

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2026**

*The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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 F. Marshall Peirce, Supervisor Wanda Andreoli (arrived during public comment), Supervisor William Beavers, and Attorney Joel Wolff.*

*Also present were: Building Inspector David Lamm, Engineer Mary Lou Butler, and Police Chief Jeff Lamm.*

*Absent: Supervisor William Willson*

**Agenda:** *ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to accept the agenda as presented.*

**Announcements:** *An executive session was held on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:15pm to discuss potential litigation.*

**Public Comment:** *Anthony Maras, attorney/developer for 1778 Rich Pike, along with three (3) others, were present to address the board. He apologized to the board for not informing them of the settlement agreement they were discussing with Clifton Township (Clifton Township ultimately accepted the agreement on Jan. 2, 2026). Mr. Maras explained a new end user came into play late in November and due to the pending litigation between the developer and Clifton Township, he could not discuss the details of the agreement. He advised he is willing to enter an agreement with our township with similar restrictions to Clifton's agreement. A lengthy discussion ensued, with all supervisors asking questions, and Atty. Wolff asking when the application and plans would be submitted..*

**Minutes:** *ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Peirce) and carried (4-0) to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2025, Rohrer Bus Co. conditional use hearing; December 2, 2025, Tramdock Property conditional use hearing; December 2, 2025, monthly meeting; December 17, 2025, special meeting; and January 5, 2026, reorganization meeting as presented.*

**Bills:** *ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Peirce) and carried (4-0) to pay the bills as presented.*

**Treasurer's Report:** *Vice-Chairman Peirce questioned the (2) deposits in December for the Occhipinti Dance Studio. Chairwoman Kearney advised they were for 2 months of rent (December and January), advising the tenant is current on all rent and utility payments. The treasurer's reports were available for the public's review. The treasurer's reports included the following:*

*General Checking account: \$70,089.98*

*Payroll Checking account: \$4,259.48*

*PLGIT General Investment account: \$1,350,000.00*

*State Fund account: \$163,685.53*

*The total for all accounts is: \$1,588,034.99. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.*

**Consent Agenda:** *Chairwoman Kearney explained the board will be utilizing a consent agenda this year: all department reports will be given to the board in their packets, so each individual report will not need to be read. One (1) motion will be made to accept the monthly reports as presented to the board. Any items needing further discussion or motion(s) will be addressed under Administrative Actions. The reports of the zoning code enforcement officer, building inspector, engineer, roadmaster, and police department were presented.*

**Engineer:** *Mary Lou advised she was informed that we may not receive the low volume road grant (Glen Meadows) this year due to funding. We will re-apply for this grant next year.*

**DPW Director:** Vice-Chairman Peirce advised the board was invited to the grand opening of the Peoples Security Bank which will be held on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm.

**Roadmaster:** The roadmaster's report reported the 1997 Mack truck was sold. Chairwoman Kearney reported that at a previous meeting, the board approved selling the truck on Municibid, but unfortunately, it did not reach the reserve amount. The board approved the sale of the truck to the highest bidder and Municibid reached out, but the bidder did not get in touch with them in time, so it expired. The bidder then reached out to the township a few days later and purchased the truck for the approved amount of \$12,500.00.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT MONTHLY REPORTS:** ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to accept the monthly reports as presented to the board.

**Administrative Actions:**

**Approval of financial release for Peoples Security Bank:** Mary Lou Butler recommends releasing the financial guarantee for the project site work upon completion of the following (2) items: (1) an as-built plan of the stormwater system be submitted to the board of supervisors, and (2) installation of a Do Not Enter sign to the Southeast of the drive through. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to release the financial guarantee for the Peoples Security Bank upon confirmation of the (2) items being completed.

**Extension letter ~ Multimodal grant:** An extension letter was drafted in the event the township should need to postpone utilizing the Multimodal grant. This grant was awarded for A.M. Hughes Blvd. Mary Lou advised the supervisors to submit a letter asking for an extension to protect the grant and she advised that the grant can still be utilized this year. She will reach out to a guardrail company to discuss options for the guardrail portion of the project. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to send the extension letter.

**Approve Atty. Wolff to his enter appearance for (11) tax appeals:** Tax appeals were received from F&L Realty (9), D&L Realty (1), and Louis DeNaples (1). ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to allow Atty. Wolff to enter his appearance in all (11) tax appeals.

**Purchase 2026 F600:** Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce asked Mike Schank to look, into the costs of a new dump truck for the DPW department. Quotes were received from (2) costars vendors (Hondru Ford and Tasca Ford) for the chassis and (3) costars suppliers for the build-out. A brief discussion ensued with Mike reviewing the specs for the Hondru Ford pickup truck and stainless-steel dump body and plow from Powells Service. Vice-Chairman Peirce mentioned we budgeted \$135,000 for capital purchases this year, with the estimated cost of this truck being \$130,000. ON THE QUESTION, Chairwoman Kearney asked if this truck would replace another truck or just be added to our fleet. The truck used at the Moffat for maintenance may not be able to pass inspection next year. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to approve the purchase of the Ford F600 pick up with stainless-steel dump body and upfitting with a cost not to exceed \$135,000.

**Police services contract (Eagle Lake):** Police Chief Lamm supplied the board with the new police services contract for Eagle Lake. He explained Eagle Lake will pay \$75/hour for a police officer and car in the lake, but in raising the hourly rate, they cut the hours for police services. A brief discussion ensued. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Kearney) and carried (4-0) to approve the contract with Eagle Lake for police services.

**Advertise 2026 monthly meetings:** ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to approve the advertisement of the 2026 monthly meetings.

**Resolution #2026-03:** Atty. Wolff read Resolution #2026-03, a resolution of the board of supervisors of Covington Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania authorizing payment of certain operating disbursements that may become due and payable prior to board of supervisors' official review and approval. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Kearney) and carried (4-0) to approve Resolution #2026-03, a resolution of the board of supervisors of Covington Township, Lackawanna

County, Pennsylvania authorizing payment of certain operating disbursements that may become due and payable prior to board of supervisors' official review and approval.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from the Covington Township Police Department, namely Officer Zegarski, complimenting the road department, namely Justin Musgrave, for his assistance at a recent EMS call. Officer Zegarski responded to the EMS call on a private road in the township and noticed very icy conditions. He contacted Comm-Center to have them alert the ambulance of the icy conditions. Minutes later, Justin was there putting down cinders on the roadway so the ambulance, and its crew, would be able to assist the patient without worry of the icy conditions. Officer Zegarski commented that Justin contacted him after placing the initial cinders down and stated that he would be in the area in the event additional cinders were needed.

Also, a flyer was also received regarding the America's 250PA's Lackawanna County Kickoff Event which will take place at the Lackawanna County Courthouse on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30pm. Reservations are requested.

**Supervisor Comments:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** ON MOTION duly made (Kearney) seconded (Peirce) and carried (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 2-3-20

