

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY WORK SESSION
APRIL 28, 2026

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly work session on Tuesday, April 28, 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: Chairwoman/Secretary Melissa Kearney, Vice-Chairman/DPW Director F. Marshall Peirce, Supervisor Wanda Andreoli, Supervisor William Willson, Supervisor William Beavers, and Attorney Joel Wolff.

Also present: Building Inspector David Lamm and Police Chief Jeff Lamm.

Agenda: No changes.

Announcements: None.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: The draft minutes of April 7, 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.

Administrative Actions:

Union Mill Road project: The bids will be opened at the meeting next week, and the project may be awarded at that time.

Service Agreement renewal, Intimus Shredder: An agreement has been received from Whitaker Brothers for an annual renewal of the service agreement for the Intimus Shredder. The cost of the renewal is \$1,616.98 for the year. A decision will be made at the meeting if we are going to renew the service agreement.

Northeast Signal: A proposal for the 2026 preventative maintenance of the (4) traffic signals located within the township has been received from Northeast Signal & Electric Company. The proposal is in the amount of \$3,000.00. This will be decided next week. Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce received a call from an officer of the VFW advising a cover is missing from one of the boxes near the traffic signal at the intersection of Routes 502 & 307. He will have the roadmaster investigate this and if necessary, have the secretary call Northeast Signal about the missing cover.

Repository Sale: A repository bid for a property located at CC-87 Delbert Drive has been received from Amarie Redding of Georgia. The bid is in the amount of \$2,000.00. Atty. Wolff questioned where the property was located.

Consent Agenda: The monthly reports will be submitted for next week's meeting.

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: Chairwoman Kearney advised there is nothing at this time, however, she will be adding (2) municipal lien approvals on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Building Inspector: Dave Lamm advised the Eagle Lake sewer vault is a permittable project; he will advise Eagle Lake a permit is required. Chairwoman Kearney reported that Eagle Lake is in the process of upgrading their sewer plant and representatives of the township have been attending their biweekly meetings regarding the progress of the project. Permits will be granted, once plans are reviewed, for the building that will be constructed regarding the sewer treatment plant. Vice-Chairman Peirce questioned whether any further development on this building has taken place, with the answer being no because no permits have been secured. Dave also reported the township may be the test case for electric substations, since Amazon is looking to construct one for their project. However, since PPL is the main supplier for Pennsylvania, the PUC is saying that Amazon cannot construct their own substation, PPL would need to do it. Dave will continue to monitor this situation.

Planning Commission: *The monthly report has been received. A recommendation has been made for a lot improvement for Theodore and Dale Baird, of Drinker Turnpike. They are looking to consolidate (3) lots into (1). The only outstanding condition is approval of the County Planning Commission.*

Engineer: *The Union Mill Road project bids will be opened next week.*

Solicitor: *Nothing to report.*

DPW Director: *The speed limit signs have been received; we are just waiting for the posts. Once the posts are received, Chief Lamm will have them placed. The dumpsters have been secured for the Spring Clean-up.*

Moffat Maintenance: *Henry Kakereka has been continuing his work on the stone wall repairs. Yvette Wentland and Dustin Zitterbart of the Moffat Trust made their official visit on April 15th. They toured the police station and were impressed with the work being done on the estate.*

Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney wrote a grant to the Moffat Trust for funds to continue working on the exterior of the Moffat garage and repairing/repaving of the driveway in front of the garage. The Moffat Trust has awarded the township a grant in the amount of \$97,000.00 payable over 2 years. An estimate has been received from Elite Pocono Painting for the painting of the exterior of the Moffat garage. This can't be done until the chimney on the rear of the building is repaired. The estimate for painting is \$9,275.00. We are still awaiting the estimate for the chimney repair.

Police Department: *Chief Lamm has heard from DCED regarding the grant promised by Senator Brown. He is currently writing the grant for the original amount of \$150,000 and is hopeful of receiving the money shortly after submitting the grant. This grant is for the North Pocono Police Association with our department receiving \$70k and all other departments receiving \$20K each, per the initial conversation with all departments and Senator Brown. This will pay for the body cameras and report writing software. He also advised the paving has been completed at the police station and the lockers have been built. A brief discussion also ensued on the potential of applying for a grant for a generator for the police department which will also support the mansion.*

Recreation committee: *Nothing to report.*

New Business: *None.*

Old Business:

Summer Camp rental ~ Little Acres: *Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney advised the rental amount per child, reported at last month's meeting was incorrect. It was decided that a 3% raise will be assessed per child, with the cost being \$3.40 per child, however, with the increase, the new per child cost will be \$3.85.*

Fee schedule for ordinances: *A lengthy discussion ensued on adjusting the current fee schedule for numerous ordinances currently on the books with the township. The following ordinances were discussed: 1997-02 (updated with 2023-02 & 2023-04) False Alarm Ordinance; 2001-01 Junk: Yards, Vehicles, Equipment, Buildings, & Open Burning; 1983-02 Peddlers; 2000-05 Dog Ordinance; 2009-04 Street Naming and Addressing Ordinance; 2010-01 Parking Ordinance; 2019-02 Prohibiting Smoking and Tobacco Use; 2024-03 Property Maintenance Code; 2025-02 Debris in Roadways; and 2022-05 Schedule of Fees. Some of these ordinance's state that fines will be assessed upon judgement of the District Justice; Chairwoman Kearney would like to update the ordinances to remove this stipulation by assessing fines and allowing for the adjustment of fines via resolutions, not ordinances. A lengthy discussion ensued on the peddler permit ordinance, with suggestions being made by Chief Lamm to add background checks to the process of receiving a peddler permit. The changes will need to take place at a public hearing in the future due to the change of the ordinances. A date will be decided once the changes have been addressed.*

Correspondence:

E-Mail from North Pocono COG: *An email has been received, and provided to the board, to make them aware of a special meeting being held by the North Pocono COG on Weds. May 20th at 7:00pm at the Moscow Borough Building to discuss the EMS Services of North Pocono.*

Supervisor Comments: Vice-Chairman Peirce advised a legal notice had been placed regarding a hearing that Clifton Township will be holding to update their SALDO, this was in today's paper. He also advised that he enjoyed the PSATS conference this year and learned more this year than in previous years. A discussion ensued on the potential of hiring consultants to assist in the review of the data center plans once received. Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney reviewed the following items with the board; she asked the board to sign the PA Bill of Rights and provided a flyer to the board regarding this; she advised of a webinar being offered by the county for a safe streets grant; she asked the board to let her know if they would like to meet with Senator Brown; she advised she reached out to the board of auditors requesting a copy of the 2025 audit for her submission to the Moffat Trust, and she has heard nothing from them so she is uncertain whether the audit has been completed; she advised an application has been received for part-time summer help and asked the board to give consideration on whether they would like to hire seasonal help this year; and she asked the board if they would like the N.P. COG to complete an audit due to the change in Secretary/Treasurer this year.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: The work session adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 5-5-2020

