

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY WORK SESSION**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly work session on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Covington Township Municipal building, Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA 18444. Vice-Chairman Peirce opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

*Present:* Vice-Chairman F. Marshall Peirce, Supervisor Wanda Andreoli, and Supervisor William Willson. Chairwoman Melissa Kearney arrived during the Planning Commission report.

*Also present:* Police Chief Jeff Lamm and Engineer Mary Lou Butler.

*Absent:* Attorney Joel Wolff.

**Agenda:** The agenda was accepted as presented.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Minutes:** The draft minutes of February 4, 2025, monthly meeting were presented to the supervisors for their review prior to next week's meeting.

**Bills:** The bills will be available at next week's monthly meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report will also be available at next week's monthly meeting.

**Administrative Actions:**

**Letters of interest for Supervisor Vacancy:** Three letters of interest were received to fill the vacancy on the supervisor board due to the resignation of Vicki Williams. Bill Beavers, Wayne Gavin, and Mac Walsh have submitted letters of interest for the vacancy. An executive session will be held on Friday at noon to discuss the appointment.

**Zoning Code Enforcement Officer:** The ZCEO's report will be available next week.

**Building Inspector:** This report will be available next week.

**Planning Commission:** The monthly report will be available next week. Mary Lou Butler was present to update the supervisors on the Wawa minor subdivision and land development project.

**Wawa Waivers:** Originally Wawa was seeking (5) waivers, but two of them were regarding the driveway (roadway) onto Bochicchio Blvd, and since there were safety concerns with this entrance, the developers have come into compliance with the ordinance for those waivers, leaving only (3) waivers remaining: (1) to permit a combined preliminary/final application (the planning commission does this anyway), (2) to permit one-foot and five-foot contours instead of two-foot contours (this is better than the ordinance requires), and finally to permit site disturbance between November and April. Mary Lou advised she did not see a problem with that and recommended approval for all (3) waivers.

**Wawa Subdivision and land development:** Mary Lou gave the supervisors an updated letter outlining the remaining contingencies and explained each one. Some of the contingencies will be addressed once the subdivision map has been approved and recorded. Other contingencies deal with outside agencies, such as DEP, PennDOT, etc. The township will have to sign off on some of the PennDOT HOP permits. Atty. Wolff will draft the developer's agreement. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the maintenance of the drainage pipes along Route 435 and the sidewalk going out to Route 435, or the possibility of installing a safe crosswalk on Bochicchio Blvd which will include lights at the crosswalk, etc. A discussion was also held regarding the updates to the traffic signals.

**Engineer:** The report will be available next week.

**Director of Public Works:** Supervisor/DPW Director Peirce advised the electrical work has been completed at the senior center. The board will need to decide what they would like to do with the old police station, i.e., rent it out or allow the seniors to have the entire building. A brief discussion ensued on the work that would need to be done, including moving the water lines that are in the ceiling of the old police department if it was to be rented out since the lines are prone to freeze in the winter months, and

installing an additional electric service to split the senior center and old police department. A decision will be made later as the police department has not completed their move yet. He also questioned what the board would like to do regarding the Moffat estate grounds, whether it be hiring a school aged kid to help Jay or get prices to sub it out. Chairwoman Kearney reminded the board that an email was received late last year regarding the condition of the playground. This is something that will need to be addressed this year also.

**Roadmaster:** No report.

**Moffat Maintenance:** No report.

**Police Department:** Chief Lamm asked for the following additions to the meeting agenda for next week: promote Officer Juan Baizan from part-time to full-time officer and hire (2) additional part-time officers, George Dobson and Brandon Long. Vice-Chairman Peirce questioned the police chief on the re-lettering of the police vehicles. Chief Lamm is receiving donations to re-letter the police vehicles and a brief discussion ensued on the different types of lettering. The new lettering on the police vehicles will not be ghosted but, upon completion, all vehicles will have matching colors. This will make the police vehicles uniform in their design. Vice-Chairman Peirce is not convinced on the re-lettering of the police vehicles.

**Recreation Committee:** The recreation committee submitted their monthly meeting minutes and an updated roster list since they approved a new member. Bill Beavers, recreation committee chair, was present and advised the new member has a lot of great ideas for the committee.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer:** No report received.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** Chairwoman Kearney advised she would like to continue the conversation on the ordinance regarding debris in township roadways. She witnessed a resident plowing snow into the roadway. Chief Lamm will look to see if there is a state law regarding this already. An ordinance will also need to be adopted to increase the supervisor's wages and Supervisor Willson questioned an ordinance for fireworks. A discussion ensued on fireworks in the township; Chief Lamm suggested imposing a noise ordinance to deter fireworks after a certain time of night. A brief discussion was held on the potential of adopting ordinances during monthly meetings as opposed to holding a special meeting for this. The advertising requirements for the adoption of an ordinance would remain the same. Chairwoman Kearney will speak with Atty. Wolff about this.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from the Jewish Community Camp advising the township they are applying for a renewal of their DEP permit. An email was also received from Sylvia Castellanos who purchased the (2) detention basins lots located in Golden Oak Estates. She is asking the board of supervisors what their intentions are for her regarding these (2) lots. Chairwoman Kearney will have Atty. Wolff review this and reply to her email.

**Supervisor Comments:** There will be a Lackawanna County Tax Collection meeting on Thursday night at the South Abington Municipal Building. Vicki was the delegate, but that position is currently vacant. There will also be a presentation of the America250 project on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Mid-Valley Elementary Center.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** The work session was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 3-4-2025  
Marshall Peirce