

Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors
Organization Meeting
January 2, 2024

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

Board of Supervisors

Chairman: Matthew Connelly

Vice Chairman: Joe Devoy

Member: John Berry

Vacancy Board Chair: Dan Henson

Voting Delegate for State Convention: Joe Devoy

2024 BOS Meeting dates as follows:

January 2, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 6, December 3

2025 BOS Meeting dates as follows:

January 6

Paid Holidays off will reflect the PA observed official holidays

Mileage Reimbursement: \$0.67 Current Rate 2024

Millage for Township: \$0.871 No Increase

Set Treasurer's Bond for 2024: 1 Million Dollars

Township Administration and Personnel Appointment

- **Auditors Board: Gary Erb, Parke Rineer, Paul Spangler**
- **Secretary/Treasurer: Brandi Tomasetti**
- **Assistant Treasurer: Joe Devoy**
- **Right-To-Know Officer: Brandi Tomasetti**
- **Zoning/Building/Property Maintenance/Enforcement Code Official: Kraft Code Services**
- **Zoning Hearing Board: John Kauffman, Joe Deluca, Don Harnish, Karl Lefever, Vince Metzler**
- **Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor: Melvin Newcomer of Dreisbach, Kluxen, Newcomer**
- **Zoning Hearing Board Rate of Pay: \$25.00 per Hearing**
- **Zoning Hearing Board Alternate: Doris Warfel**
- **Planning Commission: Wes Bruckno, Dan Alexander, Scott Kriner, Ron Wagner**
- **Emergency Management Coordinator: Kevin Hertzog**
- **Roadmaster: John Berry**

- *Road Crew: John Berry, Dave Jackson, Leroy Eshleman, Collin Deihm*
- *Insurance: Kocman Insurance*
- *Solicitor: Dan Becker of Kozloff Stoudt*
- *Engineer: Kraft Engineering*
- *Township Auditors: Conrad Siegel*
- *CPA Firm: The Shepps Group*
- *Colemanville Sewer Inspector: Duane Himes*
- *Depository for Township: RBC, Members 1st*
- *Collector of Real Estate Tax/Collector of Wage Tax: County of Lancaster*

Resolutions

2024-01 Township Fee Schedule: Zoning, SALDOS, Building Fees

2024-02 Colemanville Sewer Fees

2024-03 Township approves Conestoga Volunteer Fire Company as Township Fire Company and for the Fire Company to be a part of the Lancaster County Fire Police Task Force

2024-04 Conestoga Township appoints Lancaster EMS as the Township Ambulance Service

2024-05 Conestoga Township Pension Plan Administrator: John Berry

2024-06 Approved authorized sewage hauler list fee: \$100.00 for authorized haulers on Township list

2024-07 Appointment of Sewage Enforcement Officer: Mark Anthony Deimler of Solanco Engineering

Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors Minutes

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Bos Meeting called to order 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: Stated he was excited to be elected and is looking forward to the next six years as one of Conestoga Township's Supervisors. He thanked Bob Hershey for his hard work and dedication throughout the years. He affirmed that he and Matthew will work hard for the Township.

Matthew Connelly: Stated that **Brandi Tomasetti** has not been in the office for the past week and will continue to be out until further notice. He explained the December BOS Minutes were not drafted to be approved for January's meeting in relation to Brandi's absence.

Matthew Connelly: Stated that **John Berry** is still out for health reasons and that it's John's decision on where he stands as a Supervisor. The Supervisors have no say in what plan of action John will take. He stated that Road Crew employee, David Jackson, was injured and he was looking for a speedy recovery.

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

Matthew Connelly: Announced an Executive Session took place on December 22, 2023 for Personnel reasons.

Public Comment

Dianne Babcock: Stated that she had not heard from Jeff Fiant, Zoning Office, in a while. She continued having issues with her neighbor at 29 Pequea Blvd. She was frustrated with the process.

Joe Devoy: Stated that he and Matthew had spoken to Jeff Fiant. He advised the neighbor to go to the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) for approval.

Dianne Babcock: Asked if there was a time limit imposed by the Township concerning these matters.

Joe Devoy: Stated that a deadline was not something the BOS implements. Jeff Fiant expressed that the neighbor was listening and taking appropriate action as instructed.

Terry Shepps: Stated that his neighborhood was involved in a zoning situation. He agreed with Dianne's frustration regarding the process. He stated that the only way he was able to get through it was to for legal fees. The process was costly and lengthy with extensive research involved.

Dianne Babcock: Stated that Jeff Fiant said he did not want to enforce the zoning violation upon the neighbor at 29 Pequea Blvd because it was not enforced on other Township residents.

Matthew Connelly: Stated that Jeff Fiant shared 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 ZHB and apply for a Home Occupation Permit.

Dianne Babcock: 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 for not enforcing ordinances.

Joe Devoy: Stated that Jeff Fiant had a conversation with him and the neighbor is going to go before the ZHB. He said that Dianne had the right to attend the meeting and express her frustration. Joe will follow up with Jeff to get an update on the situation.

Dave Clancy: Had wondered if a virtual meeting option through Skype or other video call services were something to be considered for future meetings. He stated it would be a great way to allow residents to attend the meetings at later dates. He wanted this to be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

Joe Devoy: Expressed an interest in the idea of the virtual meetings and would make sure it would be on the next Agenda for further discussion.

Resident: Expressed concerns regarding a police force in Conestoga. Since we had a police force in the past what would be the possibilities of having one in the future.

New Business

Matthew Connelly: Stated the Lions Club approached him about the opportunity of having the pool. He gave them the necessary time to go through their board and report back to the Township with their decision. The Lion's Club was not interested, in relation, to it being too much liability. Melanie Scheid, also, was interested in the pool. The Supervisors weighed in on her thoughts and the concerns from the residents at previous meetings. He acknowledged everyone's opinions regarding the pool. He stated that Melanie can improve and that she had hosted the National Night Out at the pool which was a good event for the community. He believes Melanie wants to promote a partnership with the community to accomplish great things for the pool. Also, he would like the community band together to support Melanie's efforts. The Supervisors will be working on the lease. When completed, they will set up a time for Melanie to sign the lease.

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


Matthew Connelly: Stated that the cost-of-living wage increase for the Road Crew would go into effect into 2024.

Joe Devoy: Stated that Leroy Eshleman and Collin Deihm were doing a great job for the Road Crew; especially since they are 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 7:22pm, Motioned by Joe Devoy and seconded by Matthew Connelly. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully 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 Pegua Blvd

CHRIS + BARB BAIR Run Valley Rd

Joe Gushy Stehman Rd

Demi Warfel Conestoga

Dana Paparo Conestoga

Patricia Brogan Conestoga

Aidan Devoy Conestoga

Bob Hershby Conestoga Stony Lane

~~Bo Weyer~~ 635 Stoner Ln.

Bill Rankin Hilltop DR

Sheri Kimmel 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 Evohner 1020 Pequea Creek Rd

Ally & Tony 82 River Corner Rd

Pauls RINEER MAIN ST.

20. ~~MBS~~ 157 Marlborough Av

21. Lydia Wilkig 4 Theresa Dr. Conestoga

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