

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 14, 2026

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 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, 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 (Beavers), seconded (Willson) and carried (5-0) to approve the agenda as presented.*

Announcements: *None.*

Public Comment: *Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney reviewed the Lackawanna County event flyers.*

Minutes: *ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (5-0) to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2026, monthly meeting, June 30, 2026, special meeting, and June 30, 2026, work session. Supervisor Willson commented that he was absent from the June 30, 2026, special meeting and work session so he is unable to account for the minutes being accurate.*

Bills: *Vice-Chairman Peirce questioned the bill from BHW Construction Consultation Services, Inc. being advised they are a 3rd party inspector whose fees are part of the building permit cost. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Willson) and carried (5-0) to pay the bills on the bill list totaling \$326,155.29.*

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

General Checking account: \$498,480.27

Payroll Checking account: \$4,965.05

Police account: \$8,487.00

PLGIT General Investment account: \$2,736,569.74

State Fund account: \$288,654.54

The total for all accounts is: \$3,537,156.60. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Administrative Actions:

Appoint alternate zoning hearing board member: *A letter of interest has been received from township resident, Lizbeth Vaquero, for the position of alternate zoning hearing board member. Lizbeth was present to address the board, expressing her interest in wanting to help the township. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (5-0) to appoint Lizbeth Vaquero as alternate zoning hearing board member.*

Resignation of Eric Decker, zoning hearing board member: *Zoning hearing board member, Eric "Yeti" Decker has informed the secretary that he has moved and will be resigning from the zoning hearing board effective immediately. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to accept the resignation of Eric Decker, zoning hearing board member.*

Appoint attorney for police department: *Atty. Matthew Boyd has been representing the township regarding the police union, and due to the increase in activity with the police department, the board has asked Atty. Boyd if he would represent the police department as a whole. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to appoint Atty. Matthew Boyd as solicitor for the police department, per the engagement agreement.*

Memorandum of Agreement for Act 287G: *ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Willson) and carried (5-0) to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement to enact 287G.*

Consent Agenda:

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: Issued (13) permits for Eagle Lake; (2) sign permits; (3) zoning permits; and (2) Eagle Lake short-term rental zoning permits. The zoning department also reported a letter of violation was sent for a landscaping sign, and multiple letters were sent for uncut grass; a house was removed from Richland/Bailor; a trailer was removed from Langan; a letter was sent for burning garbage; and they are working on the trailer on Kosinski.

Building Inspector: Issued (11) permits for multiple items.

Planning Commission: George Parker was present at the monthly meeting to discuss Santini land sub-division. The planners discussed the North Pocono Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Nammo Pocal land development: Mary Lou advised all contingencies have been met, and this has been recommended for approval by the planning commission. Representatives of Nammo Pocal were present but had no comments. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Willson), and carried (4-0) to approve the Nammo Pocal land development plans. Supervisor William Beavers abstained from the vote.

Engineer: Mary Lou Butler corrected her submitted report, advising that she had reported that Santini was recommended for approval by the planners, but they did not have a quorum, so it was not recommended at this time.

Center Street Road project (LSA grant): Mary Lou discussed the \$200,000 grant the township received for the Center Street project. This project was originally going to be added as a change order to the Union Mill project, but it appears that it may not be ok with DCED, so this project will be put out for bid, so it will need to be advertised. This project will be to pave the first 3,975 feet of Center Street from State Route 435. She has completed the plans and specs. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Willson) and carried (5-0) to approve advertising the Center Street Road project with the bid opening to held at the August 4, 2026, meeting. ON THE QUESTION: Atty. Wolff asked if anything needed to be expedited regarding advertising, with the answer being no since we will have three (3) weeks until bid opening. Mary Lou explained how she sends all bid docs electronically for any requests she receives.

Resolution #2026-05: Multimodal grant (remainder of Center Street): The multimodal grant application is due by the end of July. Mary Lou has put together the application to pave the remainder of Center Street and read Resolution #2026-05, a Resolution for the multimodal grant for the remainder of Center Street. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to approve Resolution #2026-05. There is a 30% match for this grant.

Solicitor: Atty. Wolff has been in contact with the attorney for the Amazon project and has completed the developer's agreement. He has been told Amazon would be submitting their certificate of insurance, escrow check, construction guarantee and signed developer's agreement, but nothing has been received yet. He advised them of our August meeting date, and they have acknowledged that it is on them if this is not submitted prior to the next meeting date. This project can be approved once these items are received and reviewed. Mary Lou advised there are also plan revisions required for their E&S approval. Chairwoman Kearney advised this project had been approved in March but with contingencies.

Director of Public Works: Supervisor/DPW Director Peirce advised he learned that PennDOT will be selling millings and their Daleville location is on the list. He would like to look into the possibility of purchasing some millings from this sale.

Roadmaster: DPW employee Mike Schank was present and reported that only two (2) pieces of antiquated equipment need to be worked on, but all other equipment is in working condition. He reported on activities of the road department.

Moffat Maintenance: Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney spoke on the repairs of the chimney on the Moffat garage. She spoke with the mason who repaired the front of the garage, who advised the chimney is not repairable and needs to be removed. This chimney has been repaired many times in the past and is unrepairable at this time. Because there is a fireplace on the inside of the apartment attached to the chimney, he advises installing a chase in place of the chimney. He will have his contractor look at this and submit a proposal for this repair.

Police Department: Chief Lamm reviewed the monthly report which included 426 total service calls; 22 arrests; 85 traffic citations; 2 juvenile arrests; 62 traffic warnings; 14 non-traffic citations; and 13 parking citations.

Approve purchase of police records management system: Chief Lamm is requesting permission to purchase Cody PathFinder records management system for a total of \$40,395.00. This supplier is Costars and proprietary. This management system will be funded by a generous grant received from Senator Rosemary Brown, so no township tax dollars are being used for this purchase. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (5-0) to approve the purchase of the Cody PathFinder records management system.

LSA grants (Monroe County): Chief Lamm would like to submit two (2) grants for the Monroe County LSA grant program. The first grant would be for in-car cameras with license plate readers, and the second would be for two (2) generators for the Municipal campus at the Moffat Estate. He spoke on the option of installing one (1) generator for the entire campus or two (2) individual generators; it was decided that it would be more cost effective to install two (2) separate generators (police station and municipal office). The resolutions for these grants will be drafted and read at the August meeting. The applications are due September 30, 2026.

Recreation Committee: Supervisor Beavers reported the library box has been installed and was dedicated on July 4th. Shoprite donated the food for this event. Unfortunately, there were only 2 members who rode the float in the Covington parade, but the float will be in the Moscow Street Fair parade. The fishing derby will be held on August 16, 2026, from 9:00 am to noon. The committee will be requesting a \$2,000 budget for this event. They are in the process of planning the Touch-a-Truck event; Supervisor Beavers needs to confirm the date (September 26th) with the Fire company. The Christmas event will be held on Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th. Chairwoman Kearney asked where the committee stands with the gun raffle; Supervisor Beavers reported everyone has been paid back. Supervisor Willson questioned setting the budget for the fishing derby at this meeting but since the meeting in August will be held on the 4th, it can be set at that time. Supervisor Beavers advised the fishery will need two (2) weeks' notice for the fish order.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: No report.

ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Peirce) and carried (5-0) to accept the monthly reports as presented.

New Business:

Set workshop dates: Chairwoman Kearney would like to schedule workshop dates for the board to discuss fine amounts for violations of zoning ordinances, etc. and the business license requirements and fee. A brief discussion was held, and it was decided to table this to the August meeting so the board can come up with a few dates that will be advertised for the workshop dates.

Old Business:

Update on North Pocono Comprehensive Plan: The North Pocono Regional Comprehensive Plan is on schedule. The draft of the comprehensive plan has been provided to the supervisors and the planning commission for comments. The county is hopeful that we will be able to advertise and adopt the comprehensive plan sometime in September and then regional zoning will be addressed.

Correspondence:

County Association dinner: Reservations are due by the end of July, so any official interested in attending should contact the secretary.

2026 Judicial Tax Sale proceeds: Thirteen (13) properties were sold in Eagle Lake, and one (1) property was sold in Big Bass Lake. There will be a Rule to Show Cause hearing and after that the township will receive the proceeds from this sale.

Letter re: Lehigh Road Bridge repair: A letter was received from GPI informing the township they will be submitting an application to PADEP for the bridge rehabilitation over the East Branch Roaring Brook on Lehigh Road. They intend to begin construction in Spring of 2027.

Supervisor Comments: No supervisor comments.

Public Comment: No public comments.

Adjournment: ON MOTION duly made (Beavers) seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 8-4-26

Ward Andreoli