5-year member to the Covington Township Municipal Authority.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes to hold township meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7:00PM. With the organizational meeting the first Monday January 6, 2020.

Motion by S. Lisowski, R. Powlison, all ayes to certify Nicole Bennett as the voting delegate.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second by R. Powlison, all ayes to certify Secretary to PA Local Government Secretaries Assoc Convention.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, all ayes to establish the treasurer's bond at \$450,000.00

Motion by S. Fessler, second S. Lisowski, all ayes to set mileage rate same as the IRS (to change accordingly throughout the year.)

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes that Supervisors will work for the Township as needed.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes that Township holidays are as follows: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and 2 election days.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, all ayes that bids are put out on all township supplies: 1B, 2A, 2RC, R4 – R8 and DSA, pipe, cinders and gas.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, all ayes that Township clean-up day be held May 4, 2019 from 8AM – 1PM, as well as Community BBQ.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, all ayes to appoint and accept Wendy Albor for another 6 years, with new member Jeff Bruder Jr filing the 5th position.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, to appoint and accept Hank Packard on a 6-year term with 2 more members needed for Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes to appoint Township Secretary Nicole Bennett as the Administrative Secretary to the ZHB and Planning Commission.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes to appoint Nicole Bennett as first rep and Donna Casselberry as second rep to ACT 32 Representatives.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, all ayes to retain Ryan Lightner as Emergency Management Coordinator.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison, all ayes that the cemeteries will be handled in the following matter:

Riverfront: Bennett Mowing
Frost: Boy Scouts
Mack Road: Chad English
Cherry Flats Road: Craig Family
East Creek Road: Nick Wivell

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes to keep resolution FEE schedule same as in past, with potential to make changes later.

Motion by S. Lisowski, second S. Fessler, all ayes to appoint Designation of Agent Resolutions for PEMA/FEMA to Nate Bennett.

With their being no further business, a motion was made by S. Lisowski, second R. Powlison to adjourn the meeting at 7:18PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Bennett, Secretary
Covington Township