

Conestoga Township BOS Minutes

January 2, 2024

BOS Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Matthew Connelly

Present - Supervisors: Chairman Matthew Connelly & Vice Chairman Joe Devoy;
Citizens (Attendance Attached)

Minutes - No minutes were prepared to be approved

Bills - The supervisors approved the bills for December 2023 on a motion by Joe Devoy and seconded by Matthew Connelly All in favor - None opposed

Business of the general public & Personnel

Joe Devoy: Joe stated how he was excited to be elected and is looking forward to the next 6 years as one of Conestoga's Township Supervisors. He thanked Bob Hershey for his hard work and dedication throughout the years. He stated that himself and Matt will work hard for the township.

Matthew Connelly: Matt stated Brandi has not been in the office for the past week and will continue to be out until further notice. Explained that because of Brandis absence the BOS December minutes were not drafted up to be approved for the January meeting.

Matthew Connelly: Matt stated John is still out for health reasons and that it's John's decision on where he stands as a supervisor. He stated the supervisors have no say in what plan of action john will take.

Matthew Connelly: Matt stated that one of the road crew employees David Jackson was injured and was hoping for a speedy recovery.

Joe Devoy: Joe stated Tom Grassel agreed to help out with the road crew since they have limited help. He thanked Tom Grassel for helping us out through the incoming winter storms and keeping Conestoga safe.

Matthew Connelly: Announced that an executive session on 12/22/23 took place for personal reasons

Public Comment

Diane Babcock: Diane stated she hasn't heard from Jeff Fiant, the zoning officer in a while and stated she was still having issues with her neighbor at 29 Pequea Blvd. She communicated frustration with the process.

Joe Devoy: Joe stated himself and Matt had talked to Jeff which he advised the neighbor to go in front of the zoning hearing board for approval.

Diane Babcock: Diane asked if a time limit was something the township had on these matters.

Joe Devoy: Joe stated that a deadline set by supervisors wasn't something the board sets. Jeff has expressed that the neighbor has been listening and taking the appropriate action when told to do so.

Terry Shepps: Terry stated his neighborhood was involved in a zoning situation. He agreed with the frustration that Diane expressed about the process. He stated the only way he was able to get through it was to spend legal fees. Stated the process was costly and lengthy. He stated a lot of research was conducted.

Diane babcock: Diane stated Jeff Fiant said he didn't want to enforce the zoning violation on the neighbor at 29 Pequea Blvd because it hasn't been enforced on other residents in the township.

Matt Connelly: Matt stated Jeff Fiant was expressing that many residents have a commercial work vehicle that they drive home daily. He stated that the appropriate action for the neighbor to take is to go before the zoning hearing board and apply for a home occupation.

Diane Babcock: Diane stated that her neighbor at 29 Pequea Blvd was taking multiple work vehicles and trailers up and down his driveway. She communicated that she wanted the appropriate actions done and did not want to sue the township to enforce ordinances.

Joe Devoy: Joe stated that himself and Jeff Fiant had a conversation stating the neighbor is going to go in front of the zoning hearing board. He stated Diane had the right to attend and express her frustration. He stated he will follow up with Jeff to get an update on the situation.

Dave Clancy: Dave stated that he was wondering if a virtual meeting option through skype or other video call service was something to be considered for the future meetings. He stated it would be a great way to allow residents to attend the meetings at later dates. He stated he wanted it to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Joe Devoy: Joe expressed his interest in the idea of virtual meetings and would make sure it was on the next agenda so it can be discussed further.

Resident: A resident expressed concerns regarding a police force in Conestoga. Stated Conestoga had a police force at one time and was wondering about the possibilities of a future police force.

New Business

Matthew Connelly: Matt stated the Lions club approached him about the opportunity of having the pool. He stated he gave them the necessary time to go through their board and report back to the township with their decision. He stated the lions club were not interested due to it being too much of a liability. He stated Melanie Schied was also interested in the pool and that the supervisors took in account of everything that was expressed by her and other residents at the previous meetings. He stated he acknowledged everyones opinion on the pool. He stated that Melanie can improve based on residents concerns and that Melanie also did very good things for the pool like the national night out. He stated that he believes Melanie wants to see the community work together and do great things with the pool. He also stated that he would like to see the community band together in efforts to support Melanie. He stated that the supervisors would work on the lease and set up a time to meet with Melanie to get the lease signed.

Joe Devoy: Joe stated he was in agreement with Matt about working with Melanie to get a new lease signed. He stated that the issues in the past should not be issues going forward in the future. He stated he was hoping for a nice summer with the pool.

Matthew Connelly: Matt stated that a cost of living wage increase for the road crew would go into effect into 2024.

Joe Devoy: Joe stated Leroy and Colin were doing a great job for the road crew especially short staffed.

The supervisors approved the road crew cost of living wage increase on a motion by Joe Devoy and seconded by Matthew Connelly All in favor - None opposed

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:22 pm, motioned by Joe Devoy and seconded by Matthew Connelly All in favor – none opposed.

Respectively submitted by,
Matthew Connelly - Chairman

Conestoga Township Board of supervisors Meeting

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Sign In Sheet (Please Print Your Name & Address)

L Eshleman Green Hill Rd 693

D Alexander Sickman Mill Rd

Dianne Babcock Pequea Blvd

CHRIS + BARB BAIR Run Valley Rd

Joe Gushy Stehman Rd

Dani Warfel Conestoga

Dana Paparo Conestoga

Patricia Brogan Conestoga

Aidan Devoy Conestoga

Bob Hersey Conestoga Stoney Lane

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~~Bob~~ 637 Stone Ln.

Bill Rankin Hilltop Dr

Sheri Kimmet Sandhill Rd.

Ron Wagner 3900 MAIN.

Don Connelly 90 Buck Run Rd

Maddie Ritz Main St Conestoga

RAYMOND/TINA CLARE W. ELM ST.

Vince Metzler

Mike Eshner 1020 Pigeon Gap Rd

Ally & Tony 82 River Corner Rd

Paul Rineer MAIN ST.

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