

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY WORK SESSION
JULY 28, 2026

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly work session on Tuesday, July 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 William Beavers, and Attorney Joel Wolff.

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

Absent: Supervisor William Willson and Supervisor Wanda Andreoli

Agenda: *No changes.*

Announcements: *None.*

Public Comment: *No public comment.*

Minutes: *The draft minutes of July 14, 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.*

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

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer

Building Inspector:

Planning Commission: *The planning commission will be making a recommendation for approval of the Janet Santini minor subdivision.*

Engineer:

Solicitor: *We have not received anything from Amazon yet, so we will keep it on the agenda in the event we receive the paperwork for this project. Atty. Wolff advised he had spoken with their attorney who said they have everything and they are just waiting on the owner.*

DPW Director: *The road department is working on getting the millings we have purchased through the government auction. Chairwoman Kearney questioned the start date of the Union Mill road project, with it being reported it will be done sometime in August.*

Roadmaster:

Moffat Maintenance:

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

Police Department: *There will be two (2) resolutions for the LSA grants added to the agenda for next week's meeting.*

Recreation committee: *Supervisor Beavers advised he will be asking for a budget for the fishing derby. Vice-chairman Peirce questioned the number of reservations for the derby with the answer being four (4) at this time. A brief discussion was held regarding the amount of money that we should spend on the fishing derby because the committee was originally looking for a budget of \$2,000.00 and at this time there are only four (4) reservations. We will see how many children are registered at the time of the meeting next week before the fish are ordered. Dave Lamm questioned where the event is being advertised; Supervisor Beavers advised Facebook. Secretary Kearney will add the event to Savvy Citizen. She explained that the calendar on our website is no longer secure, so it has been removed and replaced with the Savvy Citizen calendar.*

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

New Business:

Resolution to Appoint a CPA: *A draft resolution was presented to the board and Atty. Wolff for their review. A proposal has been received from John J. Brostoski, Jr., CPA in the amount of \$4,000.00. His scope of work is to file the annual report with DCED and the municipality for 2025. He has also*

advised he is willing to complete any upcoming audits in the future. He currently audits Springbrook and Thornhurst Townships as well.

Resolution for Lackawanna County Safe Streets: An email has been received from the county asking that the township adopt a Resolution pledging support for the Safe Streets Lackawanna Action Plan. There is no cost or commitment involved, it is simply acknowledging that we support the effort to create a safer transportation system for all users. Vice-Chairman Peirce believes we have already done this. This resolution may help to secure state and federal grants.

Old Business:

Workshop dates for fees regarding ordinance violations: A lengthy discussion ensued on the possibility of setting a sliding scale for fines for ordinance violations. By setting a sliding scale, it would allow the magistrate, if necessary, to impose the proper fine for the violator. Questions were raised about fines for property owners who may not receive a zoning or building permit, and how a sliding scale would work for that. Fines for ordinance violations should be separated by police offenses and building/zoning offenses. In lieu of workshops, all parties were asked to review the ordinances in question so that a sliding scale/fine schedule can be discussed in the future.

Bochicchio Blvd concerns: Chief Lamm raised concerns over the width of Bochicchio Blvd where the newly installed divider has been placed. The area coming out of the school seems to be very tight, and there are concerns there will be numerous accidents at that location. Vice-Chairman Peirce spoke with Mary Lou Butler about this and advised that she was going to ask the contractor to remove a small portion of the guard rail in this location to allow it to appear to be wider. He further stated that he measured the width of the road at this location and it is sixteen feet (16') wide.

Correspondence:

County Association dinner: Secretary Kearney requested final reservations for the upcoming County Association dinner.

Email from resident re: Short-term rental ordinance: An email has been received from a concerned citizen of the township regarding short-term rentals. This resident has drafted an amended ordinance for short-term rentals. A copy has been provided to all supervisors for their review. A brief discussion ensued on the enforcement of our current short-term rental ordinance.

Supervisor Comments: Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney advised the Zoning Hearing Board will be hold a public hearing on Monday, August 17th at 6:00pm to hear testimony on the special exception and variances of Love's Truck Stop.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjournment: The work session adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 8-4-26

Wanda Andrzejewski