

CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP

March 8, 2016

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

PRESENT- Supervisors; Craig Eshleman, John Berry, and Loren Brown, Secretary Naomi Little, Bill & Beth Birchall, Ursula Fiorill, Jill Kelley, Todd Ream, Tim & Rhonda Buyers, Don & Cheryl Linton, Larry & Melissa Frankford Jr., Donna Michener, Park Rineer, Eric Pomes, Bill Rankin, Derek & Dianna Good, Mark & Joy Mitchell, Terry Shepps, John Leakway, Steve Appel, Paul Spangler, Leroy Eshleman, Andy Collins, Rich Graham, Ray Hess, K Scott Smith, Fred and Doris Warfel, Gary Erb, Betty Cramer, Jackie Johns, Cynthia Evens Herr, Drue Miles, Rhonda Rineer, Paul Thomas, Dave Gochnaurer, Jesse Blank, Robin Maguire, Leslie Bunting, Ron Wagner, Joe Gusley, Scott Hanna, Gaye Denlinger, Bryan Kustner, Wes Bruckno.

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

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

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

POLICE REPORT- Officer Jesse Blank presented report.

ZONING REPORT- Read by Craig Eshleman for Jim Caldwell, Zoning activity as follows: The Bard chicken house on River Road is compliant with zoning requirements, although it may need a permit for a drive way. There were 2 storm-water complaints that are being looked into. Caldwell is working on a letter to send out for an address change. He has also been answering inquiries about Stoney Lane's Harnish Farm that is up for sale. Along with working on Zoning permits for the Conestoga school.

ROAD MASTER REPORT- John Berry gave update on the roads for the past month. Road Crew has been doing winter maintenance, repairing trucks and equipment, cleaning out mud and debris off the roads from heavy rains. Drew Miles asked for a follow up on plan for the roads, Berry replied with updates about working on getting bids out for Rineer Road and Theresa Drive. The Road Crew will also continue to maintain the good roads by paving, patching and doing repairs that fit within the Townships budget to upkeep the road ways.

BUSINESS

RAIL TRAIL UPDATE- State Grant through DCNR to be used to put down trail surface and maintenance on the trestle bridge.

FLOOD ORDINANCE HEARING 2016-01- Ordinance for residents to purchase flood insurance through Federal Government. Motion by Eshleman, second by Berry. All in favor, none opposed.

APPOINTMENT OF CLEANING SERVICE- Maid to Perfection cleaning service will be cleaning the Township Office once a month at the fee of \$42.50. Motion by Berry, second by Eshleman. All in favor, none opposed.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TREASURER AS EMPLOYEE- Beth Birchall hired as temporary part-time employee for Treasurer position at the rate of \$19.11 an hour for 20 hours a month. Motion by Eshleman, second by Brown. All in favor, none opposed.

APPOINT PENSION PLAN ADMINISTRATOR- Loren Brown appointed as Pension Plan Administrator. Motion by Eshleman, second by Berry. All in favor, none opposed.

#### BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Bob Funk had a question about getting some heavy stone to put down at River Corner road's edge to stop his lane from getting washed out. The Supervisors will have the Road Crew review the area.

Terry Shepps wanted to thank the Supervisors for getting the bank statements to him for review and would like to see more transparency in the funds so that it will be easier to understand and work with. He also would encourage the update and use of proper balance sheets, liability statements, and income statements. For last 2 months the information was not accurate and not available at this meeting. He has requested that a regular set of reports should be issued to show the financial conditions.

Tim Buyers asked about where the Township stands with the new board at Pequea Township and how the Townships will proceed. The Supervisors advised that there will be meetings set on the first Thursday of the upcoming months to open the Articles of Agreement and review the ratios of the two Townships.

Cynthia Evans, Pequea Supervisor updated Citizens on events that had happened in Pequea Township and the appointment of Bill Shaw and Bob Race as the new Supervisors for Pequea. She also informed Citizens about upcoming happenings that will occur with the opening of the Articles of Agreement.

Leroy Eshleman and other Citizens inquired about the raise given to the Police Chief, which was explained by Supervisors Brown and Eshleman about the information given to Brown that led him to the decision to grant raise.

Wes Bruckno informed Township that SALDO Ordinance will be ready to advertise. Eshleman motioned to have hearing for SALDO at next BOS meeting April 5, 2016, Second by Berry.

Robin McGuire would like to have a wine and cheese event at the Historical Society. Supervisors will ask the Solicitor.

ADJOURN- @ 8:30pm motion by Eshleman, second by Berry.

*RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY*  
*Naomi Little*