

**COOLBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
February 1, 2022**

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman William Weimer at 6:30pm.

Board Members present: William Weimer, Clare Colgan, Lynn Kelly, Alma I. Ruiz-Smith, and Joseph Rogan

Board Members absent: None

Staff present: Patrick Armstrong, Solicitor, Meredith Thompson, Business Manager, Tomas Keane, Director of Codes and Zoning

Mr. Weimer stated this public hearing is being held at the Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company located at 652 Laurel Drive, Tobyhanna to receive public comment and to consider and possibly authorize the Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company to enter into a lease agreement. The public will be given an opportunity to comment and are asked to please state your name and city or community that you reside in. This public hearing is being recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes.

1. Comments on the Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company entering into a lease purchase agreement in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$425,000.00 for one (1) Sutphen Custom Tanker in accordance with Section 147.f. of the Internal Revenue Code.

Solicitor Armstrong confirmed that the public advertisement reflected the change of location for the public hearing. He stated that the purpose of the public hearing is for the Coolbaugh Township Board of Supervisors to consider approval for the Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company to enter into lease purchase agreement not to exceed the principal aggregate amount of \$353,727.52 for one Sutphen Customer Tanker. Approval from the Board of Supervisors is required in accordance with Section 147.f. of the Internal Revenue Code.

Ms. Ruiz-Smith requested an explanation for the difference between the 'not to exceed' amount in the public advertisement and the amount reflected in the contract. Solicitor Armstrong explained that he had not received the contract amount prior to the advertisement and did not want to advertise a lower amount.

With no further comments being heard, Solicitor Armstrong closed the hearing at 6:34pm, stating that the lease agreement was included in this evening's meeting agenda for consideration by the Board of Supervisors at which point they can act on it if they choose.

Submitted by: _____ **Date:** _____
Meredith Thompson, Business Manager

Witnessed by: _____ **Date:** _____
William Weimer, Chairman