

Conestoga Township BOS Minutes

June 6, 2023

BOS Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by John Berry.

PRESENT – Supervisors: Chairman John Berry and Vice Chairman Robert Hershey Jr.; Citizens (attendance attached).

MINUTES – Supervisors approved the BOS Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2023 on a motion by Robert Hershey Jr. and seconded by John Berry. All in favor – none opposed.

BILLS – The supervisors approved bills for May 2023 on a motion by Robert Hershey Jr. and seconded by John Berry. All in favor – none opposed.

Business of the General Public

John Berry: John Berry opened the floor for comment.

Chris Bair: Chris thanked Conestoga’s Roadmaster, John Berry and Road Crew on the Run Valley Road Pipe Installation. He commented that he and his wife have observed water issues on Run Valley Road over a period of 30 years. He stated that the Road Crew installed over 2,000 feet of pipe, 6 water retaining boxes and that the work was much needed.

New Business

Appoint New Member to Planning Commission

John Berry: John acknowledged an opening in the Planning Commission in which two people expressed interest, Dan Alexander and John Gault. John stated that both gentlemen were qualified but felt Dan Alexander was a better fit as he had served on the commission in the past.

Robert Hershey Jr.: Bob commented that Dan Alexander had served on the Planning Commission in the past for around 8 years.

John Berry motioned to appoint Dan Alexander to the Planning Commission, seconded by Robert Hershey Jr. All in favor – none opposed.

Accept Supervisor Resignation

John Berry motioned to accept Ron Wagner's resignation as Supervisor, seconded by Robert Hershey Jr. All in favor – none opposed.

John Berry: John stated that the board has 45 days to accept a supervisor's resignation and 35 days to appoint a new Supervisor. He mentioned Robin Maguire called to express an interest in the Supervisor position.

Robin Maguire: Robin asked the board why no one will stay in the supervisor position since the resignation of Bill Rankin.

John Berry: John replied to Robin by stating that "people's lives change". He continued by saying, "This is a real pain up here. There are a lot of things going on. It depends on how much time a person wants to devote to the position and what they are willing to give up."

Robert Hershey Jr.: Bob stated that he has given a lot of thought about who they would appoint to the position after receiving Ron Wagner's resignation. He stated that the supervisors cannot appoint someone to this position who is not willing to run. He commented on the public's opinion of past appointees having a conflict of interest and said, "People do not want this position".

Bob stated his intention to appoint a supervisor based on who the residents had already chose when voting in the primary, either Jeremy Eshelman or Matthew Connelly. He suggested appointing Connelly due to the higher vote count and because he is running unopposed. Bob explained that Connelly would likely be supervisor. He suggested that by appointing him 6 months prior, it would be a good opportunity for him to learn and explore the position.

Linda Like: Linda stated an observation that Jeremy Eshelman did not seem well liked from what she read in May's meeting minutes.

Robert Hershey Jr.: Bob replied to Linda stating that those were resident's personal views and not the opinion of the board.

David Clancy: David wanted to know if the supervisors thought appointing Connelly to supervisor would have an impact on the general election.

Robert Hershey Jr.: Bob said his opinion was that it would not have an impact on the general election.

Matthew Connelly: Matt stated that he ran for supervisor and won by a handful of votes. He continued by saying he was dedicated and wanted to serve the position for the residents. He said being appointed to supervisor was a good opportunity to get experience.

Robert Hershey Jr. motioned to appoint Matthew Connelly as supervisor.

Craig Eshelman: Craig called out that he did not see the topic of appointing a supervisor on the agenda. He stated that it sounded like the supervisors were making a motion or voting on an item not on the agenda.

John Berry: John stated that we have to appoint someone. He said the board could wait until next month and he was in no hurry to appoint someone.

Robert Hershey Jr.: Bob stated his thought process was that the township was without a supervisor.

John Berry motioned to appoint a supervisor at the next meeting and opened up an invitation for residents to send in letters of intent.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:20 pm, motioned by John Berry and seconded by Robert Hershey Jr. All in favor - none opposed.

Submitted by,

Brandi Tomasetti, Secretary/Treasurer

Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

Tuesday June 6, 2023

Sign In Sheet (Please Print Your Name & Address)

1. CHRIS + BARB BAIR 208 Run Valley Rd
2. Craig Eshleman
3. Dan Alexander
4. Robert Banzhof 660 Sandhill Rd.
5. Don Connelly 90 Buck Run Rd.
6. Matt Connelly 96 Buck Run Rd
7. Kimmet Sand Hill Road
8. Dennis Wasyel 39 Sand Hill Rd
9. Kathy Sorgray Elm ST
10. Robin Maguire Sandhill Rd
11. Marnie Tisco 490 Sandhill Rd
12. John Gault 490 Sandhill Rd.
13. RAYMOND CLARE JR W. ELM ST.
14. Ed + Maddie Ritz Main St. Conestoga
15. Steve Felle Millers Rd
16. Ray Hess Pegasus Creek Rd
17. Donna Hoar Colemanville Church Rd
18. PAUL SPANGLER 312 RIVER CORNER
19. Craig Eshleman 431 Sand Hill Rd.

20. Rachael Eschleman

431 Sandhill rd.

21. Mark Atman

7 ORCHARD LANE

22. Patsy Rineen

MAIN ST-

23. Gary R Erb

356 Sand Hill

24. Melanie Scheid

3225 Main St.

25. Frank Lile

4180 Main St-

26. Cathy

27. Yoon Chun

28. Terry Shepps

Valley Rd

29. Joseph Mussar

3939 Main St

30. Allan Wel

80 Boy Scout Rd

31. John Finell

75 Pigeon Creek Rd

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