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COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION NOTES September 6, 2016

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, Juan Adams, Lynn Kelly, Anthony Lamantia 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.

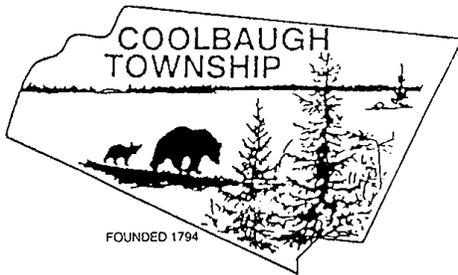
1. Commercial Compost Facility Discussion

Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked that this item be placed on the work session for discussion of the fees in order to make it easier for the current contractors that are utilizing our facility as well as make it more attractive to those that are not using our facility. L. Evans, Mountain Landscaping and A. ___ were in attendance regarding the fee schedule. Options were discussed as far as a set fee for those contractors that utilize the facility frequently and an option for the contractors that do not pay an annual fee. Contractors are finding it confusing as they believed that when they registered and paid the fee that was the only fee that needed to be paid but then found out that they also have to pay a per load fee which is complicating the process as they do not hand out cash and checks daily to their drivers. Options for a bar code scanning system were discussed and the ability to have an account for each vendor to have funds deducted when they drop off which can be replenished when it gets low. After discussion it was decided that the Board would look into the options further and revisit the process in the near future in order to have a firm policy for next year.

- **Discussion:** C. Dunn asked if there is a scale at the location, being advised no there isn't.

2. Discussion on Ordinance for Coolbaugh Township pertaining to Cats and Other Domestic Animals

Ms. Kelly stated that she is presenting the Board with sample ordinances for review as there is a growing issue with cats in the community that are being left unattended. Ms. Kelly stated that there was an issue as recent as this week in APCP where a house is being inhabited by Cats and there is no owner living in the home only to come in and feed the cats and leave. Ms. Kelly asked if the Board would be interested in writing and enforcing an ordinance pertaining to this issue. Comments were heard from residents of APCP that are involved in a program to neuter cats to help stop reproduction. These members provided the Board with some documentation on this issue. Mr. Lamantia stated that in order to write and enforce an ordinance we would need to be prepared to kennel and take care of the animals. Ms. Kelly stated she does not want staff to have to go into the properties and take the animals instead she would like there to be an ordinance in place to send a Notice of Violation out to the home owners. Mr. Weimer stated that he doesn't have an issue with it but we would need commitment from AWSOM in order to even begin to think we can enforce anything. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that AWSOM is turning cats away. Ms. Kelly asked Mr. Hanna if we can determine a number of cats allowed per household



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being advised there is an ordinance pertaining to dogs but not cats, which doesn't mean there can't be one but it would have to be closely tied to the health and wellbeing of the public. Mr. Hanna stated that we would have to be totally committed to enforcing it if you are going to move on it. Mr. Weimer stated that he will ask Mr. Brady and Mr. Keane to go over to the property and check for any code violations, and Mr. Weimer and Mr. Lamantia will go meet with AWSOM to see if there is any way that they can help out with the situation.

- **Discussion:** None

3. Other Business

Nothing was heard.

4. Public Input

P. Volpe asked if there is any signage available to help resolve the issue with the bus stops as there are parents parking alongside the roads in Pocono Farms waiting for the bus in the morning. Mr. Hanna stated that there are guidelines that need to be followed and stated that Township Engineer, Russ Kresge would be able to help with clarification. Ms. Kelly stated that there was a similar issue when her children were in school as well. P. Williams stated this is an issue all over the Township and if you do for one community you will have to help everyone with a similar issue.

The Work Session ended at 6:57pm.