

# *Conestoga Township Special Meeting*

*January 19, 2018*

## *Present-*

*Supervisors:* John Berry, Tim Byers, and William Rankin.

*Secretary:* Naomi Little.

*Residents:* See attached list.

Meeting was called to order by Berry at 11am.

The Special meeting was called to discuss the advertisement to lower the Township's millage rate, advertise the Township's road bids for 2018, and approve Resolution 2018-05 that would appoint members to oversee SRPC matters, and also appoint a CPA firm to audit SRPD.

## *Public Comment:*

John Fioril asked to discuss item number three, and he is curious why the audit was not completed and what it will entail. John Fioril asked if the audit is for 2016 and 2017, the Board stated that it would be for 2016/ 2017. John Fioril asked for an explanation of why the 2016 audit was not completed after SRPD had paid over \$7,000.00 and why the second auditing firm declined the offer to come in and try to complete the audit. He would like to know who is responsible for overseeing this. Also he stated that it was said that paperwork was messed up and files were taken from the department to an individual's house who was a Pequea Township Supervisor at the time. He stated that this situation made it so that there was no accountability or checks and balances and no one second signing the checks. He stated that this was not an acceptable way to handle the department's paperwork and that he had always had proper controls in place when he was overseeing the department. He would like to know what Conestoga is choosing to do about Pequea's issues with the SRPD paperwork being in such disarray. Byers answered John Fioril's concerns by stating that a disengagement letter from the Auditor was

read at the October 2017 meeting saying there were missing invoices and basic paperwork. Berry said that the letter had stated a lack of controls, missing invoices that caused issues with verifying information. Also that there was many change overs during the last part of the year and those people were not responding to the auditors requests.

John Fioril said he wanted to clarify that he is not involved with any accusations that were brought up in the blue paper and he had always kept the proper controls in place while he was in charge of the department. John Fiorill stated that he had asked for audits to be done on any of his paperwork back in January of 2016 at a Police Commission meeting. He asked for the Attorney General to review any allegations that Ben Vonderheide had brought up in the blue paper and for it to be sent to the District Attorney's office for review, John Fioril stated that the blue paper was kicked back as invalid within 1 week. John Fioril stated that the blue paper is false information. The Board stated that they do not support the blue paper it was attached and distributed due to the fact that it was requested by Resident Ben Vonderhiede to be attached as a part of his special request and it is the Township responsibility to record what occurred at the Board meetings. John Fioril would like it clarified that he does not have anything to do with the current issues with SRPD and he would like to see the audit take place to settle the problems with SRPD.

Berry stated that he was in a conference call meeting with a Pequea Supervisor, Pequea Solicitor, Conestoga Solicitor and SRPC Solicitor. The Solicitors agreed that the audit needs to be done and it needs to be addressed to put the issue to rest. Also there is an issue with the Pension that needs to be straightened out and properly done.

John Fioril stated that he heard Pequea is inferring this audit to be a forensic audit which would encompass all the years of the department and if this was true. Berry stated that this would be determined by the appointed board members from Pequea and Conestoga. Once the Auditors give feedback on the audit it will then be up to the appointed members of the Board to make the decision if the Townships would proceed further. Byers stated that the goal is to get all the information together and work on properly finishing the audits.

**Business:**

The Board approved to lower the millage rate from 1.1 to .871 so that the Township remains revenue neutral. Motioned by Byers, second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

Approval to advertise 2018 road bids for paving on River Hill and Colemanville Road. Base repair on Sickman's Mill, Sandhill, Shady lane and Valley Road. Motioned by Berry, second by Byers. All in favor none opposed.

Approval of Resolution 2018-05 for appointment of persons to oversee matters such as paying bills and verifying unfunded liabilities along with CPA firm to audit SRPD. Resolution 2018-05 appoints Tim Byers as the member to oversee SRPC matters along with Naomi Little as a co-signer for checks, and Reinsel Kuntz Leshner LLP as the CPA firm to perform an audit on SRPD. Motioned by Rankin, second by Byers. All in favor none opposed.

**Adjourned**

11:25am on a motion by Byers, second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

*Naomi Little*

# ATTENDANCE ROSTER

DATE: January 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 MEETING: Special Meeting

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME & ADDRESS:

1. Andrea Betry 1644 Long Lane Millersville, PA
2. Eric T. Down 41 Campside Circle Dr.
3. John Fould 75 Pequea Creek Rd
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