

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly work session on Tuesday, February 24, 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 7:06 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 were: Building Inspector David Lamm and Police Chief Jeff Lamm.

Absent: Supervisor Wanda Andreoli

Prior to the start of the work session, Raymond Ceccotti, of Honesdale National Bank (HNB), made a presentation of the services HNB provides.

Agenda: No changes.

Announcements: An executive session was held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 2:00 pm to discuss legal matters.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Minutes: The draft minutes of February 3, 2026, monthly meeting were presented to the supervisors for their review.

Bills: The bills will be presented at the meeting next week. Chairwoman Kearney reported she will advise of a correction to a bill approved at last month's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report will be presented at the meeting next week. Chairwoman Kearney reported she will clarify a deposit that was questioned at last month's meeting.

Consent Agenda: The monthly reports will be submitted for next week's meeting. The planning commission will be recommending the Amazon Land Development application for approval with contingencies. The recreation committee report has been received for review and Chief Lamm would like to receive permission to purchase a new speed timing device for the Tahoe in the amount of \$1,176.55. This will be added to the agenda for approval next week.

Administrative Actions: This will be removed from the work session agendas going forward, since no official action is taken at work sessions there is no need for this to be listed on the agenda.

New Business:

Electrical Service at old police station: A quote was received from Swartz Electric in the amount of \$6,350.00 to replace the existing electrical service on the old police station with a new double meter base with a 200amp disconnect. All labor and materials are included. This is needed to rent this area.

Amazon Land Development: As previously mentioned, the planning commission is recommending approval for the Amazon Land Development application, with contingencies. They will be present at the meeting next week. Attorney Wolff advised he will need approval to prepare the developer's agreement.

Eagle Lake Tax Appeal: Atty. Wolff explained Eagle Lake has filed a mandamus action with the county courts to appeal their tax assessments, totally skipping the 1st action of appealing to the county tax office. He advised the township should file a petition to intervene and will ask for this at the meeting. A brief discussion was held about the classification of RVs, and the naming of same, in the zoning ordinance.

NPDES permit for Nammo Pocal: The NPDES permit for Nammo Pocal has been received. This application has been before the planning commission for a few years, so they will report on the status of this. A developer's agreement may have already been made for this project, the secretary will review the files and send it to Atty. Wolff for review.

NPDES permit for Hollister Dam: An application has been received from Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC) for an NPDES permit to allow PAWC to expand the previously approved disposal area at the Hollister Dam site from 0.99 acres to approximately 4.38 acres. This would allow for the disposal of dredged sediment from the Curtis Dam and other local sites owned by the PAWC. This application has been reviewed by the zoning officer to check compliance with the zoning ordinance and has also been reviewed by the engineer. A letter from the municipality will need to be sent upon approval.

Fee schedule for large scale projects escrow accounts: Due to large scale projects coming into the township, such as the Amazon expansion, data centers, large warehouses, etc., it has been discussed that a fee schedule for escrow accounts needs to be established. Atty. Wolff gave a brief explanation on why this should be created and advised this would only apply to large scale projects within the township. A lengthy discussion ensued on how to establish a fee schedule for the escrow accounts and how the escrow was established when the industrial park came in. A few older resolutions and ordinances were addressed. Vice-Chairman Peirce advised the secretary to contact Cranberry Township and Upper Macungie Township to ask how they establish escrow accounts since they have large scale projects within their townships. This will be discussed further at the meeting next week with the goal of having a resolution for the April meeting.

RRS recycling: A flyer has been received from RRS Recycling, the company who we previously used for electronic recycling and paper shredding. We are now offering paper shredding to our residents, and we take some electronics at our spring clean up event, so this company is not needed.

Old Business:

Resignation of treasurer: As previously discussed, the treasurer will be resigning once the new treasurer is hired. He will submit his official resignation letter.

Hire part-time treasurer/office assistant: Interviews were held and a candidate has been chosen. Jennifer Mateyka has accepted the position and will be hired at the meeting next week.

Decommissioned police vehicle: The 2017 dodge charger has been advertised on Municibid twice with-it meeting the reserve the second time. The buyer had been contacted numerous times, but the sale was never complete, so the township can sell it outright at this time. Jay Hallock advised his son may be interested. A discussion was held and since the reserve amount was \$3,500, that is what the car will be sold for.

Tax certification request from the tax collector: A letter was received from Kate Tierney, tax collector, requesting the full amount collected for the tax certificates she creates. The township currently charges \$15.00 per certificate with ½ going to the tax collector and ½ going to the township. Research was completed and discovered that neighboring townships pay the entire fee to the tax collector. This will be amended at the meeting next month.

Correspondence:

Invitation from Penn State Extension: Penn State Extension will be hosting a workshop titled “Data Centers: Land, Water, Energy, and Economics Overview” on Wednesday, March 4th in Hawley. The zoning office (Joe and Dawn), Missy, and Marshall will attend. This is a free workshop.

County Conservation Seedling Sale: The county conservation district is hosting a seedling sale; flyers have been provided to the supervisors.

Extended Warranty for Freightliner: Information and quotes have been received for an extended warranty for the new Freightliner. The supervisors were asked to review the information and advise if they are interested in purchasing an extended warranty.

Supervisor Comments: Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney reported an error made in the re-organization meeting minutes regarding a patrol officer’s hourly pay. This will be corrected at the March meeting. She also reported that Love’s Truck Stop is applying for a Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) on Route 307. Also, the HOP for Wawa has not been received yet. Dawn and Missy have finally been able to access the e-permitting system of PennDOT, so we will be able to see the letters and permits being issued within the

township. She would also like to begin researching business licenses within the township. A letter has been received from the Scranton Plan asking for a pledge of \$5,000 payable at \$1,000 per year for the next (5) years. The township has contributed to this in the past at a rate of \$500 per year. The supervisors have no interest in joining this plan.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: The work session adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 3-3-26

J. Marshall Peice