COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2026

The Covington Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 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 (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to approve the agenda as presented.*

Announcements: *None.*

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

Minutes: *ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Peirce) and carried (5-0) to accept the minutes of September 1, 2026, monthly meeting, September 29, 2026 budget workshop, and September 29, 2026, work session.*

Bills: *Chairwoman/Secretary Kearney announced the ServPro bill in the amount of $115,896.02 is being paid from a check received by the insurance company for the leak at the senior center. Vice Chairman Peirce questioned whether the bill for Union Mill Road was received. Mary Lou Butler presented the bills from the Union Mill Road project which will be added to the bill list. The bills are in the amounts of $42,161.50 for the Moscow Borough portion of Union Mill Road, and $468,183.76 for the Covington portion of Union Mill Road. Atty. Wolff clarified these bills are pursuant to a contract that was awarded after the bidding process. Mary Lou reported this project came in under the bid amount by $3,261.00. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to pay the bills on the bill list totaling $280,592.58 plus the 2 additional bills in the amounts of $42,161.50 and $468,183.76 to be paid to Wayco, Inc. for the Union Mill Road project. 70% of the base bid #2 in the amount of $468,183.76 will be reimbursed by the grant.*

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

General Fund Checking account: $318,104.18
Payroll account: $9,409.84
Police account: $10,305.96
PLGIT General Investment account: $2,760,879.59
State Fund account: $291,218.75

The total for all accounts is: $3,389,918.32. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Kearney) and carried (5-0) to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Administrative Actions:

Appoint Matthew Gawel to the sewer authority board: The vacant position on the sewer authority board has been advertised and a letter of interest has been received by Matthew (Matt) Gawel. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (5-0) to appoint Matthew Gawl to the sewer authority board.

Adopt School Resource Officer Agreement: Chief Lamm advised the agreement was reviewed by both the school's attorney and the police attorney. The agreement states the school district will pay an annual fee of $75,000 for the School Resource Officer. ON MOTION, duly made (Willson), seconded (Peirce) and carried (5-0) to adopt the school resource officer agreement.

Hire Joseph Dominick as the School Resource Officer (SRO): Chief Lamm spoke about Joseph Dominick, a retired state trooper who is SRO certified. Chief Lamm is recommending the board hire Joseph Dominick as the SRO with a start date of October 14th. Supervisor Willson questioned if the current school security guard will also be at school, with the answer being "yes". ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Beavers) and carried (5-0) to hire Joseph Dominick as the SRO at an hourly rate of $40.00 with no benefits.

Rescind Resolution #'s 2026-08 and 2026-09: Chief Lamm advised he will not be submitting grants per Resolutions 2026-08 and 2026-09 for LSA grants because he has applied for Federal grants for the same items. ON MOTION, duly made (Kearney) seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to rescind Resolutions 2026-08 and 2026-09.

Change (1) Ford Interceptor to (1) Chevy Tahoe: At last month's meeting the board approved the purchase of (2) Ford Interceptors with upfitting, Chief Lamm would like to change (1) Interceptor to a Chevy Tahoe to be used as a chief's vehicle. Both vehicles will be paid for using grant funding, with the excess amount hopefully coming from Representative Donahue. The increased cost for the Tahoe will be approximately $6,000.00. ON MOTION, duly made (Andreoli), seconded (Peirce) and carried (5-0) to approve the purchase and upfitting of a Chevy Tahoe instead of a Ford Interceptor.

Consent Agenda (monthly reports):

Zoning Code Enforcement Officer: *No monthly report.*

Building Inspector: *Issued (7) permits which included (3) permits for generators, (1) foundation stabilization, (1) renovation of apartment above garage, (1) electrical wiring for outdoor pavilion, and (1) renovation of existing offices and addition.*

Planning Commission: *Answered questions of Rolly Keisling regarding a 50-acre subdivision. The planners are also recommending approval of a lot line adjustment for Scott VanFleet. Mary Lou explained the plans appear to be keeping the commercial aspect of the property on (1) side and making the residential side residential. Both residential lots will be approximately 2 acres. The county planning commission approved the project. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (4-0) to approve the lot line adjustment for Scott VanFleet. Supervisor Willson abstained from the vote. Representatives from Quantm Group, LLC. were also present at the meeting. They discussed their project for the data center campus and are seeking a recommendation from the planners to the board of supervisors so hearing dates can be set. A recommendation was not made, as the planners would like more time to review the documents included in the application.*

Engineer: *Mary Lou Butler advised Amazon has completed all of their outstanding contingencies. This project was previously approved. She also advised Wayco may begin milling the driveways on Center Street starting this Friday, with the paving beginning next week. Approximately 4,000 feet of Center Street will be paved from State Route 435 to the train trestle.*

Solicitor: *Amazon has provided all outstanding documents for their land development project, so the plans and the developer's agreement can now be signed.*

Quantm Group, LLC. extension: Atty. Wolff is in the process of finding a hearing officer to oversee the conditional use hearings for Quantm Group, LLC. The 1st hearing will need to be held by the end of October to meet the deadline of the MPC from the time of receiving the conditional use application. Because we are still searching for a hearing officer, Quantm Group, LLC. has granted the township an extension until the end of January to begin the conditional use hearings.

Director of Public Works: *Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce advised the new plow truck has been received, and a new logo for the township trucks has been designed. The logo was shown to the board, and a decision was made to use the logo that includes the Moffat Mansion. Supervisor Beavers felt the logo should not have a truck; it should simply be the Moffat Mansion. ON MOTION, duly made (Kearney), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to approve the logo including the new truck in front of the Moffat Mansion.*

Snow Removal at Sewer Authority and (5) pump stations: Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce spoke with the chairman of the sewer authority who asked if the township would be interested in submitting a proposal to plow snow at the sewer authority office and the (5) pump stations. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to submit a proposal to the sewer authority for $7,500.00 per season for the plowing of snow at the sewer authority office and the (5) pump stations.

Roadmaster: *No report.*

Moffat Maintenance: *The stonework is continuing.*

Police Department: *Reported 322 total service calls; 41 arrests; 16 juvenile arrests; 39 traffic citations; 22 traffic warnings; 22 non-traffic citations; and 4 parking citations. An LSA grant was received in the amount of $82,033 for active shooter kits to provide body armor and shields for police, fire, and EMS personnel in the event of an active shooter event. To date, for this year alone, the police department has received $365,200 in state and federal grants. Chairwoman Kearney thanked Chief Lamm for all he does, and has done, for the police department and the residents of the township.*

Recreation Committee: *Supervisor Beavers spoke of the Touch-a-Truck event and how the day was a wash out. He also spoke of the Christmas event and is requesting a budget for this event. Chairwoman Kearney advised since the conditional use hearings have been postponed to January, the pavilion can be used for the Christmas event. A budget of $3,000 is being requested to purchase gift bags, gifts, etc. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Willson) and carried (5-0) to approve a budget of $3,000 for the Christmas event. Chairwoman Kearney reported that although the touch-a-truck was a rainy day, the committee still brought in $165.00 from the basket raffle they held. She reported $82.00 was given to the fire company for their use of the grounds based on last year's agreement. She also reported that the vendors were not charged because the weather was not cooperating.*

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *No report.*

Short-term Rentals: *A monthly report has been received by Preferred Management.*

Motion to accept consent agenda (monthly reports only): *ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Kearney) and carried (5-0) to accept the monthly reports as presented.*

New Business:

Jennifer Mateyka, treasurer, probation ended: Treasurer Mateyka's probation has ended, and she is working out well. ON MOTION, duly made (Peirce), seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to promote Jennifer Mateyka to a permanent part-time employee with an hourly rate of $27.00.

Advertise sale of dump truck: With the delivery of the new Ford F600 dump truck, Vice-Chairman/DPW Director Peirce would like to sell the oldest dump truck, a.k.a. the Moffat dump truck. ON MOTION, duly made (Beavers), seconded (Willson) and carried (5-0) to allow the secretary to place the Moffat dump truck on Municibid and advertise same. ON THE QUESTION: Chairwoman/secretary Kearney asked if there would be a minimum bid, a reserve, and the amount of time the auction will be held, with Vice-Chair/DPW Director Peirce advising this will be determined.
Supervisor Andreoli asked about getting "No Jake Brake" signs near her home. A brief discussion ensued.

Old Business: *None.*

Correspondence: *Chairwoman/secretary Kearney reviewed the correspondence which included a thank you letter from the North Pocono Library, a thank you email received from Dean Butler regarding the pave of Union Mill Road, the fire claim for Naomi Austin, a letter advising our retirement plan has a distressed score of zero, which is very good, and all event flyers received from Mark Cordelli of Lackawanna County.*

Supervisor Comments: *None.*

Public Comment: *John Saar, resident, thanked the police department for their work within the township and spoke briefly about the traffic on Dorantown Road and the curve in the road. He also commented on the extension received regarding the conditional use application, with an explanation being provided by Chairwoman Kearney and Atty. Wolff of why the extension was granted. Carina Havenstrite, resident, questioned the vetting process for a hearing officer. Atty. Wolff explained how the hearing officer is chosen, and a brief discussion ensued.*

Adjournment: *ON MOTION duly made (Beavers) seconded (Andreoli) and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.*

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa Kearney, Secretary

Approved: 11-3-26
Wanda Andreoli