

Conestoga Township B.O.S Minutes

November 7th 2018

CALL TO ORDER- The Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Berry.

PRESENT- Supervisors, John Berry, Robert Hershey Jr. and William Rankin, Secretary Naomi Little, Citizens; Attendance list attached.

MINUTES- The Supervisors approved the October meeting minutes on a motion by Rankin, second by Hershey Jr. All in favor none opposed.

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

TREASURER'S / ZONING & STATE POLICE REPORT - On front table and filed in office for review.

GENERAL PUBLIC

Doris Warfel asked if there will be any Federal grants that might be available for the 537 Plan costs. The Board stated there are possibilities and the Township will be applying for any grants that are available to the Township.

Doris Warfel asked if this trunk line could in the future spread throughout the Township, Twp. Engineer Brian Gilbert explained that this could happen in the future and that DEP could ask for the Township to add on to the line or other Townships could inquire about attaching to the line. These are possibilities that would be down the road once the line is established.

Terry Shepps inquired about the long term planning costs. The Board stated that the Township has started budgeting for the plan and will be looking into options of grants, low interest loans, tapping fee and a small sewage tax. This type of long term planning will spread out the costs and help make it more affordable.

Terry Shepps asked about the grant process and if the amount of Residents and Twp. Budget are considered in the process. Berry stated that the Township's budget and amount of Residents are in the range that is favorable for grants.

Gary Erb asked if there is a ball park for the sewer project. Twp. Engineer Brain stated that the project is estimated around 5 million.

John Fiorill stated that it would be a good idea to start looking into the grants and loans now because interest rates are increasing steadily. This will also help with engineering plans and construction.

OLD BUSINES

537 PLAN- Twp. Engineer Brian Gilbert was present to explain and give details on the upcoming events with the 537 Plan for the Twp.

Brian explained that the 537 Plan is a requirement for all Townships. This plan is updated every 10 years. It is reviewed and updated from the previous plan.

The Board explained that Conestoga Township has been deemed a "needs area" by the Department of Environmental Protection due to high nitrate levels found in the Township's water.

The 537 plan is designed to have the Township identify the existing problems and implement planning to correct and prevent problems with the nitrate levels in the water.

The Board will be reviewing the options that will be available to the Township, along with visiting the costs and ways to pay for the project. Some of the options discussed were to treat nitrates on site, build small community systems throughout the Township, and running a trunk line in from Main Street to Penn Grant Road to tie into Public Sewer. The area affected will be about 288 plus units that reside in the village area. This is the area that the DEP finds to be the most needed area to be corrected at this time. This project can span around 10 years from start to completion. The Board is looking into coming up with the most reasonable option that will take care of the issue long term. Berry had met with DEP Director Beth Sweger about the issues at hand and will be working with her to come up with the best solution possible to suit both DEP and the Township's needs. The DEP also has informed Berry that since the Township is considered a "needs area" the Township would not be privilege to providing pumping exemptions to the Residents. This is to help get a more uniform regiment of systems pumped and provide more data to help correct the nitrate issues.

More information will be available in the following months.

NEW BUSINESS:

POOL GRANTS- Berry announced that Williams has awarded the Township a \$2,500.00 grant towards the Township's Pool and Kohls has also awarded a \$2,500.00 grant for the Pool. In light of this Berry and the Secretary have also donated some of their left over vacation time to help pay for the new Pool cover.

ADJOURN- @ 7:40

Motioned by Berry, second by Hershey Jr. All in favor none opposed.

Respectively Submitted by, Naomi Little -Secretary

Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

Sign in sheet for 2018

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1. Steph Bubler 18 Coals Rd
2. Andrea Berry 1644 Long Lane
3. Ron Wagner 3900 MAIN ST
4. Parke RINEER 3470 MAIN ST
5. Doni Wasfy 39 Sand Hill Rd
6. Eric B. Piper 353 Peguea Blvd.
7. GARY R. EEB 415 Hilltop Drive
8. Dolores Tarfel 52 Stone Hill Rd
9. Kathy Angley 130 W. Elm St
10. Glenn McLean 219 Sand Hill Rd
11. Dianna Good 4000 Main St. Conestoga
12. PAUL SPANGLER 312 RIVERCORNER RD.
13. KARL LEFEVER 250 VALLEY RD.
14. Terry Shepps 125 Valley Rd
15. Elaine Jones 34 Whipperwill 17603
16. D. Meli 150 River Corner A.
17. John Fiorill Peguea Creek Rd
18. Rashynna Barzant 650 Sandhill
19. Robert Bamberg 660 Sandhill