

Cranberry Township Considers Ordinance Making Township Manager Role Optional

The Board of Supervisors in Cranberry Township, Venango County, has introduced a draft ordinance that would make the position of township manager optional rather than mandatory.

Under the proposal, supervisors could decide by resolution whether to appoint a manager. If appointed, the township manager would serve at the pleasure of the Board and be selected by majority vote. The ordinance outlines qualifications and conflict-of-interest restrictions and allows supervisors to designate a temporary replacement during absences or illness. Compensation would be set annually by the Board.

The measure defines the manager's responsibilities as primarily administrative, including oversight of municipal departments, coordination of township services, handling public complaints, and recommending staffing decisions. Financial duties would include assisting with annual budget preparation, managing expenditures after budget approval, long-term fiscal planning, and overseeing purchasing and contracts.

Additional responsibilities include monitoring compliance with township agreements, submitting financial and operational reports, researching policy options, and ensuring local and state laws are enforced. The manager would also attend Board meetings and participate in discussions when requested.

The ordinance includes provisions requiring a bond for the manager and contains standard repeal and severability clauses to preserve remaining sections if any part is deemed invalid. If adopted, the ordinance would take effect immediately.

The full ordinance will be posted for review by the public at the Cranberry Township office at 3726 State Route 257, Seneca, PA 16346. *Monday - Friday 7am - 3pm*