

# Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors Minutes

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conestoga Township Public Meeting Room located at 3959 Main Street, Conestoga, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman of the Board, Matthew Connelly, followed by the pledge to the flag.

## **PRESENT - SUPERVISORS**

Chairman Matthew Connelly, Vice Chairman Joe Devoy and Tom Grassel Jr.

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Sue Fawber 175 Stonehill Road  
Sherry Heisey 3711 Main Street  
Kim Hutchinson 45 Pequea Creek Road  
Doris Warfel 39 Sand Hill Road  
Chris & Barb Bair Run Valley Road  
Johanna Treier Main Street  
Bill Adams 105 E Elm Street  
Paul Spangler 312 River Corner Road  
Dianne Babcock Pequea Boulevard  
Ray Hess Pequea Creek Road

Robin Maguire Sandhill Road  
Ally & Tony River Corner Road  
Donna Eshleman Main Street  
Parke Rineer Main Street  
Carmen Simone Sand Hill Road  
Don Connelly 90 Buck Run Road  
Dean Evans LNP  
Wes Bruckno 332 Kendig Road  
Joe Geesey 793 Stehman Road  
Paul Thomas 3347 Main Street

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Matthew Connelly** stated that all residents and tax payers are welcome to participate. Please state your name and address for the record and limit your comments to 3 minutes.

**Doris Warfel** asked if anyone checked out the neighbor's trash located on either side of the Township Office.

**Matthew Connelly** stated that he did not have the opportunity to speak to code official, Jeff Fiant, but he will keep it on his agenda.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD**

Executive session was held July 15, 2024 for Personnel related issues.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES, TREASURER'S BILLS AND REPORT**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** **Joe Devoy** motioned to approve the July 2, 2024 BOS Minutes with a second by **Matthew Connelly**. **Tom Grassel Jr.** abstained from voting since he was not present.

All in favor – None opposed.

**Approval of Bills & Treasurer's Report:** **Tom Grassel Jr.** made a motion to approve the July, 2024 Bills and Treasurer Report as presented with a second by **Joe Devoy**.

All in favor – None opposed.

## **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Planning Commission meeting was held on July 22, 2024 for the William and Betty Adams subdivision that is located on Michael Drive off Main Street.

Zoning Hearing Board meeting was held on July 31, 2024 for Gary and Michele Miller for a variance to exceed the maximum height for the accessory barn to erect a cupola.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Joe Devoy** made a motion to ratify the termination of Roadcrew employee Collin Deihm with a second by **Matthew Connelly**.

All in favor – None opposed.

**Tom Grassel Jr.** made a motion to ratify the increase to Part-time Roadcrew employee's wage for **Leroy Eshleman** with a second by **Joe Devoy**.

All in favor – None opposed.

**Joe Devoy** stated the Auditor's Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2023 was put to rest. He mentioned that the financial statements were audited late this year since the termination of Brandi Tomasetti and John Berry. The report is finished and available at the office to anyone who would be interested in seeing it.

**Joe Devoy** made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for December 31, 2023 with a second by **Tom Grassel Jr.**

All in favor – None opposed.

**Joe Devoy** made a motion to advertise the Concise Financial Statement, which is a requirement, with a second by **Matthew Connelly**.

All in favor – None opposed.

**Joe Devoy** made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the Plan Revision for New Land Development. This resolution is for sewage facilities planning module for William and Betty Adams Subdivision. **Tom Grassel Jr.** seconded the motion.  
All in favor – None opposed.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10

RESOLUTION FOR PLAN REVISION FOR NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT

**Matthew Connelly** made a nomination to appoint John Stipe III to the Planning Commission. **Joe Devoy** seconded the nomination. He appreciated all candidates who showed an interest. Tom Grassel Jr. expressed gratitude to all of the candidates that came out and applied. Joe Devoy said it was great to see so many qualified, well-intentioned people who want to make the Township better.

**Matthew Connelly** made a motion to adopt the Resolution to appoint **John Stipe III** to the Planning Commission with a second by **Tom Grassel Jr.**  
All in favor – None opposed.

**Joe Devoy** commented that **John Stipe III** is an engineer for Rettew. He had previously served on the Planning Commission but relocated to Colorado to start a Division for Rettew. He has returned to Conestoga with his family. He has two children who are up in age and John feels he has the time to invest in the Planning Commission. He is ultra qualified and we will provide a copy of his resume for anyone who would like to see his credentials.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONESTOGA  
TOWNSHIP TO APPOINT JOHN STIPE III TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

**Joe Devoy** made a motion to set the budget work session dates for Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and to advertise with a second by **Matthew Connelly**.  
All in favor – None opposed.

**Matthew Connelly** asked for consideration of a Resolution to become a member of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Trust known as PLGIT. Jessie Ebersole explained PLGIT stands for Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust and is an intergovernmental coop trust that

many municipalities use to secure a very attractive interest rate; currently above 5%. We will be depositing the Township's liquid funds into this secured trust. Joe Devoy stated that we are not making money on our current banking return. It's time to make a change and under Jessie's leadership, this is good direction.

**Tom Grassel Jr.** made a motion to adopt the Resolution to enter into the intergovernmental cooperative trust – PLGIT with a second by **Matthew Connelly**.

All in favor – None opposed.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE TRUST

**Matthew Connelly** asked for consideration of the Resolution to appoint a new Pension Plan Chief Administrator.

**Joe Devoy** made a motion to adopt the Resolution to appoint Jessie L. Ebersole as the Pension Plan Chief Administrator with a second by **Matthew Connelly**.

All in favor – None opposed.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP TO APPOINT A CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tom Grassel Jr.** reported on the progress of chip and oil roadway maintenance project. The following roads are to be oiled and chipped within the following two weeks:

River Corner Road, River Hill Road, Colemanville Church Road, and Duck Hill Road.

**Paul Thomas** commended the great team work between the Fire Company and the Township with removing substantial trees from the road due to the recent storms.

**Tom Grassel Jr.** stated that a resident complained about the fire siren sounding ten times in one night. While the folks of the town are soundly sleeping, at 2:00 a.m., the Fire Company and

Roadcrew are out clearing roads and taking care of hazardous situations. It is good to know we are in safe hands. We praise you for your commitment and diligence.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessie L. Ebersole

Conestoga Township Secretary

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