

COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION NOTES
September 17, 2019

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, Lynn Kelly and Alma I. Ruiz-Smith

Board Members absent:

Anthony Lamantia and Clare Colgan

Staff present:

Patrick Armstrong, Solicitor, Erin Masker, Township Secretary, Maureen Mills, Business Manager/ Controller and Tomas Keane, Dir. Codes/Zoning

Staff absent:

None

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

1. Short Range and Long Range Planning

- Capital Improvement Projects
- Future Prospective Businesses
- Equipment Purchases / Equipment Replacement
- Open Space

Mr. Weimer stated that he added this item to the work session agenda in order to discuss ideas that the Board may have for the future planning of the Township and township properties. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that security should be the top priority for Building #1 and that we should be determining what security measures are going to be put into place and obtain an estimate to accomplish them. Mr. Weimer stated that he would like to begin with the main floor and then work on the basement. Mr. Weimer stated that we still need to remediate the water issue in Building #2. Other items that were discussed for future planning were smoke alarms and parking lot paving. Mr. Weimer stated that he would like to see a White Castle, a truck stop, warehouses and office parks in the Township as well as hotels. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that she is working with a developer and the recent changes to the zoning ordinance have made some of the available properties in the Township more appealing to prospective businesses. Mr. Weimer stated that he would like to see a recreational park for ATV's, motorcycles or bikes. Mr. Weimer discussed the future need to purchase equipment and replace the 2011 Ford Escape also asking Ms. Mills to look into the grant for the Excursion stating that he would like to sell that but wants to verify that there are no requirements to fulfill for the grant that it was purchased with. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that maybe that is a vehicle that EMS or the Police would be interested in. Discussion ensued on the parks, open space properties and solar lighting. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that she inquired about the electric cost a few months ago and stated that there are grants for solar lighting available. Mr. Weimer stated that we could put the panels on the property by the municipal complex. Ms. Ruiz-Smith would like to see the township utilize and promote what we have available before investing any more money. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that there is a basketball association that would be interested in using the courts and would like to have them invited to a future work session. Mr. Weimer stated that he would like to see the Planning Commission modify the landscape ordinance that is in place as they have with the parking and the sign ordinance.

- **Discussion:** D. Broxmeier stated that many people do not want to walk on the open space properties due to the ticks and swampy areas.

2. Other Business

Nothing was heard.

3. Public Input

Nothing was heard.

Work Session ended at 6:36 pm.