

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 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 William Willson, Supervisor Wanda Andreoli, Supervisor William Beavers, and Attorney Joel Wolff.

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

**Agenda:** ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (5-0) to accept the agenda as presented.

**Announcements:** An executive session was held earlier this evening at 6:30pm to discuss legal matters.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to accept the minutes of January 6, 2026, monthly meeting; January 27, 2026, public hearing where Ordinance #2026-01 was adopted regarding a zone change for the industrial park; and January 27, 2026, work session as presented. Supervisor Willson did not vote because he was not present at any of the meetings.

**Bills:** In addition to the bill list, there are 2 additional bills to be added to the bill list. One bill was from Sherwood Truck; the amount of the bill was \$264.39 and is from September for back-ordered items that were never properly billed. The second bill is from ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute), in the amount of \$700.00. This invoice is for the zoning office mapping system and was originally sent in October to an email address that is no longer active. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson) seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to pay the bills on the bill list along with the 2 additional bills.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chairwoman Kearney is questioning a deposit of \$71,943.30 under building permits. She will check with the treasurer tomorrow for clarification. Vice-chairman Peirce questioned a police deposit shown under the North Pocono School district, asking what it was for since we no longer have a contract with the district. Chief Lamm reported it was not for the school district but for the wrestling team. The treasurer reports were available for the public's review. Vice-Chairman Peirce also questioned there not being any rent payments reflected on the report. Chairwoman/secretary Kearney advised the tenant is current on her rent, payment for January may have been made in December. The treasurer's reports included the following balances:

General Checking account: \$67,597.97

Payroll Checking account: \$6,901.33

PLGIT General Investment account: \$1,354,413.59

State Fund account: \$164,194.86

The total for all accounts is: \$1,593,107.75. A motion was tabled to accept the treasurer's reports until clarification could be received from the treasurer on the deposit.

**Consent Agenda:** Chairwoman Kearney reviewed the list of departments, and all reports were presented to the board of supervisors for their review.

**Zoning Code Enforcement Officer:** No report.

**Building Inspector:** One permit was issued for an EV charging station at Shoprite.

**Planning Commission:** The planning commission submitted their re-organization meeting report.

**Engineer:** The engineer submitted her report.

**Solicitor:** Nothing to report.

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

**Roadmaster:** Nothing to report.

**Moffat Maintenance:** Regarding the leak in the meeting room above the flag, the plumber was here and determined that it might be coming from the roof. This will need to be looked at further.

**Police Department:** Chief Lamm reviewed the monthly report which included 313 total service calls; 3 arrests; 27 traffic citations; 20 traffic warnings; and 10 parking citations. The police officers are now utilizing body worn cameras, and the new police cruiser will be in service within the week. The website has been updated to include the right to know information regarding the body worn police cameras.

**Recreation Committee:** Monthly meeting minutes have been submitted.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer:** No report.

**Auditors meeting minutes:** The auditors have submitted their reorganization minutes.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT MONTHLY REPORTS:** ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to accept the monthly reports as presented to the board.

**Administrative Actions:**

**Increase mileage reimbursement:** At the re-organization meeting, the mileage reimbursement amount was set at 68 cents per mile following the IRS guidelines, however, the 2026 IRS mileage reimbursement guidelines are 72.5 cents per mile. ON MOTION, duly made (Kearney), seconded (Peirce) and carried (5-0) to increase the mileage reimbursement to 72.5 cents per mile following the IRS guidelines.

**Spring Brook Township recycling request:** A letter was received from Spring Brook Township Supervisors asking for credit of recyclables that are taken to the Lackawanna County Recycling Center. They have been notified by the county recycling center that they will begin being charged for yard waste, etc. that is taken to the center because they do not take recycling there. Since we offer recycling to the residents of Spring Brook, and Spring Brook pays us \$500.00 a month for this service, it is only fair that we give credit to Spring Brook for recycling. A brief discussion ensued on the number of loads that will be credited to Spring Brook per month. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to credit Spring Brook Township with recycling at the county center. Chairwoman/secretary Kearney will draft a letter and send it to Spring Brook.

**Repository Sale of Big Bass Lake property:** ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Kearney) and carried (5-0) to authorize the sale of property, CC-92 Delbert Drive in Big Bass Lake, in the amount of \$2,060.00 to GRV Group LLC in the repository sale.

**New Business:**

**Grant received Center Street:** A grant has been received in the amount of \$200,000 for repairs to Center Street. Thanks to Mary Lou Butler for her work on this grant. She advised there is one more grant outstanding for Center Street, so more money may be awarded.

**Grant received Union Mill Road:** A grant has been received in the amount of \$349,384 for paving Union Mill Road. Thanks again to Mary Lou Butler for her work on this grant. She will begin working on the bid advertisement for this project.

**Grant received for America250 PA Celebration:** Supervisor Bill Beavers submitted a grant application for the America250 PA celebration. This grant is in the amount of \$1,000 and will need to go towards something patriotic to help celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Supervisor Beavers suggested putting a take a book/leave a book box at the pavilion and placing a celebratory plaque on the box and holding a dedication ceremony. Chairwoman Kearney suggested putting a float in the fire company parade in July and donating the remaining grant monies to the fire company to put towards their fireworks celebration. Maybe they could have fireworks depicting a flag in honor of the celebration. Supervisor Beavers will take all suggestions to the recreation committee.

**Treasurer's resignation:** Although we have not received a formal resignation letter from the treasurer, he has advised that he is resigning but will stay on until a replacement is found. This has been advertised and (4) resumes have been received. Interviews will be scheduled.

**Old Business:** An estimate has been received (today) for the new electrical service at the old police station. The estimate is from Swartz Electric in the amount of \$6,350.00. Vice-Chairman Peirce questioned the status of the tax collectors request to receive 100% of the tax certificates. This will be discussed at next month's meeting.

**Correspondence:** A voicemail was received complimenting the road department on their work during the recent snowstorm. Peoples Security Bank is questioning the status of the release of the bond. Mary Lou had 2 outstanding items that needed to be addressed. The stormwater issue has been addressed, and the only remaining item is placing a "Do Not Enter" sign near the drive thru. A brief discussion ensued and the board advised the release can be given (approved at a previous meeting) with a reminder being issued for the "Do Not Enter" sign.

**Supervisor Comments:** Vice-Chairman Peirce advised we need a design for the lettering of the new Freightliner truck which will be delivered by the end of the month. Chairwoman Kearney welcomed Supervisor Willson back after his recent health emergency. Supervisor Willson spoke briefly about his recent medical issues.

**Public Comment:** Mark Cordelli of Lackawanna County spoke on the upcoming events within Lackawanna County. He also spoke of a new program being offered by the county, from the Recorder of Deeds office, to protect property owners from property theft. He advised if anyone has any questions to reach out to him.

**Adjournment:** ON MOTION duly made (Beavers) seconded (Kearney) and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 3-3-26

*J. Marshall Peirce*