

RESOLUTION 2026-02

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COVINGTON TOWNSHIP, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO PERMIT AND REGULATE PUBLIC COMMENT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Any member of the public who wishes to comment at meetings of the Board of Supervisors shall be afforded such right or privilege consistent with the following regulations for the conduct of the meeting and maintenance of order:

1. Persons shall note their intent to speak on sign-in sheet prior to meeting commencement.
2. Comments may be limited to Residents/Taxpayers of Covington Township, Lackawanna County only.
3. Persons making comment shall state his or her name and address and the specific subject of the comment.
4. Comments shall be limited to agenda items only during the 1st comment period, unless permitted by the Board of Supervisors.
5. Oral comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per topic, unless extended by the Chairperson to allow reasonable opportunity to comment.
6. Persons shall abide by the directive of the Chairperson with respect to maintenance or order and conduct of the meeting.
7. All comments shall be made in a respectful manner without obscenity or threat.
8. All comments shall be directed to the presiding officer who may or may not refer them to another Supervisor for comment. The presiding officer may rule out-of-order scandalous, impertinent and redundant comments, or comments for discernible purpose or effect of which is to disrupt the proceedings of the meeting.
9. If the presiding officer determines that there is not sufficient time at a meeting for Residents/Taxpayers of the Township to comment, the Supervisor may defer the comment period to the next regular meeting or to a special meeting occurring in advance of the next regular meeting. Except as otherwise precluded by law, such deferral does not preclude the Supervisors from officially deliberating or acting upon matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Supervisors.
10. All video recording equipment shall be stationed in the rear of the meeting room or along the wall or other such location so as not to obstruct the view of any audience member.
11. Supplementary lighting devices shall not be used.

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12. Audio and stenographic recording devices shall be operated in the general public seating area and may not be placed on the Supervisors' table without prior consent of the presiding officer of the meeting.
13. Those using audio and/or video recording equipment must refrain from moving about the room with the equipment during the meeting.

THIS RESOLUTION was read and approved by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Covington, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania at the public meeting of January 5, 2026.

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Attest: Melissa Kearney, Secretary