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COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION NOTES October 17, 2017

Board of Supervisors Executive Session from 6:00pm-6:27pm Re: Legal

The work session was called to order by Chairman William Weimer at 6:30 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, Juan Adams and Alma I. Ruiz-Smith

Board Members absent:

None

Staff present:

Jerry Hanna, Solicitor, Erin Masker, Recording Secretary, and Maureen Mills, Controller

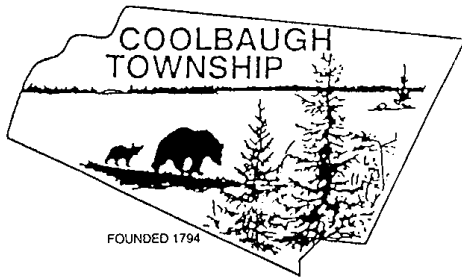
Staff absent:

None

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

1. Act 172- Tax Incentives for Municipal Volunteers of Fire Companies and Non-Profit Emergency Medical Services Agencies

Mr. Weimer explained the draft Ordinance #129-2017 that has been presented to the Board for review stating that along with this Ordinance there is a Resolution that outlines the criteria necessary to meet the requirements for the tax credit based on the class of volunteer. It is required to pass the resolution annually; therefore when the Ordinance is passed the Resolution will be passed as well. Mr. Weimer stated that there are two classes of volunteers, active firefighters and auxiliary members. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that she is unsure how to create a formula to determine the items being called for. Mr. Weimer stated that the percentage is based on the amount of calls attended by the firefighter divided by the number of calls for the company during the period, stating that the goal is for people to exceed the minimum requirement. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that she is unsure which tax incentive we should be offering (real property tax incentive or Earned Income Tax Incentive), with Mr. Weimer and Ms. Kelly responding that they are in favor of offering both so that those that are not homeowners are still able to benefit from the program. Discussion ensued about the split of the EIT being half to the Township and half to the School District, which means that we can only credit up to our amount and not the total amount of the EIT. Solicitor Hanna stated that there are specific requirements for the advertising of this ordinance which require advertising 30 days prior and also needing to hold a public hearing for public input to be considered suggesting to hold the public hearing on November 21, 2017 and then passing the ordinance and resolution on December 5, 2017 in order to stick with the regular meeting dates. Mr. Adams asked if there is anything precluding us from voting on the Ordinance the same night as the hearing with Solicitor Hanna stating that there is not, but stating that there should be time to make changes following the public input on the ordinance should it be necessary. Ms. Kelly asked if there are any requirements for disabled or life members to benefit from the tax incentive program. Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked how this program will affect residents that are with other fire companies with Mr. Weimer responding that the percentage would be based on the call information from the company they are a member of.



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2. Other Business

Nothing was heard.

3. Public Input

Nothing was heard

The Work Session ended at 7:03 pm.