

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY WORK SESSION
JUNE 24, 2025**

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly work session on Tuesday, June 24, 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, Supervisor William Willson, Supervisor William Beavers, and Attorney Joel Wolff.

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

Absent: Supervisor Wanda Andreoli

Agenda: Accepted as presented.

Announcements: None.

Public Comment: Adam Lesak presented his Eagle Scout project requesting permission to build and place (8) bird houses with landscaping around the playground and pond. He will do fundraising for the materials needed and will have volunteers assist him with the project. He is hoping to start the project in August with permission from the supervisors. After a brief discussion, the supervisors granted permission to Adam for his Eagle Scout project. Bennett O'Donnell was present to question the data center. It was advised the only item being discussed about the data center this evening would be an update on the zoning ordinance. Atty. Wolff explained the public hearing for the zone change only would be held on July 24, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Wendy Barton Bolognesi questioned whether any additional correspondence had been received by the developers of the data center because they hadn't received anything.

Minutes: The draft minutes of the June 3, 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:

Ordinance #2025-01 ~ Setting Supervisor Compensation: This ordinance has been advertised and will be considered for adoption at the July meeting. This increase is regulated by the State and would only apply to newly elected supervisors.

Ordinance #2025-02 ~ Prohibiting Building and/or Landscaping Materials in Township Roadways: This ordinance has been advertised and will be considered for adoption during the July meeting. This ordinance is for snow, grass clippings, etc.

Resolution #2025-09 ~ Fee for Amendment of Zoning Ordinance for Data Centers, Data Center Campuses, and Related Power Generation and Storage Uses: Atty. Wolff spoke briefly on the need for zoning for a data center and accompanying fees for this. This resolution will be considered for adoption at the July meeting.

Repository Tax Sale: A bid in the amount of \$1,500 has been received from Yani Callahan for the purchase of Delbert Dr. CC-91 through the County Tax Claim bureau for the repository sale of this property.

Light tower donation to the Fire Co.: Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce spoke briefly about the possibility of donating the four township light towers to the Fire Co. The light towers are primarily used by the Fire Co., except for the track team who use them once in the spring and this year the Lion's Club has asked to use them for their fireworks extravaganza. By donating them to the Fire Co., they will be able to store and maintain them, especially since the township does not use them. If the fire company accepts the donation of the light towers, we will ask that they allow the track team to use the light towers in the Spring.

Paper Shredding quotes received: Two quotes have been received for paper shredding for both on site and off site shredding. If the shredding is done offsite, we will receive documentation stating the

shredding has been completed. The quotes were received from All-Shred and Purple Paper Eaters. The shredding will be for the documents remaining at the old police station and the documents that are stored on the back porch of the mansion. All-Shred's quote was \$75 for off-site and \$95 for on-site for a 64-gallon wheeled container. The Purple Paper Eaters quote was \$75 for on-site shredding of each 65-gallon bin.

County Convention Ad book: Approval will be needed to approve the ad for the County COG Convention being held in August. We normally do a half-page ad which costs \$50.00.

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

Building Inspector: The report will be available for the meeting.

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

Engineer: The application for the multi-modal grant will be prepared and will require approval at the meeting.

Solicitor: The draft ordinance for the data center zoning has been completed and will be heard at the public hearing on July 24, 2025. Chairwoman Kearney thanked Atty. Wolff for his hard work and commended him on a great job with the ordinance.

Director of Public Works: Nothing at this time.

Roadmaster: The report will be available for the meeting.

Moffat Maintenance: No report.

Police Department: Chief Lamm received a quote for re-painting speed timing lines since they will be gone once the tar and chipping is complete. The quote was received from B&E's Sealcoating in the amount of \$3,250.00. He is requesting that Officer Grube be allowed to attend training to become a trainer for OC spray, handcuffing, baton, and defensive tactics for our in-house training. This certification would be good for three years and would allow Officer Grube to train our officers (which would save the township money) and officers of other departments for a fee. The training will be held in Coatesville so meals and hotel will be needed. The cost of the training will be \$925, so the Chief is anticipating a total cost of \$1,600. Chief Lamm also advised he needs to order new citation books and feels the board should increase the fines for parking since they have not been addressed since 2010. He made recommendations to the supervisors and asked that they create a fee schedule for ordinance violations also. Chairwoman Kearney reported the painter is hoping to paint the exterior of the police station sometime in late July, weather permitting.

Recreation Committee: Supervisor Beavers commented on the water issues in the pavilion during humid temperatures. He has researched floor dryers and commercial dehumidifiers to help with drying the floors when they are wet. The floor dryers are around \$120 each (he is requesting three) and the commercial dehumidifiers are around \$600 each (he is recommending two). The Recreation Committee is working on a Touch-a-Truck event. He will be asking for a budget for the fishing derby in the amount of \$2,000. Chairwoman Kearney told him there are prizes at the mansion that were found during the move of the police station and that the recreation committee should seek donations from local businesses to assist with the cost of the event.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: A sample resolution has been given to the supervisors with new fees for an SEO, in the event we should hire a private individual instead of a company. Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney advised she spoke with Scott Township about the fees they receive to be sure they covered the costs, and she was told it was a wash. Scott Township uses KBA Engineering. A resolution will have to be adopted to address the fee schedule if it should be changed.

New Business: None.

Old Business:

Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney advised the township was awarded \$5,000 from the Community Re-Invest Grant, which was applied for to offset the cost of the painting the police station. The funds need to be used by June 4, 2026.

Correspondence: A letter was received from St. Mary's Villa requesting sponsorship of their golf tournament. Chairwoman Kearney feels we should not use taxpayer money for sponsorships like this.

Supervisor Comments: Supervisor Willson commented the RTK's have quieted down.

Public Comment: Bennett O'Donnell asked for additional information regarding the Fishing Derby. Supervisor Beavers explained the derby. Wendy Barton Bolognesi commented on the Touch-a-Truck event. Mr. O'Donnell also questioned whether the proposed zoning ordinance will be adopted at the public hearing and if he would be able to get a copy of the ordinance prior to the hearing. Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney advised the ordinance will be posted to the township website tomorrow.

Adjournment: The work session was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 7-1-25
