

Conestoga Township B.O.S Minutes

June 7th 2016

CALL TO ORDER- The Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Eshleman.

PRESENT- Supervisors; Craig Eshleman, John Berry, and Bob Hershey , Secretary Naomi Little, Citizens; Bill & Beth Birchall, Terry Shepps, Kathy Sangrey, Parke Rineer, Wes Bruckno, Gary Erb, Robin Maquire, Lynda Like, Elaine Jones, Fred & Doris Warfel, Larry Frankford Jr., Carl & Betty Cramer, Paul Thomas, Leroy Eshleman, Andy Collins, Eric Doman, Bob Wiggins, Dianna Good, Bonnie Martin, Mark & Joy Mitchell, Brandon Tennis, Jill Kelley, Mike Erhart, Bill Rankin, Blair & Megan Mohn, May Campbell, Fallin Smith, Tim Byer, Bill & Dolores Smith, Donna Hoar, Tim Gross, Ray Hess, Judy Leaman, Elaine Jones, Steven Appel, Jonathan Aument, Don Connelly, Donna Michener, Justin & Susan Cappiello, Ryan & Earl Bachman, Nancy Pechero, and Wes Bruckno.

MINUTES- The Supervisors approved the May 2016 meeting minutes on a motion by Berry, second by Eshleman. All in favor none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT- The Treasurer's report for the month of April was accepted on a motion by Hershey, second by Eshleman. All in favor none opposed.

APPROVE BILLS- The Supervisors approved all bills paid during the month of April on a motion by Berry, second by Hershey. All in favor none opposed.

POLICE REPORT- None

ZONING REPORT- None

ROAD MASTER REPORT- John Berry gave an update on the roads for the past month. Road Crew Mowed road banks at Sewer plant, Township office and ball field. Weeded and sprayed around guide rail signs and utility poles. Replaced damaged road signs. Patched pot holes cleaned gutters. Removed damaged trees on Pequea Creek, River Corner and Shenks Ferry Road. Provided maintenance on Township trucks.

BUSINESS

Old Business:

POOL CONTRACT- Approved after it was revised to take off the 25% commission on a motion by Hershey, second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

New Business:

ROAD BIDS- Sealed bids were opened by Supervisors and reviewed. The Supervisors will announce the awarded company for the road bids at the July BOS meeting. The Township road materials bid was awarded to Highway Materials on a motion by Hershey, second by Eshleman. All in favor none opposed.

PENSION PLAN ADMINISTRATOR- Craig Eshleman was appointed Pension Plan Administrator on a motion by Berry, second by Hershey. All in favor none opposed.

TREASURER- .Tim Buyers, Doris Warfel, Steve , and Dianna Good expressed that they would like to see Terry Shepps be appointed to the position. Jill Kelley asked why the Township should hire a Treasurer for more money if the budget is a concern already. Hershey asked the Citizens how they would like to weigh their options either based on the benefits of having a CPA who has been involved in helping the Township or have another CPA at a lesser cost. Many Citizens expressed their gratitude for Shepps commitment to help the Township and his involvement in trying to improve the Township's future. Terry Shepps was appointed as the Townships Treasurer on a motion by Berry, second by Hershey. Eshleman was opposed.

POOL SUPERVISOR- Bob Hershey was appointed on a motion by Berry, second by Eshleman. All in favor none opposed.

ZONING- West Lampeter was appointed temporarily to the position until Conestoga can speak with their Solicitor and advertise the Ordinance 2016-04 this month. Motioned by Berry, second by Hershey.

TAR REPORT- Report for DEP 537 Plan approved on a motion by Berry, second by Hershey. All in favor none opposed.

BIKE RIDE- Discover Lancaster would like the Township's approval to bike through Conestoga on August 6, 2016. The Supervisors stated they would like to show their support on a motion by Hershey, second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

PERCENTAGE FOR POLICE BUDGET- The Supervisors discussed possible formulas and percentage for the budget. Terry Shepps would like to see the Township look at this from the budget angle and see what is affordable for the Township and work with in the budget. Berry and Hershey announced that Pequea will be using a Consultant to analyze what would be Pequeas best options are for their Township. The question arose of what would Conestoga Township due if there was a split in the agreement. Hershey asked the Citizens what they would want to see if this would happen. Larry Frankfort asked if there was any neighboring municipalities that would want to lease police service out to the Township. The Board said they will look into different options to explore what the Township could do if such situation should occur. The Supervisors stated that they will continue to review and analyze the information and discuss this further at the upcoming Articles Meeting on July 7th.

PIPLINE DISCUSSION- The Supervisors have announced that they will be sending out a rescinding letter to FERC that will clarify the Boards position on a motion by Eshleman, second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

GENERAL PUBLIC

Some citizen inquired about 25 Peach Lane; the property is not being up kept properly and is becoming a problem area for citizen. The Board stated that a letter was sent this week to the Owner about the situation and if there is no compliance then the Township will look into mowing the lawn and put a lean on the residence.

Larry Frankfort asked the Supervisors for support with a letter of credit for the Fire Department, the Supervisors agreed to show their support and thanks by providing the Fire Department with a letter of credit.

ADJOURN- @ 9:01 pm motion by Eshleman, second by Hershey. All in favor none opposed.

Respectively Submitted by; Naomi Little - Secretary