

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY WORK SESSION
MAY 27, 2025

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly work session on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Covington Township Municipal building, Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA 18444. Chairwoman Kearney opened the work session at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present were: Chairwoman/Secretary Melissa Kearney, Vice-Chairman/DPW Director F. Marshall Peirce (arrived late), Supervisor William Willson (arrived late), Supervisor Wanda Andreoli, Supervisor William Beavers, and Attorney Joel Wolff.

Also present: Police Chief Jeff Lamm and Building Inspector Dave Lamm.

Agenda: Accepted as presented.

Announcements: Executive session was held on May 27, 202, at 6:30pm to discuss police hiring.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Minutes: The draft minutes of the May 13, 2025, monthly meeting were given to the board for their review.

Bills: The bills will be available for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report will be available for the meeting.

Administrative Actions:

County Stormwater Management Plan Phase I: Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney advised she spoke with Mary Liz Donato and Mark Cordelli of the county regarding the letter we received. The township was a part of this plan approximately 20 years ago and Mary Liz is tasked with getting all municipalities within the county to join once again. The Phase I plan is simply to estimate the cost of a county stormwater management plan, and it may end up being too cost prohibitive to move forward, but by signing the agreement, it allows the county to move forward.

Northeast Signal and Electric, 2025 preventative maintenance estimates: A new estimate was received in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2025 preventative maintenance of the traffic signals. We previously received an estimate in the amount of \$39,385.91 for the 2024 preventative maintenance repair estimate.

Service agreement renewal for shredder: This is a maintenance service agreement for a term of (1) year for the Intimus commercial shredder at the recycling center. The cost of the agreement is \$1,539.98.

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: This report will be available for the meeting.

Building Inspector: Dave Lamm will advise of the state's adoption of the 2021 Building Code at the meeting.

Planning Commission: This report will be available for the meeting.

Engineer: The report will be available for the meeting.

Solicitor: A discussion was held regarding the proposed draft ordinance for the new DCET (data center) zone. Atty. Wolff, along with the assistance of the supervisors, is working on a draft ordinance and will provide the board with the draft once it is complete. The public hearing date will be set once the draft ordinance is proposed.

Director of Public Works: Kosinski Road is almost ready for paving, but Havenstrite Lane is still a work in progress. Due to the rain, the road is still being worked on. There have been a few dead birds in the meeting room at the mansion. Marshall asked Dave Lamm if the chimney can be capped to keep the birds out since the fireplace is not used.

Roadmaster: The report will be available for the meeting.

Moffat Maintenance: No report.

Police Department: Chief Lamm asked to have taser certification added to the agenda for approval. Officer Grube is the taser instructor and the fee for the class is \$895.00 for a 2-year certification. A brief discussion was held on re-painting the lines at the intersection of Routes 502 and 435 and asking Mr. Bill Bracey to repaint the lines in the ShopRite Plaza parking lot since there were a few accidents in the parking lot over the Memorial Day weekend.

Recreation Committee: The report will be available for the meeting.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: No report.

New Business:

Savvy Citizen communication services: A flyer was provided to the supervisors to assist with getting information out to the residents of the township via text messages, push notifications, and/or e-mails, instead of the newsletters. Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney advised she looked into a program last year that would send text messages to any township resident who signs up for the service to inform them of upcoming and emergent events within the township. Due to the cost of that service, it was tabled, but at this year's PSATS conference, she spoke with a different vendor who offers a service similar to the previous one, at a fraction of the cost. There would be no cost for the residents. She would like the supervisors to consider this service, and she will gather additional information for a future meeting.

Old Business:

Sewer Enforcement Officer and Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: Dave Lamereaux, current SEO working for KBA Engineering, is willing to work for Covington Township for an hourly rate of \$52 per hour. The sample ordinance provided with sewer fees will cover the township and SEO fees if the township would like to adopt a new fee schedule for the septic fees. Joe Lorince, the current zoning code enforcement officer working for KBA Engineering, is also willing to work for Covington Township for an hourly fee of \$40 per hour.

Correspondence: An invitation has been received from the county council of governments (COG) to their annual convention.

Supervisor Comments: The North Pocono Comprehensive Planning Association has created a website. The dates for the potential adoption of the (2) ordinances, debris in township roadways and supervisor compensation, will be advertised in the paper for the July 1, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: The work session was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 6.3.25

