

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 2, 2026

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Covington Township Municipal building, Moffat Estate, 20 Moffat Drive, Covington Township, PA 18444. Vice-Chairman Peirce opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Vice-Chairman/DPW Director F. Marshall Peirce, Supervisor William Beavers, Supervisor William Willson, Attorney Joel Wolff. Supervisor Wanda Andreoli arrived after the motion to accept the agenda.

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

Absent: Chairwoman/Secretary Melissa Kearney.

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

***Announcements:** An executive session was held on May 15, 2026, for legal reasons.*

***Public Comment:** Rich Lanzoni, owner of 3D's Deli, spoke about the opening of a hair salon at his location at 328 Scranton Pocono Highway and the issues he is having with the PennDOT HOP permit for this location. He is requesting permission from the board of supervisors to allow the opening of the hair salon while working on the PennDOT HOP. A lengthy discussion ensued with Supervisor Beavers commenting that he is going through the same issues with opening his organic store because he is being required to receive a PennDOT HOP. Vice-Chairman Peirce commented that by allowing Mr. Lanzoni and Supervisor Beavers to open their businesses without receiving required documents, the township will need to allow other businesses to do the same. Questions were asked about why these businesses need to get PennDOT HOPs since the buildings have been in place for numerous years, with Engineer Mary Lou Butler advising that HOPs are a requirement of the zoning code. The issue with these businesses is that there are changes of use for the buildings which is why the township is requiring all proper documents to be received prior to being issued the township permits for the change of use. Mr. Lanzoni and Supervisor Beavers were advised to contact PennDOT to get updates on their HOPs, because the township cannot waive that requirement. Adam Horsky, small business owner within Covington Township, mentioned that he submitted a Right to Know on Monday morning but has not received an answer yet, and questioned when the Business License ordinance was originally discussed to move it from new business to old business. Atty. Wolff explained that a brief discussion had been held some time ago to discuss the potential of adopting a business license, which is why it is now under old business. A discussion ensued. Atty. Wolff advised one of the driving forces of the discussion for business license requirements, stems from the Knox Box Ordinance which was put into place a few years ago. This Knox Box ordinance determined that it was difficult to reach all businesses in the township, because there is no record of what businesses are in the township. Supervisor Willson commented that he received a call earlier this afternoon from a business owner asking if they needed to attend the meeting because there was going to be a discussion about taxing businesses within the township. He advised he knew nothing of this and that there would not be discussion on business taxes and no decisions would be made tonight because there is no ordinance at this time. Brad Jones, medium size business owner in Covington Township and Covington Fire Chief, commented that he would like the supervisors to expedite the business license ordinance to assist him with getting businesses in compliance with the Knox Box ordinance. Diane Smith, Eagle Lake property owner, questioned when A.M. Hughes Blvd would be paved. Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce explained it won't be done this year, but the potholes will be addressed.*

***Minutes:** ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Willson) and carried (4-0) to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2026, monthly meeting. NOTE: The May 26, 2026 work session was cancelled.*

***Bills:** ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to pay the bills on the bill list totaling \$101,257.75.*

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

General Checking account: \$1,330,529.60
Payroll Checking account: \$2,637.65
Police account: \$5,825.98
PLGIT General Investment account: \$1,928,947.20
State Fund account: \$287,834.60

The total for all accounts is: \$3,555,775.03. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Willson) and carried (4-0) to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Administrative Actions:

Rescind Resolution #2026-04, the Monroe County LSA for the purchase of police equipment upgrades and body cameras: Chief Lamm explained this resolution was originally adopted for the grant however, the grant did not call for a resolution so it can be rescinded. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to rescind Resolution #2026-04.

PLGIT account for Fire Company: Vice-Chairman Peirce explained that he spoke with PLGIT representatives while attending the PSATS conference this year about the township opening a PLGIT account for the fire company since PLGIT pays higher interest rates. He advised he has spoken with the executive board of the fire company, and they are in favor of this, and he is asking the board of supervisors to approve the opening of a PLGIT account for the fire company. If approved by the board of supervisors, it will then go to the general membership of the fire company at their meeting next week for final approval. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to approve opening of a PLGIT account by the township for the Covington Independent Fire Company.

Springbrook Recycling: A letter was received from Springbrook Township advising the board that although they appreciate the gesture of the township offering to give them credit for recycling so they would not be charged for yard waste at the recycling center, they will no longer need the credit as the recycling center will be billing them directly and will not receive credit for any recyclables. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Peirce) and carried (4-0) to withdraw Springbrook's recycling request.

County Association Ad book: The Lackawanna County Association of Township Officials is seeking advertising in their annual convention book. The township usually places a half page ad. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to place a half page ad in the amount of \$50 dollars in the Lackawanna County Association of Township Officials convention book.

Cleaning person for police station: Police Chief Lamm advised the previous cleaning person, Sharon Little, resigned and Krystal McLain offered to take the position for the same amount and timeframe (\$100 per month) that Sharon charged. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to hire Krystal McLain to clean the police station at \$100 per month.

Consent Agenda:

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: Issued (22) permits for Eagle Lake; (3) zoning permits; (9) short-term rental zoning permits within Eagle Lake and (1) short-term rental zoning permit within Big Bass Lake. A hearing was attended regarding a property located at Richland and Bailor Road and a letter was sent to a property on Bay Drive regarding illegal burning.

Building Inspector: Issued (5) building permits.

Planning Commission: George Parker was present at the monthly meeting to discuss Nammo Pocal. There are (3) outstanding items for the land development plan. The outstanding items are (1) the developer's agreement, (2) NPDES permit, and (3) the HOP for the driveway. Mary Lou Butler advised the NPDES permit has been received, and a letter regarding the well has also been received leaving only the HOP and developer's agreement outstanding. The planning commission recommends approval of Nammo Pocal land development plan with the following contingencies: (1) developer's agreement and (2) PennDOT HOP for the existing driveway.

Engineer: Mary Lou Butler mentioned the 2025 Multimodal grant is due on July 31, 2026. The board will need to decide which road they would like to apply for. She recommends applying for additional funds for Center Street (we currently have a grant for a portion of Center Street). Vice-Chairman Peirce advised that the township was not awarded the second grant we applied for Center Street. Mary Lou will prepare the paperwork for the July meeting to apply for the grant. She is also waiting on the Municipal agreement from Moscow Borough for the paving of Union Mill Road.

Solicitor: Atty. Wolff reported Nammo Pocal has made significant progress over the past few weeks to attempt to finalize this project.

Director of Public Works: Spring Clean up was held on May 15th and 16th, filling (8) large dumpsters of junk, (4) dumpsters with metal, a small dump truck of aluminum, and approximately 20-25 tv's. Supervisor Willson asked that the road department put basketball nets on the hoops at the basketball court.

Roadmaster: Routine maintenance on roads and equipment. They also worked spring clean-up, painted lines, and worked on Union Mill Road.

Moffat Maintenance:

Police Department: Chief Lamm reviewed the monthly report. The monthly report included 405 total service calls; 26 arrests; 106 traffic citations; 10 juvenile arrests; 75 traffic warnings; 12 non-traffic citations; and 7 parking citations.

Monroe County LSA Grant received: Chief Lamm advised the police department has been awarded \$50,000 for the purchase of a new police vehicle. He provided a spec sheet for a 2027 Police Interceptor.

Discuss purchase of new police vehicle: A spec sheet has been provided for a 2027 Police Interceptor in the amount of \$51,375. Chief Lamm advised we would only need to approve the ordering of this vehicle for a delivery date of October 2026. The upfitting of the vehicle will be approximately \$30,000. Supervisor Andreoli questioned the potential of purchasing a Chevy Tahoe. A brief discussion ensued. Vice-Chairman Peirce verified that the township would not be obligated to purchase the vehicle in October if we changed our minds, or something happened to prohibit the purchase. Chief Lamm advised this is an order only to get on the list and that there is no obligation to purchase. Mary Lou Butler commented to be sure the grant contract is signed prior to placing the order. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Willson) and carried (4-0) to order a 2027 Ford Interceptor.

Recreation Committee: Supervisor Beavers reported the Eagle Scout is working on the library boxes, and the recreation committee is preparing everything for the float for the fireman's parade. Vice-Chairman Peirce questioned if the recreation committee would be participating in the Jefferson and Moscow parades with the float. A brief discussion ensued and Supervisor Beavers will attempt to get volunteers for the parades.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: No report.

New Business:

Insurance policy renewals: A question was raised on whether the township wanted to shop our insurance policies this year. It was discussed that this was attempted a few years ago and our current insurance broker was the lowest. A question was also raised from the insurance company about a \$100,000 insurance policy for Fine Arts and whether we felt the need to keep that policy. A suggestion was made to reach out to the Moffat Trust for their opinion on the Fine Arts policy. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Peirce) and carried (4-0) to keep our insurance with C.C. Young Insurance Agency.

Old Business:

Business License Ordinance: This was discussed earlier in the evening at the beginning of the meeting with no further discussion being held. Supervisor Beavers asked if this would be tabled until the

next meeting. Vice-Chairman Peirce advised the board that documents were included in their packets for their review regarding business licenses. This information is to be reviewed for a future discussion.

Short-term rentals: Information regarding the short-term rentals within the township was also provided to the board in their meeting packet.

Update on North Pocono Comprehensive Plan: The first 3 sections of the comprehensive plan have been completed and sent to the board for their review. The next meeting of the North Pocono regional comprehensive committee will be held next Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00pm at the Moscow Borough Building.

Correspondence:

County Association dinner: The Lackawanna County Association of Township Officials will hold their annual convention on Thursday, August 20th at Colarusso's Coal Fired Pizza beginning at 5:00pm. Anyone interested in attending should contact Missy.

Capital Conversations Program: An email was received inviting the supervisors to a Capital Conversations Program being hosted by The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce on Friday, June 19th, featuring Secretary of Transportation Michael Carroll and PennDOT District 4.0 Executive Jonathan Eboli. Anyone interested in attending should contact Missy.

Gift of Life Donor Program: Information was provided on becoming an organ donor. Supervisor Willson commented on the program advising he has had family members who were donors, and he feels this is a very worthwhile program.

Supervisor Comments: The zoning hearing board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00pm. This hearing is regarding Eagle Lake's application to install (2) emergency notification towers within their community. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

Public Comment: Al Dixon commented on Supervisor Willson's comments about there being no discussion on business taxes in the township. Mr. Dixon advised, he located minutes from May 13, 2025, where Chairwoman Kearney spoke about business taxes under old business. Supervisor Willson advised Missy mis-spoke, but Mr. Dixon wanted Supervisor Willson to understand that the taxes started with Missy. A brief discussion ensued regarding the fact that the meeting room was packed due to something that was mis-spoke over 1 year ago. Atty. Wolff advised Mr. Horsky, who questioned Atty. Wolff earlier in the meeting to research when the business licenses were originally under new business, that Mr. Horsky would be able to take the dates of the minutes that Mr. Dixon found and start at that point to locate the minutes on the website to find out when the business licenses were first spoke about under new business.

Adjournment: ON MOTION duly made (Beavers) seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 7-14-26

