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**COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION NOTES
July 5, 2017, 6:00pm**

The work session was called to order by Chairman William Weimer at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Office, 5520 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna, PA.

Board Members present:

William Weimer, Anthony Lamantia, Lynn Kelly and Alma I. Ruiz-Smith

Board Members absent:

Juan Adams

Staff present:

Jerry Hanna, Solicitor and Erin Masker, Recording Secretary

Staff absent:

None

Mr. Weimer announced that this work session is being recorded to aid in the preparation of the notes.

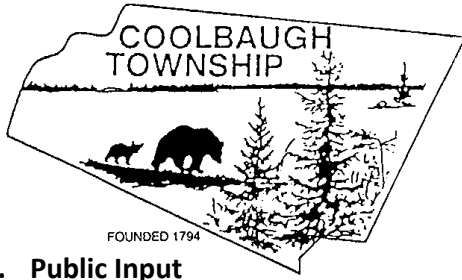
1. Discussion on the Belmont Avenue Bridge with Representatives from Mount Pocono Borough

Mr. Scalamandre from Mount Pocono was in attendance to express the concerns of the Borough about the continued closure of the bridge on Belmont Avenue, stating that the road needs to be opened in order to provide access for emergency vehicles and an alternate route for residents to access the area. Mr. Scalamandre discussed the options of grants that are available for Coolbaugh Township and Mount Pocono to partner up in order to gain funds to make the necessary repairs to the bridge. He stated that either the borough or Coolbaugh Township would have to take the lead on the project as the borough owns 25% of the road and Coolbaugh the other 75%. An option that he stated would be for Coolbaugh to turn over their portion to the borough which he stated is not an option that the borough has agreed upon as of yet. Mr. Scalamandre asked that the board consider a multi-modal grant or the DCED-LSA grant for the funding.

- **Discussion:** Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that she would like to review any correspondence that Mr. Scalamandre has as she is new to the board and unfamiliar with this project. Mr. Weimer stated that there are usually fees that have to be paid for the LSA grant, which would vary depending on the amount funded through the grant. Mr. Weimer also stated that if the project was to be done, the cost to pave the entire road would need to be included in the cost as it would need to be done since the road has not been maintained. M. Fairservice stated that the bridge is not important to Coolbaugh Township. H. Smith stated that people can travel Route 196.

2. Other Business

Nothing was heard



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3. Public Input

Nothing was heard

The Work Session ended at 6:24 pm and the Board of Supervisors went into Executive Session from 6:25pm-6:55pm Re: Legal.