

Conestoga Township B.O.S Minutes

November 1st 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; Leroy Eshleman, Fred & Doris Warfel, Steve Bublitz, Bill Rankin, Kathy Sangrey, Steve & Carol Ebersole, Eric Doman, Jim Hillard, Paul Spangler, Derek Good, Parke Rineer, Stan & Nancy Geesey, Jill Kelley, Jeff Landis, Kim Kann, Robin Maquire, Karl Lefever, Tim Byers, Dianna Good, Gary Erb, Bob Wiggins, Larry & Karley Frankford, Scott Kriner, Summer Stone, Don Connelly, Wes Bruckno, Elaine Jones, Terry Shepps.

MINUTES- The Supervisors approved the October meeting minutes on a motion by Berry, second by Hershey. Eshleman requested to spell check the word loan and to amend Eshleman's statement to say he would have liked to raise the taxes to .2 tenth of a mill. All in favor none opposed.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT- Terry Shepps spoke on the Townships financials and how the Supervisors are working hard to be conservative with the Township spending. He sees that the Township is heading in the right direction and that the 5 or more year plan will help reprioritize where the funds could go to optimize the Townships funds.

Citizens would like to know which month's minutes would include more information on an employee's severance agreement. The Supervisors said they will have the Secretary look into finding any minutes that would help clarify any questions.

ZONING REPORT- Read by Eshleman, for W. Lampeter: there were 6 permits issued and 2 permits in review. It included sheds, horse barn, addition to a front porch, new square footage to a dwelling, and an upgrade to electrical service to a farm.

ROAD MASTER REPORT- John Berry gave an update on the roads for the past month. Prepped Rineer Rd for paving, patched a pipe crossing on Valley Rd, got old grader running and would like to look into selling and put the funds towards something useful for the Township, milling and patching on River Hill Rd, mowed road banks, cut brush, replaced road signs, paved 1500 ft of Spring Run Rd off of Main street, prepared 550 truck for inspection, winterized equipment and general maintenance on equipment.

Citizen Steve Ebersole thanked the Road crew for working on the north end of Spring Run Rd. Hershey announced that Paul Spangler, Bill Rankin, Tom Grassel Jr, and John Berry had volunteered the time to help out with Spring Run Road.

Citizen Tim Byers thanked the Road Crew for putting up signs on Woods Ave, Elm Street and Berrydale.

POLICE REPORT- No report

OLD BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP BUDGET- Advertised on 10-26-16, the budget will be considered for approval at the December BOS meeting.

LOAN- Messick Equipment will be providing the loan for a mower with attachments; they are in the National Joint Powers Alliance which is a nationally accredited organization. The Supervisors approved Resolution 2016-13 to take a 5 year loan with Leasing 2 on a motion by Berry second by Hershey. All in favor none opposed.

The Supervisors are looking into the best options for selling or trading in the old mower to get the best profit for the Township.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT- Supervisors approved to advertise jointly with Pequea Township after they and the Solicitor has reviewed it on a motion by Eshleman second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

Tim Buyers requested to have the Articles available for the Residents to review; Supervisors agreed and will have the Secretary post on Conestoga's website.

Larry Frankford asked for the Supervisors to carefully look into the Article s to make sure if it will be in the Townships best intentions which the Supervisors fully agreed.

SOLICITATION ORDINANCE- Supervisors tabled the Solicitation Ordinance to be discussed at a Police Commission meeting in order for Pequea and Conestoga to discuss a joint ordinance. Motioned by Eshleman, second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

BERTZ HESS – Supervisors approved the engagement letter for Bertz Hess to audit the Township for 2016 on a motion by Eshleman second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

GENERAL PUBLIC

GREEN HILL ESTATES- Jim Hillard would like to submit some streets for dedication and will get the paperwork to the Supervisors. The Supervisors would like any of the Township Engineers requests fulfilled before they would review for approval.

RAIL TRAIL- The Township has received the DCNR grant, the trail mix should be able to be put down next year. Conestoga would like to work with Martic to put out bids at the same time. There will be some engineering and draining issues that will be addressed before the trail mix goes down.

ABOVE GROUND ORDINANCE- Supervisors will confer with the Township Solicitor to get an estimate on an amount to have the ordinance prepared in case of the need to enact before the pipeline could begin. The Ordinance would put restrictions on what the pipeline could do to above ground areas of the Township and regulate requirements for the pipeline to follow.

Citizen Steven Bublitz inquired about how much the Township has budgeted for Solicitation fees; he has concerns over the Township spending funds on the Solicitor for the above ground ordinance.

The Supervisors would like to address everyone's concerns and inquiries and find the best options for the benefit of the Township as a whole.

ADJOURN- @ 8:02 pm

Motioned by Eshleman, second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

Respectively Submitted by,

Naomi Little - Secretary