

COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Weimer at 6:39 pm.

**Board Members present:**

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

**Board Members absent:**

None

**Staff present:**

Patrick Armstrong, Solicitor, Erin Masker, Township Secretary, Meredith Thompson, Business Manager and Tomas Keane, Director of Codes and Zoning

**Announcements:**

Mr. Weimer announced the following:

- We are streaming live via Zoom Video Communication App to allow the public to participate in our meeting due to the Coronavirus and the safety measures that are in place currently. He stated that comments will be accepted via email to [emasker@coolbaughtwp.org](mailto:emasker@coolbaughtwp.org) and in the chat box on Zoom.
- Public Input will be considered at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. The public will be given an opportunity to speak on each agenda matter.
- The meeting is being recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes, please remember to state your name and community or city you reside in before speaking.

**1. Public input**

D. Pope asked Ms. Kelly about a property that he would like to have looked at with Ms. Kelly stating that she will get the address and give the information to Mr. Keane.

**2. Approval of minutes / notes:**

- May 19, 2020- Regular Meeting Minutes

*Ms. Ruiz-Smith made a motion second by Ms. Colgan to approve the May 19, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented.*

- **Discussion:** None
- **Vote:** All in favor, motion passes.

**3. Electricity Auction Results/ Contract**

*Ms. Kelly made a motion second by Ms. Ruiz-Smith to accept the lowest bidder, Constellation Energy at the rate of .05510 per kwh for a term of 48 months as presented in the contract provided.*

- **Discussion:** Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that there is a discrepancy in the contract amount as the WWTP cost for electric is not included in the total cost of the contract which totals \$55,205.61, being advised by Mr. Weimer that it is listed on there with the address of 340 Municipal Drive. Ms. Kelly stated that we are getting a great rate from the auction and stated that if the Board chooses not to go ahead with this, we would have to go out for bid again and the rates may be more. Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked if there will be a fee incurred if we were to go to solar power for any of our locations prior to the end of the contract with Ms. Thompson saying that this was discussed as being a long range plan and that she would have to look into

it. Solicitor Armstrong stated that it would need to be confirmed that there are no early termination penalties for switching to solar power before the end of the 48 month contract.

Ms. Kelly amended her motion and Ms. Ruiz-Smith her second to accepting the lowest bidder, Constellation Energy at the rate of .05510 per kwh with the condition that Ms. Thompson confirm that there are no penalties for early termination if we switch to solar energy at any location.

- **Discussion:** Ms. Kelly asked that Solicitor Armstrong review the contract to ensure that there are no issues. Mr. Weimer stated that if there are any early termination penalties that we will not sign the contract and we will go out to bid again.
- **Vote:** All in favor, motion passes.

4. Current obligations

• General Fund	\$ 739,297.63
• Coolbaugh Township VFC Fire Tax	\$ 150,000.00
• Escrow	\$ 569.65
• Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 7,043.53</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 896,910.81</b>

Ms. Ruiz-Smith made a motion second by Ms. Colgan to pay our current obligations in the amount of \$896,910.81.

- **Discussion:** None.
- **Vote:** All in favor, motion passes.

5. Solicitor Armstrong Comments/Updates

Nothing was heard.

6. Other business

Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked if the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held via Zoom with Mr. Weimer stating that we are awaiting notice that we can go green. He stated that we will continue operating as we are currently until we go green. He stated that the only thing that is different is that we are offering back to back cleanups Thursday-Saturday the last two weeks of June, stating that residents will have to unload their own vehicles. Ms. Ruiz-Smith suggested having the second meeting in June via Zoom which would allow for the building to be sanitized before allowing the public in and then if in the green returning to in person meetings in July. The Board agreed.

Mr. Weimer stated that he met with our Township Engineer, Russ Kresge to review the Messer phased project and stated that he believes that they came up with a plan that will be a simple solution which will include a site plan and some paint. Messer will be before the Planning Commission at their upcoming meeting and back before the Board on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Weimer stated that there are concerns with the pavement at the NFI sit, stating that until those items are resolved and the pavement is fixed to the Township specifications, we will not consider taking over the roads. He will continue to work on having this issue resolved with Russ Kresge.

- **Discussion:** Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked where this site is, being advised by Ms. Masker that this came before the Board as Clarius Partners, LLC.

Mr. Weimer stated that there are ongoing PennDot issues with the Dunkin Donuts at the Food Express location on Route 196 as they are making them install a concrete median which hinders the flow of traffic. He stated this will be back before the Planning Commission in the near future.

Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked about the email that was received from Mr. Fulford regarding emergency repairs needed at the WWTP, being advised by Ms. Thompson that she is awaiting the quotes which have not been received yet. She stated that the trinity valve was determined to be the reason for the fuses blowing. Ms. Ruiz-Smith asked if the WWTP has been sanitized by Fulford with Mr. Weimer stating that DPW was not asked to use the fogger there to sanitize. Mr. Weimer asked Ms. Thompson to check with Mr. Fulford on the sanitizing measures that are taking place.

**Adjournment**

*There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Ruiz-Smith second by Mr. Weimer to adjourn.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, June 16, 2020, via the Zoom Video Communication App.

- Work Session/ Business Meeting – 6:00pm

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Masker, Recording Secretary

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
William Weimer, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_