

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MAY 5, 2026**

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 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:* Chairwoman/Secretary Melissa Kearney, Vice-Chairman/DPW Director F. Marshall Peirce, and Supervisor William Beavers. Supervisor William Willson arrived late.

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

*Absent:* Supervisor Wanda Andreoli and Attorney Joel Wolff

**Agenda:** ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (3-0) to approve the agenda as presented.

**Announcements:** None.

**Public Comment:** Mark Cordelli, Lackawanna County representative, reviewed upcoming events within the county.

**Minutes:** ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (3-0) to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2026, monthly meeting and April 28, 2026, work session.

**Bills:** Chairwoman Kearney questioned a bill from S&H for the rental of a tamper. She also commented that the treasurer is waiting on a receipt from Supervisor Beavers for items purchased for the Americas250PA parade trailer. The above-mentioned bills can be approved for payment, but the checks will be held until the receipts/questions are answered. Vice-Chairman Peirce questioned a bill from Bassler equipment. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (3-0) to pay the bills on the bill list totaling \$148,755.18.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report included the following balances:

General Checking account: \$389,595.33

Payroll Checking account: \$2,486.56

PLGIT General Investment account: \$1,923,320.43

State Fund account: \$286,944.98

The total for all accounts is: \$2,602,347.30. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Peirce) and carried (3-0) to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

**Administrative Actions:**

**Open Bids for Union Mill Road project:** A total of (6) sealed bids were received for the Union Mill Road project. Mary Lou opened the bids and announced the amounts which included Base Bid #1 (Moscow Borough's portion) and Base Bid #2 (Covington Township's portion). All bidders had their bid bond.

**Award Bid for Union Mill Road project:** The lowest responsible bidder for the Union Mill Road project was Wayco, Inc. Their bid amounts were as follows: Base Bid #1 (Moscow portion): \$42,411.50; Base Bid #2 (Covington portion): \$471,195.00; for a total bid amount of \$513,606.50. ON THE QUESTION: Union Mill Road resident, Jim Smith, questioned if all bidders were bidding on the same specs because there was such a difference in the amount of the bids. Mary Lou explained all bidders were given the same specs to bid on. Mr. Smith also complimented the road department on keeping up with the potholes on the road. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (3-0) to award Base Bid #2 of the Union Mill Road project to Wayco, Inc. with Base Bid #1 being agreed upon, and paid for, by Moscow Borough, provided Wayco, Inc. submits the bonds, etc. Mary Lou will prepare the bid tabulation sheet and speak with Moscow Borough's engineer.

Service Agreement Renewal (Intimus Shredder): A proposal has been received for a 1-year service agreement for the Intimus Shredder located at the recycling center. A brief discussion was held on the cost of the agreement (\$1,616.98) and it was decided that we would decline the agreement.

Northeast Signal & Electric Co. 2026 Preventative Maintenance Proposal: A proposal has been received in the amount of \$3,000 to furnish maintenance & protection of the (4) traffic signals located within the township. Vice-Chairman Peirce also advised a lid will need to be placed on the box located in the VFW parking lot; Secretary Kearney will ask N.E. Signal to bring a lid when they do their annual maintenance at this location. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (3-0) to approve the proposal from Northeast Signal & Electric Co. in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the 2026 Preventative Maintenance.

Repository Sale: A bid has been received for a property located at CC-87 Delbert Drive in the amount of \$2,000.00. The bidder's name is Amarie Redding of Georgia. ON MOTION, duly made (Kearney), seconded (Peirce) and carried (3-0) to approve the repository bid.

Municipal Liens (2) properties: The zoning office has attended hearings at the Magistrate's office for the Sheridan and Parry properties. Both properties have had judgements placed against them; however, municipal liens will need to be placed. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Peirce) and carried to have Atty. Wolff file a lien on the property of Patrick & Robin Sheridan in the amount of \$12,000.00 and on the property of Nicole Parry in the amount of \$12,043.20.

**Consent Agenda:**

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: Issued (20) permits for Eagle Lake; (1) sign permit; (4) zoning permits; and (3) short-term rental zoning permits within Eagle Lake. A Penn State workshop for data centers was attended along with many meetings regarding the Mittan trailer.

Building Inspector: Issued (1) building permit. Mr. Orlosky picked up an application for demolition of the Mittan trailer.

Planning Commission: George Dunda was present to discuss a lot consolidation for Theodore & Dale Baird. Mr. & Mrs. Baird are combining (3) separate lots into (1). A recommendation was made to approve the lot consolidation with (1) contingency, the approval of the Lackawanna County Planning Commission.

Baird Lot Consolidation: ON MOTION, duly made (Kearney), seconded (Beavers) and carried (3-0) to approve the lot consolidation for the Baird property with the contingency that the county planning commission approves.

Engineer: Mary Lou Butler advised Nammo Pocal has reached out to her in the attempts to finalize their project. She stated they have (3) remaining contingencies. They are: (1) PennDOT HOP; (2) a letter regarding their water; and (3) the developer's agreement. Mary Lou attended the bi-weekly meeting of the Eagle Lake sewer plant upgrade. There was nothing new to report on this. The next meeting will be held this Friday. The permit for the septic tank has been issued. Vice-Chairman Peirce questioned having Mary Lou begin looking at the potential of paving Center Street this year, since it appears we may have monies remaining in liquid fuels and we have already been awarded a grant in the amount of \$200,00. Mary Lou suggested finding out if the outstanding grant application for Center Street will be awarded soon; if so, we may be able to wait and do more of Center Street at a later date. Supervisor Willson commented on the truck traffic he witnesses on Center Street while attending the softball games. Building Inspector Dave Lamm questioned Mary Lou on getting 911 addresses for vacant lots.

Solicitor: No report.

Director of Public Works: Nothing to report.

Roadmaster: Routine maintenance on roads, equipment, and buildings were completed. They also worked on the Union Mill Road project.

Moffat Maintenance:

Moffat Family Trust grant: Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney applied for a grant from the Moffat Family Trust following her visit with Yvette Wentland and Dustin Zitterbart last month.

She reported that the Moffat Family Trust has awarded the township a 2-year grant in the amount of \$97,000.00. The township will receive a payment of \$48,500 this year and the remaining \$48,500 will be received next year. This grant is for continuing the stonework and repairing and repainting of the Moffat garage exterior.

Estimate for painting exterior Moffat garage: An estimate has been received from Elite Pocono Painting for the painting of the exterior of the Moffat garage. The estimate amount is \$9,275 for cleaning, painting the exterior of the garage and staining the back deck. A discussion ensued on repairing the chimney on the back of the garage. Because of this, the rear of the garage should not be painted yet, but the front needs to be painted because of the repairs that were completed last year. It was discussed that the secretary would ask Elite Pocono Painting to paint 3 sides of the garage this year, leaving the rear for next year after the chimney has been repaired. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers), and carried (4-0) to accept the bid from Elite Pocono Painting questioning the cost for only 3 sides.

Police Department: Chief Lamm reviewed the monthly report, advising this has been the busiest month since he began working for the township. The monthly report included 407 total service calls; 23 arrests; 71 traffic citations; 0 juvenile arrests; 66 traffic warnings; 4 non-traffic citations; and 3 parking citations. He also advised the paving projects, and the lockers have been completed. The new speed limit signs will be installed on SR435 between Kost Tire and the DeNaples junkyard sign. The speed limit for this area is 35mph and the signs need to be installed since there are none there currently. The township is responsible for posting state roads if the speed limit is under 45mph.

Resolution \$2026-04: A resolution requesting a Monroe County LSA grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the purchase of police equipment upgrades and body cameras was read by Chief Lamm. He is completing the grant application by request of Senator Brown's office who had previously approved the grant monies for the police departments of Covington, Moscow, Jefferson, and Roaring Brook. Our portion of this grant will pay for the body cameras and the new police report writing system. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to approve Resolution #2026-04. Chairwoman Kearney thanked the police chief for the work the police department is doing in keeping our township safe.

Recreation Committee:

Update on Gun Raffle: Supervisor Beavers provided an update on the gun raffle, explaining that at the last meeting of the recreation committee it was decided that the cost of the ticket (originally \$50) would be reduced to \$25 to attempt to sell the remaining tickets and hold the raffle. He advised that anyone who purchased a ticket for \$50 would be offered an additional ticket and if they didn't want a ticket, they would receive a refund of \$25. He also advised they were attempting to secure a date at ShopRite to sell tickets, but he is awaiting word from ShopRite on that date. Chairwoman Kearney questioned how many tickets have been sold and where the money is located from the sold tickets. Supervisor Beavers advised he estimates there are more than 130 tickets still unsold and he reported that recreation committee member Karl Wegforth sold the majority of the tickets, so he has the money. A lengthy discussion ensued with Chairwoman Kearney recommending the recreation committee return all monies to the ticket holders and just forego the raffle. Her reasonings were that the board was not made aware of the raffle beforehand, and that by reducing the cost of the ticket, there may not be enough money to purchase the prizes that will be given out. Supervisor Willson agreed with Chairwoman Kearney. Mr. Smith spoke of his experience with holding gun raffles with the Moscow Sportsman's Club advising the board of the amount of work involved and the need to pay for the guns in advance, hoping that enough tickets are sold to cover the cost of the guns. Upon completion of the discussion, Supervisor Beavers advised he would inform the recreation committee to return all monies and forego the raffle.

Americas250PA celebration: Supervisor Beavers questioned the size of the trailer that will be in the Covington Fire Co. parade for the celebration of Americas250PA celebration. He advised he ordered (2) banners and (2) buntings for the side of the trailer, (2) liberty bells, and (5) shirts for the recreation committee. The Eagle Scout project will be underway soon. Supervisor Beavers would like to

*purchase plaques showing Americas250 for the top of the library boxes. He advised that he informed the Eagle Scout the library boxes need to be completed by July 4<sup>th</sup> because there will be a celebration on that day. The boxes will be placed at the pavilion.*

**Sewage Enforcement Officer:** No report.

**New Business:** Chairwoman Kearney asked the board if they wanted to hire summer help this year as she has been asked by 2 people. Vice Chairman Peirce advised we currently have (4) full-time DPW workers and if the Moffat Maintenance needs assistance for a day, we could send a DPW worker down. It was decided we would not hire summer help this year.

**Old Business:** A letter was received approximately a month ago from Senator Rosemary Brown advising she is available for a meeting with the supervisors if they are interested. It was decided to reach out to Senator Brown's office and request a few dates for a meeting.

**Correspondence:**

A special meeting of the North Pocono Council of Governments (NP COG) will be held on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Moscow Borough Building at 7:00pm. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss EMS services in the North Pocono area. All are welcome. An e-mail was received for a webinar for the county Safe Streets Grant. The webinar will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

**Supervisor Comments:** Supervisor Willson thanked roadmaster Alt for assisting in locating a box of flag football jerseys that were accidentally taken to recycling. Due to roadmaster Alt's quick actions, the box was discovered in a bailed cube of cardboard, where roadmaster Alt had to cut the bail apart to retrieve the jerseys, which were all intact, and no damage reported. Chairwoman Kearney presented Vice-Chairman Peirce with a card and thank you gift for speaking at the PSATS conference. She advised the attendees that Vice-Chairman Peirce spoke in front of the delegation of the PSATS Conference in Hershey on April 21<sup>st</sup>. There were approximately 1,500 guests in attendance and Vice-Chairman Peirce spoke on a panel with other township supervisors to speak about data centers. Chairwoman Kearney said, "he did Covington Township proud".

**Public Comment:** Mary Lou advised the board the LSA grant application for 2026 will be due July 30<sup>th</sup>. She would like the board to consider which road they would like to apply for and let her know at the June meeting so the application can be approved at the July meeting.

**Adjournment:** ON MOTION duly made (Kearney) seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 6-2-26

*J. Marshall Peirce V.C.*