

that are in bad shape along with an unused trailer to the auction in October. He stated that any funding from grants would be repaid from the proceeds. He also stated there was a Chevrolet police cruiser and the Dodge engine given to NPSD to be taken to auction. ON MOTION duly made (Setta), seconded (Brostoski), and carried to send the equipment to auction in October. ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Setta), and carried to accept the DPW report.

**POLICE DEPT:** Chairman Yerke read the June 2020 report. ON MOTION duly made (Setta), seconded (Kearney), and carried to accept the June 2020 Police report. Supervisor Setta asked if the State Police covered the Township when no Township officers were on duty; Supervisor Brostoski said they do.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE:** No meeting was held.

**SEO REPORT:** No report was submitted.

**SOLICITOR:** Attorney Wolff had nothing to report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:**

- The Emergency Declaration of April 22, 2020 was further extended to August 4, 2020.
- Mr. Yerke said he would contact Lackawanna College to find out who repaired their windmill so that we can have the Townships looked at as a cable is broken, and it appears a bearing may be going.
- Engineer Butler said she is half done with the Act 537 updates and will be submitting them to the Sewer Authority.
- The 2019 Audit and Financial Report was reviewed. ON MOTION duly made (Brostoski), seconded (Fells), and carried 4-1 with Supervisor Kearney objecting due to a lack of knowledge of the 2019 finances on her part, to accept the 2019 Audit and Financial Report as presented.
- ON MOTION duly made (Kearney), seconded (Fells), and carried to authorize Mr. Hein place an ad in the Lackawanna County Association of Township Officials Information Booklet.
- ON MOTION duly made (Setta), seconded (Fells), and carried to authorize extending the Emergency Disaster Declaration through Tuesday August 4, 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The potholes on Union Mill Road before the second entrance to Independence Ridge have been repaired.
- The complaint received from Kevin Cook regarding Naro Trucking was forwarded to the Zoning Officer to handle.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- WC Insurance Audit recommended formation of a safety committee. Mr. Hein stated an official committee and program would need to be implemented for six months before it could be submitted to the State for review and possible discount. He was instructed to further look into it.
- Mr. Hein stated he reviewed the franchise agreement with Comcast and found no provision for senior citizen discounts.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Lourdes Swarts submitted a proposed resolution to make Covington Township a Second Amendment Sanctuary Township. The Board agreed to review it along with Solicitor Wolff and discuss it at the July 28, 2020 Work Session. Mr. Yerke stated the Covington Township Sewer Authority waived second quarter fees.

**SUPERVISORS COMMENT:** Supervisor Kearney asked if any bids had been received on the Mansion roof. Chairman Yerke stated he had received none because the job is too small. He believes that if the front building roof and the Mansion roof are bid out together, the Township will receive bids. Supervisor Brostoski asked Chairman Yerke to contact a contractor he knows in Gouldsboro. Supervisor Kearney asked if the renters are paying anything yet because she saw activity at the dance studio. Chairman Yerke stated that the rent is to be forgiven until August.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Roz Davis asked people not to become lax on preventing the spread of COVID-19 and asked for an update from Charles Raziano on Eagle Lake. Mr. Raziano stated he was satisfied on the measures Eagle Lake was taking for social distancing and masks. Supervisor Setta said everyone must do their own part. Mark Chimelewski stated there is a lack of EMS coverage in the Township and that the Board should revisit the contract between the Volunteer Fire Company and Pennsylvania Ambulance. Mr. Yerke asked him to submit his concerns in writing and the Board would address them.

**ADJOURNMENT:** ON MOTION duly made (Kearney), seconded (Fells), and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas A. Hein, Secretary

APPROVED: August 4, 2020

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONTINUATION OF CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION OF**  
**WANDA ANDREOLI**  
**JULY 28, 2020**

*The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Tuesday July 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., at the Covington Township Pavilion Building, Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA to continue the hearing for a conditional use application of Wanda Andreoli to put a one chair beauty salon in her detached garage which was continued from June 2, 2020.*

*There were present: John Brostoski, Vice Chairman; Joseph Setta, Supervisor; William Fells, Supervisor; Melissa Kearney, Supervisor; Douglas A Hein, Secretary / Treasurer and Joel M. Wolff, Esquire. Also present were David Lamm, Building Inspector; Ronald Donati, Zoning Officer; Wanda Andreoli, applicant; and Scott Jordan, Ms. Andreoli's contractor. Thomas M. Yerke, Chairman was not present.*

*The hearing was opened with a Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Brostoski.*

*Mr. Brostoski turned the hearing over to Solicitor Wolff to begin.*

*Mr. Setta first read a statement of abstention, which included a title search on Ms. Andreoli's property, which Mr. Wolff entered into the record as Setta 1.*

*Mr. Wolff entered the Township exhibits as follows:*

- T-8 Proof of publication for public hearing in the Tri County Independent on June 25, 2020 and July 16, 2020, also posted to the Municipal Building door*
- T-9 Email notification to applicant*
- T-10 Email to applicant stating what she needs to provide to Township*
- T-11 Letter dated July 26, 2020 from SEO Gary Enslin*

*Mr. Wolff turned over the hearing to Ms. Andreoli to present her case to the Board.*

*Ms. Andreoli provided the Board with her own title search. Mr. Wolff entered this into the record as Andreoli-1 Title Search.*

*Supervisor Kearney asked if this was a Township issue or neighborhood issue. Mr. Wolff and Supervisor Setta both stated it was a neighborhood issue. Mr. Setta stated his son-in-law was almost hit by someone backing out of Ms. Andreoli's driveway a few days ago.*

*Mr. Jordan stated that the PennDOT site distances are adequate.*

*Supervisor Brostoski asked what the zoning was for her property. Mr. Wolff said it is Rural Residential.*

*Mr. Wolff stated the deed issue is for Mr. Setta as a private citizen, not as a Supervisor.*

*Mr. Wolff also stated that because it is an accessory use, approval from the Board is needed.*

*Supervisor Brostoski asked if the garage was being connected to the house; Ms. Andreoli said she was.*

*Supervisor Brostoski asked if there were any parking restrictions; Ms. Andreoli provided a HOP which Mr. Wolff entered as Andreoli-2; Ms. Andreoli also provided a new sketch plan which included driveway and parking. Mr. Wolff entered this as Andreoli-3.*

*The Board reviewed the HOP and sketch plans.*

*Supervisor Kearney stated Ms. Andreoli didn't need anything for the SEO.*

*Mr. Brostoski asked if there were any questions, problems or support.*

*Mr. Lamm., the substitute zoning officer said he reviewed the Township zoning ordinance and found only two parking spaces were needed for the house and one for every 200 square feet of commercial were needed so Ms. Andreoli would need two. Mr. Jordan stated there will be enough parking.*

*Supervisor Brostoski said Ms. Andreoli covered all that was asked at the last hearing and also understands Mr. Setta's issue.*

*Ms. Andreoli said she had an e-mail quote for the driveway but was told it was not needed for this hearing.*

*Supervisor Brostoski called a vote; Supervisor Setta abstained; motion passed 3-0-1.*

*Mr. Wolff noted there was no public present (besides Mr. Lamm and Mr. Donati) to offer any comment or objections.*

*Mr. Lamm said there was a 30-day period for appeal from the time of the vote. Mr. Wolff disagreed because it was advertised, giving the public a chance to attend. Mr. Lamm said the zoning permit has 30 days.*

*Mr. Hein was instructed to put a letter together for Ms. Andreoli stating her conditional use was approved and to make a copy of the exhibits she submitted.*

***ADJOURNMENT:** ON MOTION duly made (Kearney), seconded (Setta), and carried to adjourn the hearing at 6:08 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas A. Hein, Secretary*

*APPROVED: August 4, 2020*