

COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 7, 2021

The work session was called to order by Chairman William Weimer at 6:00pm in the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Center located at 5520 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna.

Board Members present:

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

Board Members absent:

None

Staff present:

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

Staff absent:

None

1. Discussion on Speeding Concerns on Lakeside Drive

Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that she was contacted by a constituent that lives on Lakeside Drive regarding concerns of speeding which has now resulted in a dog being hit and killed. She stated that maybe the police trailer could be placed over there to try to deter speeders. Mr. Weimer stated that Ms. Kelly mapped out the speed limits in town and stated that it is very inconsistent, ranging between 25mph and 45mph. Ms. Kelly stated that she has received a complaint about people driving 60mph in the 45mph zones. She stated that within a four-mile radius there are four different speed limits for PennDOT and one speed limit for the Township roads; only three roads within the four miles. Mr. Weimer stated that he would like to get our Township Engineer, Russell Kresge involved in this and to meet with PennDOT to try to come up with a resolution to be more consistent with the speed limits. Mr. Weimer stated that he will have DPW put up some signs where they are needed. He will also speak with Chief Wagner about the trailer and the concerns. Discussions ensued about the speed limits on each street. Ms. Colgan stated that there was a speeding accident which took someone's life. She stated that at the end of Lakeside Drive, the drivers like to speed to try to get air. Ms. Kelly would like to request a consistent 25mph speed limit throughout town.

- **Discussion:** D. Pope stated that there is speeding on Pope Road as well and asked how the police will enforce it without radar. T. Fox stated that the PA crash info tool will provide accident information going back 20 years. Ms. Fox also stated that if a traffic impact study is done in the areas discussed, there is always the chance that they say that the speed limit should be increased, so just keep that in mind when requesting this study, as it may not turn out the way that you would like. F. Whalen expressed his concerns with speeding in town and stated that speed impediments could be implemented to slow drivers down. Mr. Weimer stated that they will make it hard for snow removal during the winter. Ms. Ruiz-Smith stated that when she was on the police commission, they would put an empty car at problem locations to deter speeding, this would be an option as well. Mr. Weimer asked if a double fine zone is something that can be implemented, being advised by Solicitor Oettinger that is a possibility. J. Smith Hughes asked if speed traps are an option like in the city. Mr. Weimer stated that the technology is available; we would have to look into getting a speed box like they have in Pocono Township which would assist with this issue. He will discuss this at the upcoming police commission meeting. Another resident stated that they have grandchildren at their home and speeding is a great concern, he stated that the police could gladly use his driveway for deterring the speeding. F. Whalen stated that since there are state roads, couldn't state police patrol them as well, being advised by Mr. Weimer

that they can. Mr. Weimer also stated that the heavy traffic which includes speeding is around 3am and early morning hours when the warehouses are opening.

2. Public Comment

Nothing was heard

Work Session ended at 6:25pm