

**COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2026**

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 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 William Beavers, and Attorney Joel Wolff. Supervisor Andreoli arrived late and Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce left early.

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 (4-0) to approve the agenda as presented.*

Announcements: *None.*

Public Comment *agenda items only*: *None.*

Minutes: *ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to accept the minutes of July 14, 2026, monthly meeting and July 28, 2026, work session.*

Bills: *ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Willson) and carried (4-0) to pay the bills on the bill list totaling \$201,976.46.*

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

General Fund Checking account: \$272,922.63

Payroll account: \$6,084.92

Police account: \$17,705.95

PLGIT General Investment account: \$2,744,653.22

State Fund account: \$289,507.20

The total for all accounts is: \$3,330,873.92. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Kearney) and carried (4-0) to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Administrative Actions:

Open and Award bids for the Center Street Road project: Three (3) sealed bids were received. Fehlinger Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$318,962.50; Wayco, Inc. in the amount of \$228,239.00; and American Asphalt in the amount of \$253,615.00, all bids included the bid bond. Upon review of the bids by Engineer Mary Lou Butler, the lowest bidder was Wayco, Inc. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to award the Center Street Road project to Wayco, Inc. Engineer Butler reported that approximately \$182,000 of the awarded grant will be used for construction so the remaining amount will be paid out of liquid fuels.

Resolution #2026-06 ~ Appoint CPA: Attorney Wolff read Resolution #2026-06, a resolution to appoint an accountant to make an examination of all the accounts of the township for fiscal year 2025 and all fiscal years going forward to replace the elected auditors. Chairwoman Kearney reported John J. Brostoski, CPA has submitted a letter of interest with his scope of work to complete the annual audit and submit it to DCED and the township. His fee will be \$4,000. ON MOTION, duly made (Kearney), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to adopt Resolution #2026-06.

Resolution #2026-07 ~ Safe Streets Lackawanna County: Attorney Wolff read Resolution #2026-07, a resolution expressing support for safe streets Lackawanna. This was discussed at last week's work session. Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney reported she looked for a resolution for this that may have been previously adopted but was unable to locate one. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Willson) and carried (5-0) to adopt resolution #2026-07.

Resignation of Adam Horsky, Auditor: A resignation letter has been received from Adam Horsky, auditor. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Kearney) and carried (5-0) to accept the resignation of Adam Horsky as auditor, with regrets.

Consent Agenda:

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: Issued (27) permits for Eagle Lake; (2) sign permits; and (1) zoning permit. The zoning department also sent letters to KMB (the former DeMarco property) for clean-up and Aguero for the burning of animal matter. They have also met with Mr. Carling and reported that the Heater trailer has been boarded up, and the property has been cleaned.

Building Inspector: Issued (1) permit for replacement of a front porch.

Planning Commission: The planning commission reported that Hailstone Economics will be attending one of their upcoming work sessions to discuss the comprehensive regional plan.

Santini Minor Subdivision: A recommendation has been made by the planning commission to approve the Santini Minor Subdivision plan. Ms. Santini will be taking (1) large lot and subdividing it into (3) lots. Engineer Butler reported all contingencies have been met. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Willson) and carried (5-0) to approve the minor subdivision of Janet Santini.

Engineer: The multi-modal grant for the remainder of Center Street has been submitted. She also advised there are still some remaining contingencies for the Amazon land development plan. Union Mill Road project will begin next week.

Solicitor: We are still waiting on word from Amazon for the land development. Atty. Wolff advised he has spoken to the attorney for Amazon, and they are still waiting on the owner of the Industrial Park.

Update on the data center: Atty. Wolff advised he has been in contact with the developer of this project who advised they have contacted the school board in the hopes of scheduling a community meeting with the township(s) and the school board.

Director of Public Works: Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce informed the board the millings have been received. The Wawa intersection at Bochicchio is currently being worked on. He discussed the area between the guiderail and the road median stating that there is 12' of roadway pavement (3' more than most of our township roads) and there is 16' of roadway pavement at the curve, even though it looks narrower. This will be monitored after school is in session. He also reported that he met with an engineer regarding the rebuilding of the bridge on Lehigh Road. This construction will take place next year and Lehigh Road will be closed for approximately (6) months.

Roadmaster: The monthly report was reviewed with routine maintenance being conducted on equipment, building, and roads. They have also prepared Center Street for paving and hauled the millings.

Moffat Maintenance: The stonework is continuing.

Police Department: Reported 535 total service calls; 40 arrests; 126 traffic citations; 1 juvenile arrest; 85 traffic warnings; 19 non-traffic citations; and 16 parking citations.

Resolution #2026-08: ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Beavers) and carried (5-0) to approve Resolution #2026-08, a resolution to request a Monroe County LSA Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for the purchase of Axon In-car cameras and license plate readers for the Covington Township Police Department.

Resolution #2026-09: ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to approve Resolution #2026-09, a resolution to request a Monroe County LSA Grant in the amount of \$35,000 to be used for the purchase and installation of a generator for the Covington Township Municipal Campus.

Recreation Committee: Supervisor Beavers asked for a budget for the fishing derby. A brief discussion was held. It was decided that a budget would be set for prizes for the derby. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce) seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to allow the recreation committee to hold the fishing derby and approve a budget of \$300 for the purchase of prizes for the derby. ON THE

QUESTION: Chairwoman Kearney asked that order of the prizes be run through the office so a tax exemption form can be completed. Supervisor Beavers advised JC Bait and Tackle will be supplying a match of the prizes the township purchases and all prizes will come from them. Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney will send a tax-exempt form to JC Bait and Tackle.

Touch-a-Truck Event: The date for the Touch-a-Truck will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at the firehouse. A brief discussion was held regarding how the vendors pay for their spots.

Christmas Event: This event will be held the 1st weekend in December; plans are still being discussed.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: No report.

Short-term Rentals: There have been numerous complaints for the (2) STR's on Jubilee Road, (2) certified applications have been sent. A certified application has been sent to a home on Drinker Turnpike and Deirdre of Preferred Management will be sending applications with return receipts to owners that have not sent in applications.

Vice-Chairman Peirce left the meeting early due to a family emergency.

A brief discussion ensued after Supervisor Beavers questioned businesses within Eagle Lake.

ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Willson) and carried (4-0) to accept the monthly reports as presented.

New Business: None.

Old Business:

Update on Ordinance Fines and Violations: The supervisors will look at the ordinances individually and come up with fines and ordinances for discussion later.

Correspondence:

Email received regarding Short-term Rental Ordinance: An email has been received from a resident requesting the board amend the current short-term rental ordinance. The resident has drafted an amendment and asked the board to consider adoption of this. No decision was made.

Email regarding burning in the township: An email has been received from DEP regarding burning in the township. A complaint was made to DEP regarding burning in the township; Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney reported the zoning office is handling this complaint. Supervisor Willson advised those in attendance that per DEP, property owners can only burn brush they have removed from their own properties.

Supervisor Comments: Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney reported a public zoning hearing board hearing will be held on Monday, August 17th at 6:00pm to hear testimony for a special exception and variances for Love's Travel Stop.

Public Comment: Mark Cordell, representative of Lackawanna County, was present and reviewed many events that are taking place in the county. Sarah Balmer, resident of Covington Township, read a prepared statement speaking out against the Act 287G agreement. Elizabeth Dutko, resident of Spring Brook Township, was granted permission to give a quick comment as a courtesy. She also spoke out against the Act 287G agreement.

Adjournment: ON MOTION duly made (Willson) seconded (Beavers) and carried (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 9-1-26
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