

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY WORK SESSION
JANUARY 27, 2026

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly work session on Tuesday, January 27, 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 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 Wanda Andreoli, 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: There were no changes to the presented agenda.

Announcements: No announcements.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Minutes: The draft minutes of the January 6, 2026, monthly meeting were presented to the supervisors for their review.

Bills: The bills will be presented at the meeting next week.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report will be presented at the meeting next week.

Consent Agenda: The monthly reports will be presented to the board for next week's meeting. Chairwoman Kearney advised the zoning code enforcement officer did receive a zoning permit application for the data center. He is currently reviewing the plans, but it is very preliminary so there will be no reporting on this for quite some time. The planning commission and board of auditor's reorganization (draft) meeting minutes were presented to the board for their review.

Engineer: Mary Lou advised she submitted a request to extend the AM Hughes Blvd grant, but we have not heard anything yet. Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce asked to have a meeting with Mary Lou to discuss the 2 road projects we would like to do with the grants we received (mentioned under new business).

DPW Director: Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce advised the Freightliner truck we ordered last year is currently at Bradco Supply being upfitted and is near completion.

Police Department: Police Chief Lamm reported our new police car will be in service within the next 2 weeks. He also reported that the pipes are frozen in the police station, so he will speak with Jay about getting heat in the basement.

Recreation Committee: The minutes will be presented to the supervisors for next week's meeting. Chairwoman Kearney spoke about a \$1,000 grant the county is giving out to all municipalities for the America 250 celebration. Supervisor Beavers will give thought to a project or event for this project. She also questioned the status of the gun raffle. The recreation committee is going to sell tickets at Shoprite when the weather gets a little warmer. Supervisor Beavers also commented on Brian Shaffer's (North Pocono Historical Society) request to the township to allow him to place a GMRS radio "repeater" on the windmill. The consensus of the board is that the windmill has been leased to the county so Brian will need to speak with the county about this.

Administrative Actions:

Adjust IRS mileage rate for 2026: The IRS rate previously set at the reorganization meeting was incorrect, the new rate is \$.72.5 cents per mile. This will be addressed at the monthly meeting.

Springbrook Township Recycling Request: A letter was received from Springbrook Township asking if we would credit Springbrook Township with 1 or 2 loads of recycling at the county recycling center. Springbrook currently takes residential yard waste, etc. to the county recycling center for no charge, however, the county wants to begin charging Springbrook for the yard waste unless they can show that they take recycling to the center. Since we allow residents of Springbrook to recycle at our

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center, and Springbrook pays us a monthly fee for recycling, there should be no problem with crediting them at the county recycling center for a load or two of recyclables. This will be decided at the meeting next week.

New Business: An LSA grant has been received in the amount of \$200,00.00 for Center Street and a Multi Modal grant in the amount of \$349,384.00 has been received for Union Mill Road. Both projects will be discussed at the meeting next week. Chairwoman Kearney thanked Mary Lou for her work on these 2 grants. Mary Lou also reported we still have 1 grant outstanding for Center Street, so there is a chance that we may get more money for Center Street. We may want to speak with Moscow Borough to see if they would like to re-do their section of Union Mill Road.

Old Business: None.

Correspondence: A voicemail was received from a resident of Covington Township complimenting the road crew on keeping the roads in great shape during the snowstorm on Sunday.

Supervisor Comments: Chairwoman Kearney apologized to the supervisors for not inviting them to the Fire Company installation dinner held this past Saturday. She serves as the secretary for the Fire Co. ladies auxiliary and forgot to send a letter to invite them. Vice-Chairman Peirce commented on a chimney fire the fire company responded to earlier in the day. He advised because the fire company has a tower/ladder truck, no firemen needed to get on the roof which had more than a foot of snow on it. By having the ladder truck, firefighters were able to put the fire out without additional risk to the firefighters.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: The work session adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 2-3-26

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