

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**JUNE 3, 2025**

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 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 meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Also present: Police Chief Jeff Lamm, Building Inspector Dave Lamm, and Roadmaster Arthur Alt, Jr.

Absent: Supervisor William Willson

**Agenda:** ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Peirce) and carried (3-0) to approve the agenda as presented.

**Announcements:** Chairwoman Kearney announced the only item being discussed regarding the data center will be the date of the public hearing to amend the zoning ordinance. All questions asked should relate to the public hearing date only. Questions regarding the data center itself can be asked at the public hearing. She also advised that public comments would be limited to 3 minutes.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (3-0) to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 monthly meeting and the May 27, 2025 work session.

**Bills:** ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (3-0) to pay the bills as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report showed balances of \$509,205.09 in the General Checking account; \$779.46 in the payroll account; \$1,401,138.34 in the Investment account; \$12,375.66 in the capital funds account; and \$345.85 in the petty cash account. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to approve the Treasurer's report.

**Administrative Actions:**

**County Stormwater management plan phase I:** The county is asking the township to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to participate in the development of a county-wide stormwater management plan for Lackawanna County. There is no cost to the township for participation in the county plan. A representative from the township will also need to be appointed. Vice-Chairman Peirce commented that he is good with the township signing the MOA, however the township is not going to pay for the problems with Scranton's ability to pay for their stormwater (sewer) issues. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Peirce) and carried (4-0) to sign the MOA and appoint Supervisor Willson as the representative for the township.

**Northeast Signal & Electric Co, estimates received:** ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to approve the estimate from Northeast Signal & Electric Co. in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2025 preventative maintenance of the traffic signals. The estimate for the 2024 preventative repair maintenance in the amount of \$39,385.91 has been tabled.

**Service Level Agreement renewal:** ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to approve the estimate from Whittaker Brothers Business Machines in the amount of \$1,539.98 for a 1-year service agreement on the Intimus shredder.

**Resignation of J. Baizan as a full-time officer:** ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to accept the resignation from Juan Baizan as a full-time officer. Officer Baizan will remain as a part-time officer with the township. His last day for his full-time position will be June 6, 2025.

**Advertise for a Full-time officer:** A brief discussion was held on replacing Officer Baizan's full-time position. Chief Lamm has advised he will advertise on Facebook and Indeed, so there will be no monies spent on the advertising for a full-time officer.

**Savvy Citizen Resident Notification System:** This is a program that will enable township residents to sign up for push notifications, text messages, or emails from the township to alert them of upcoming events, emergencies, etc. This program will take the place of the newsletter. The cost of this program is \$1,419 per year with an additional cost of \$240 per year for plugins (items published on the website will be sent directly to the residents). There is a discount if paid yearly instead of monthly. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (3-0) to approve Savvy Citizen with the plugin add-on, paid yearly. Vice-Chairman Peirce opposed the motion.

**Zoning Code Enforcement Officer:** The Zoning Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report included issuing 14 permits in Eagle Lake, 3 sign permits, and 1 zoning permit. He also reported he spoke with the magistrate regarding 2 properties, he spoke with a few residents regarding projects at their home and clean-ups. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to accept the zoning code enforcement officers monthly report.

**Building Inspector:** Dave Lamm reported he issued 2 permits; 1 for a Generac generator and 1 for a storage shed. He also reported the 2021 family of building codes is set to be enacted on July 13, 2025. ON MOTION, duly made (Kearney), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to accept the building inspectors monthly report.

**Planning Commission:** The planning commission held their monthly meeting on May 21, 2025. At their monthly meeting, George Parker was present to discuss the 2 projects he is currently working on: Nammo Pocal and Wyckoff subdivision. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Peirce) and carried (4-0) to accept the planning commission's monthly report.

**Engineer:** Mary Lou Butler advised she received the bond and insurance from Wayco, Inc. (low bidder) for the Havenstrite Road project. She also questioned what road the board would like to apply for with the multi-modal grant. Since Union Mill has not been awarded in the past, we will apply for this road once again. This will be voted on at next month's meeting. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Kearney) and carried (4-0) to accept the engineer's monthly report.

**Solicitor:** Atty. Wolff spoke on the application for a public hearing to change zoning to allow data centers and the 2025 Bochicchio Covington LLC (Wawa) project. He advised the 2025 Bochicchio Covington project is moving forward, and the developer's agreement will be forthcoming soon. Regarding the public hearing application, Chairwoman Kearney advised the previously discussed tentative date of July 17, 2025, will not work, as the draft ordinance has not been completed at this time. She commented that the board and Atty. Wolff are doing their due diligence to research this type of project in drafting the ordinance. A brief discussion was held on holding the public hearing on July 24, 2025, at 6:00pm. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Peirce) and carried to advertise the public hearing date of Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 6:00pm for the public hearing application for a change in zoning. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Peirce) and carried (4-0) to accept the solicitor's monthly report.

**Director of Public Works:** Nothing to report.

**Roadmaster:** Art Alt reported on spring clean-up, road projects, and assisting with Estate maintenance while Jay was on vacation. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) the Roadmaster's monthly report.

**Moffat Maintenance:** The groundskeeper for the estate is looking to purchase a Stihl weed trimmer with attachments. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to allow the purchase of a Stihl weed trimmer with attachments up to \$1,000. Pictures of the repairs to the stone wall were given to the board.

**Police Department:** Chief Lamm reviewed the monthly police report which included 372 service calls. The service calls included: 11 arrests; 75 traffic citations; 53 traffic warnings; 3 non-traffic citations; and 19 parking citations. The department patrolled 5,758 miles for the month. Chief Lamm also asked the board to approve Officer Grube to attend a 2-day taser certification class in the amount of \$895.00. This certification will allow Officer Grube to certify the officers in taser use (a requirement). ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to allow Officer Grube to attend the training. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to approve the police department's monthly report.

**Recreation Committee:** Nothing to report.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer:** No report.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**Correspondence:**

**Invitation to the County COG convention:** An invitation was received from the County Council of Governments regarding their annual convention. Any interested party should inform the secretary.

**Eagle Scout project:** An email has been received from Adam Lesak regarding an Eagle Scout project at the Estate grounds. A recent Eagle Scout project is currently underway by Josh Zielinski. Josh has placed mulch in the playground and will be refinishing the picnic tables once the weather permits. Adam's project speaks of birdhouses and renovating and improving a portion of the estate. We will invite Adam to meet with the supervisors to discuss his project further.

**Supervisor Comments:** The North Pocono Comprehensive Planning Association has created a website, [www.northpoconoplan.com](http://www.northpoconoplan.com). Residents can view the progress of the North Pocono comprehensive plan on this site.

**Public Comment:** June Ejik of Clifton Township asked if the Covington Township board of supervisors received a validity challenge for not having a data center ordinance in place. She stated that Clifton Township did receive a validity challenge. Celia Burnett, a resident of Covington Township, asked if the new ordinance can be made public and if changes can be made to the proposed ordinance. A brief discussion was held about the procedure of the public hearing, public comment period and the acreage affected by the zone change.

**Adjournment:** ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 7-1-25

