

Conestoga Township B.O.S Minutes

October 4th 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; Fred & Doris Warfel, Leroy Eshleman, Bill Rankin, Parke Rineer, Paul Spangler, Eric Doman, Kathy Sangrey, Kathy & Mike Landis, Robin Maquire, John Pogue, Bob Wiggins, Jeff Geiser, Karl Lefever Jr, Tim Buyers, Jill Kelley, Terry Shepps, Jeff Landis, Kim Kann, Bill Gross, Elaine Jones, Brian Masterson, Johnathan Aument, Becky Miles, John Fisher, Dianna Good, Officer Carter.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT- Terry Shepps provided current Township financial statements. The Township will have the General, Recreation, and Highway fund available for review monthly.

ZONING REPORT- Read by Eshleman, there were 3 permits issued and 5 permits in review.

ROAD MASTER REPORT- John Berry gave an update on the roads for the past month. Worked on pipes on Spring Run and Shenks Ferry Rd, milled Spring Run and prepped it for MC 30 spray. Repaired end walls on Rineer Rd. Cleaned gutters and storm drains, and mowed road banks, along with general maintenance on the trucks.

POLICE REPORT- Report given by Officer Carter.

OLD BUSINESS

TIM SEARCH SUBDIVISION- Subdivision Final Plan was approved on a motion by Eshleman, second by Hershey. All in favor none opposed.

KELLY SUBDIVISION- Approval was given contingent on completing any outstanding requirements from the Township Engineer and Conservation District. Motioned by Berry, second by Hershey. Plans are to be signed at a later date once requirements are completed. All in favor none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

ISOLATION WAIVER FOR MR. GEISER- A waiver was granted on recommendation from the Township SEO to Mr. Geiser for 2323 New Danville Pike Conestoga PA 17516 on a motion by Eshleman, second by Hershey. All in favor none opposed.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT- Motion by Eshleman, second by Berry to approve the current Articles of Agreement with the new changes. All in favor none opposed. Once Pequea Township has approved the Articles, both Conestoga and Pequea can move forward to complete agreement.

TOWNSHIP BUDGET ADVERTISEMENT- Motion to advertise budget by Berry, second by Eshleman. All in favor none opposed.

Terry Shepps informed the Township of the current status of the funds and the detailed process of working on the 2017 budget. The Township is moving in a positive direction and working towards increasing the Townships reserves to a ½ a million dollars, preserving a proactive budget to utilize the Townships funds in the most effective way, and to provide the Township with the best resources within the budget.

Discussion for a loan to purchase a mower with attachments was addressed for the near future.

The topic of a tax increase was discussed; Eshleman motioned for a .2 tenths of a mill tax increase to add to the budget resources, second by none. Motioned was dropped.

Hershey would like to see what the effects of the current changes will be before exploring any other avenues. If there is an option for a tax increase he would like the Supervisors to look into creating a 5 year plan that the tax increase would be used for. If a tax increase would be implemented he would like to have detailed discussion about what the tax would be used for and how it would benefit the Township. The Supervisors agreed that there should be more discussion on the matter before any further actions are taken.

TRICK OR TREAT DATE- Trick or Treat for Conestoga Township will be on Monday October 31st from 6-8pm. Motioned by Eshleman, second by Hershey. All in favor none opposed.

GENERAL PUBLIC

Residents inquired about the above ground structure ordinance, Eshleman stated he had spoken with the Township Solicitor and was recommended that at this point the Township wait until the pipeline is approved or not before the Township spends funds on legal fees for an ordinance.

Spring Run Road Resident wanted to thank the Road Crew for work on their road.

Terry Shepps spoke on how the upcoming budget information will be able to help facilitate the Supervisors with preparing projections for the Township and make solid plans for future expenses.

Citizens inquired about options for Conestoga to have a Solicitation Ordinance. The Supervisors agreed to look into the possibilities of having a Solicitation Ordinance.

ADJOURN- @ 8:35 pm motion by Eshleman, second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

Respectively Submitted by,

Naomi Little - Secretary