

## *Conestoga Township B.O.S Minutes*

### *October 5<sup>th</sup> 2021*

BOS Meeting called to order at 7pm by Berry

PRESENT-Supervisors; Chairman John Berry, Vice Chair Eric Doman, Member Robert Hershey Jr, Secretary Naomi Little, Solicitor Dan Becker, Citizens; attendance list attached.

Supervisors approved the September 2021 BOS Meeting Minutes on a motion by Doman, second by Hershey Jr. All in favor none opposed.

BILLS- The Supervisors approved all bills paid during the month of September 2021 on a motion by Hershey Jr, second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

TREASURER'S / ZONING – On front table and filed in office for review.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC

**John Berry** asked a few questions to Mr. Zettlemoyer on some of the audit details, including whether Pequea Township's actions were fraudulent relating to certain pension payments and payments. Mr. Zettlemoyer explained the definition of fraud and that the report is for clarity of the transactions made in the account and that it would be up to a court to make any decisions of fraudulent actions if that is where it goes.

**Doris Warfel** asked if Conestoga Township will receive anything from Pequea Township as a result of these findings. The Township Solicitor, Dan Becker said that it is too early to tell at this point.

**Kathy Sangrey** asked if the results of the RKL Report will make Pequea want to take it further, Mr. Becker explained litigation is already pending.

**Wes Bruckno-** Asked if there is there any opportunity for arbitration, Mr. Becker said there is always opportunity, for voluntary mediation or arbitration. He explained that the RKL Report has not yet been formally issued and the information supporting that Pequea Township owes Conestoga Township money form the termination of the SRPC is still fresh to everyone and Conestoga will be glad to share this information with Pequea.

**Bill Rankin** asked if Pequea will pay for any of the report since they will be benefiting from seeing it.

**Bob Hershey Jr** stated that the RKL Report will help everyone understand what the numbers are and help with moving forward with the right information. He also stated that it has always been Conestoga's position to pay what is owed but we need a proper accounting of everything to determine what, if any money if owed.

**John Fiorill** asked for clarification on how Pequea's pension check for 2018 was deposited. Mr. Zettlemoyer explained that the Commonwealth deposited the 2018 state aid contribution, Pequea then wrote out a check from SRPC to reimburse Pequea Township.

Mr. Fiorill also asked about the extra money in the pension, Mr. Zettlemoyer stated that it is counted as excess funds that will be used as future pension funds.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**United Methodist Church Dep Modules-** Approval of sewer modules to be sent to DEP for review motioned by Hershey Jr. second by Doman. All in favor none opposed.

**Eshleman lot add on-** Approval for a 2 acre lot of land to be added to Chester L. Eshleman's property motioned by Berry, second by Hershey Jr. All in favor none opposed. Lot add on was reviewed by Twp. and LCPC Planning Commission and Twp. Engineer.

**SRPC Accounting-** Mark Zettlemoyer from RKL, LLP an Accounting Services Firm presented a draft report analyzing the financial records of the Southern Regional Police Commission ("SRPC") to determine what, if any reimbursement of expenditures was required as a result of the termination of the SRPC on December 31, 2017. Mr. Zettlemoyer gave a detailed explanation of his finding and supporting documents, concluding that based upon his analysis, the assets transferred to Pequea Township from the SRPC exceed to be proportionally shared by the townships by a range of \$91,340.97 to \$48,753.19, which means that Conestoga Township proportionate share of the excess funding paid to Pequea Township equates to a range of \$42,202.30 to \$161,123.94. Mr. Zettlemoyer explained that in his professional opinion the top end of the range is the more accurate amount of excess funding received by Pequea Township at Conestoga Township's expense. Mr. Zettlemoyer advised that Conestoga does not owe any money to Pequea Township as a result of the termination of the SRPC and in fact, Pequea Township received excess funds and therefore owes money to Conestoga Township as a result of the termination of the SRPC. It was noted during the presentation that on several occasions Conestoga Township requested that Pequea Township join in the audit process and share in the cost of hiring an accounting firm to do the audit for both Townships. Pequea declined the offer to participate, claiming that they can prepare an accurate accounting without the service of a professional accountant.

**ADJOURN-** @ 8:10pm motioned by Berry second by Hershey Jr. All in favor none opposed.

*Respectively Submitted by,  
Naomi Little -Secretary*

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1. C & Ehlenn 693 Green Hill Rd
2. Liz Collins 3170 MAIN ST. Conestoga
3. Andrea Berry 11644 Long Lane
4. CHRIS & BARB BAIR 208 Run Valley Rd
5. Parle Rinker 3470 main st.
6. Bill Rankin 179 Hilltop DR
7. Don Wolfe 39 Sandhill
8. Dolores Werfel 52 Stone Hill Rd
9. Kathy Sangrey 130 W Elm St
10. Carol Ek 314 Main St
11. Robin Maguire 32 Sandhill Rd.
12. PAUL SPANGLER 312 RIVER CORNER
13. Michael Speicher 791A mainst.
14. Terry Shepps 125 Valley Rd
15. Ray Hess 3019 Peguea Creek Rd
16. Wes Bruckano 332 Kendig
17. Dianna Good 4000 Main St.
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1. John Fould 75 Piqua Creek Rd
2. Donna Eshleman 2540 main St.
3. Dan Henson 10 W Elm St.
4. Eric Rohrer 2960 Main Street
5. Elaine Walner
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