COOLSPRING TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 3,2025 7:00 PM

Members Present: Corwin Masson, Dale Bestwick, Dan Kloos and Terri Ligo Others in Attendance: 41 people signed in. Meeting was held in the rental hall.

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance

Shelley Carfolo- Solar not going away. 650-acre facility in New Vernon Twp. Current ordinance allowing in Residential and Agriculture is not acceptable. Planning Boards have recommended solar not be in R and Ag. You said you would follow the recommendations of both planning boards. They have recommended it be allowed in Commercial and Industrial only with their set of setbacks. Are we going to do what we said we would do in the beginning and follow the advice of the planning committees? Pine Twp is Industrial only. Jackson Twp has a 50-acre minimum.

Ken Struthers- Pine Twp ordinance is extremely good. They hired an outside firm to write it.

Steven Preston- It's been a year. Time to get off the pot.

Tom Rizzo- I spoke at the first and second meeting we had. I spent my entire life in the coal power industry, solar is the future but it should be regulated and in industrial and commercial sites. It's not a hobby. A solar facility drives down property value. Sunrise is gone. There is nothing attractive about a large solar field. For the betterment of the community, I really hope you vote to keep these in Industrial and commercial.

Steve Roberts- We moved into this township knowing our property would be away from commercial entities. We shouldn't be fighting the ones we hired to protect us to try to get what most of the citizens in this township wants. This can be moved to Industrial and Commercial without doing harm to anyone in this room.

Robert Crawford- I've been in the energy storage business my entire life. Those panels are not recyclable, they are going to ruin the land and property values. They belong in Industrial and Commercial and with our cloudy weather they are going to get zero energy out of these things.

Mark McEwen- Now that Trump is in, they took the tax incentive out of it. No chem trails in the air now that no USAID. They've been spraying us with chemicals to ruin our farmland.

Kim Thomas- Solar field is an eyesore. It belongs in Industrial and Commercial. Do something for us.

Mark Skidmore- The solar field that is in, are they going to be taxed as a commercial property?

Drew Shaffer- It's not going to benefit the township. I'm for Industrial and Commercial; that's it.

Shelley Carfolo- What do you think the majority of the township wants? Do you think the people in this room represent the township? The majority?

Dale asked for a motion to accept the minutes February 3, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting as presented. Cory made the motion, seconded by Dan. Passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented:

Balance	January 31, 2025	\$208,635.48
Deposits		67,945.52
Expenses		-15,183.02
Balance	February 28, 2025	\$261,397.98

Dale asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Dan seconded by Cory. Report accepted unanimously. Dale asked for a motion to pay the current bills. Cory made the motion, seconded by Dan. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Cory read letter from MCRPC that was received in the office 3/3/2025

1 building/zoning permits for February 2025 – Inground pool on Latonka Drive.

Old Business: None

<u>New Business:</u> Resolution 2025-02 -PennDOT Agility Agreement for initial 5-year period and option to extend 3 years. Cory made a motion to adopt this resolution, seconded by Dan. Motion passed unanimously.

Tri-County has offered to extend the current garbage contract for one more year. Dan made a motion to extend the current garbage contract with Tri-County Industries for 1 year; Cory seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. This extension makes the contract end date June 30, 2026.

Having nothing further to discuss, Dale asked for a motion to adjourn. Cory made the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Approved by Supervisors:

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Terri Ligo, Sec. Attest Signatures

Dale A Bestwick

Daniel C. Kloos