

MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
FOOD PROCESSING AND WATER QUALITY STEERING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MAY 04, 2023

The Food Processing And Water Quality Steering Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, May 04, 2023. Present for the meeting were: Supervisor Karen Nocella (non-voting member); Larry Tietjen, Chair; Robert F. Preston, Vice Chair; Meaghan Wright, Recording Secretary; Cyd Giovine; Amy Meravi; Peter Price; and Stephen Schur. Also present was Eugene C. Briggs, Township Manager.

**1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mr. Tietjen called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and the pledge was recited.

**2. Member Introductions.**

Each member introduced himself/herself to the group.

**3. Organization.**

**A. Consideration of Nominations and Election of Chair.**

Mr. Preston made a motion to appoint Mr. Tietjen as Chair. Mr. Schur seconded the motion. Mr. Tietjen called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

**B. Consideration of Nominations and Election of Vice Chair.**

Mr. Price made a motion to appoint Mr. Preston as Vice Chair. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. Mr. Tietjen called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

**C. Consideration of Nominations and Election of Recording Secretary.**

Ms. Giovine made a motion to appoint Ms. Wright as Recording Secretary. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. Mr. Tietjen called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

**4. New Business.**

**A. Consideration of Adopting a Mission Statement and Purpose Focused on Food Processing Residual and Water Quality Matters within the Township Consistent with Resolution Number 2023-08, Establishing this Ad Hoc Food Processing Residual and Water Quality Steering Committee.**

The Committee discussed this item and decided upon the following mission statement and purpose: To provide the Board of Supervisors with advice, guidance, and recommendations on good stewardship and the protection of potential public and private drinking water sources located within the Township; including, but not limited to, the potential for local regulation of the storage and limitations on land application of food processing residual.

Mr. Schur made a motion to approve the mission statement and purpose. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Mr. Tietjen called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

**B. Consideration of Setting a Regular Meeting Schedule Through August 10, 2023.**

The Committee discussed this item and decided to meet at 7:00 PM on the following dates: May 15, June 14, June 19, July 12, July 17, and August 09.

Mr. Price made a motion to approve meeting at 7:00 PM on May 15, June 14, June 19, July 12, July 17, and August 09. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. Mr. Tietjen called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

**C. Review of the Food Processing Residual Application Ordinance. (Added at the Meeting.)**

Mr. Tietjen made a motion to amend the agenda to begin reviewing the Food Processing Residual Application Ordinance. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. Mr. Tietjen called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

The Committee discussed notification of Ordinance to farmers, Township administration of the Ordinance, need to hire a professional to review testing results, testing process, transportation, spills/leaks, insurance by hauler/applier, and marking of minimum setbacks.

Mr. Briggs was asked to provide the Committee with a copy of the Nolt Trucking storage tank plans submitted with the Zoning Permit Application for an agricultural accessory structure.

**5. Public Comment.**

No comments were made.

**6. Adjournment.**

Mr. Schur motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 PM. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Mr. Tietjen called for a vote and the motion passed 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Meaghan Wright  
Recording Secretary