

Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 3, 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

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| Brian Herr, Roadmaster | LeRoy Eshleman |
| Chris & Barb Bair Run Valley Road | Larry Frankford 3619 Main Street |
| Harris L. Malkin | Dianne Babcock Pequea Boulevard |
| Dana Paparo 671 Sand Hill Road | Robin Maguire Sandhill Road |
| Aiden Devoy 671 Sand Hill Road | Kirby Wiest 849 Long Lane |
| Jeff Denlinger | Gary and Michele Miller Main Street |
| Johanna Treier Main Street | Don Connelly 90 Buck Run Road |
| Paul Spangler 312 River Corner Road | Lynda Like Main Street |
| Bob May Lancaster EMS | Terry Shepps 125 Valley Road |

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.
No public comments given.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD

Executive session was held August 23, 2024 for Personnel related discussions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, TREASURER’S BILLS AND REPORT

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **Joe Devoy** motioned to approve the August 6, 2024 BOS Minutes with a second by **Tom Grassel Jr.**

All in favor – None opposed.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes: **Tom Grassel Jr.** made a motion to approve the August 6, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes with a second by **Joe Devoy.**

All in favor – None opposed.

Approval of Bills & Treasurer's Report: **Joe Devoy** made a motion to approve the August 2024 Bills and Treasurer Report as presented with a second by **Matthew Connelly**. All in favor – None opposed.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning Commission (PC) meeting was held August 26, 2024. Jim Caldwell presented the final lot add-on plan for 3785 Main Street, Mt. Bethel United Evangelical Church and Thomas and Joan Wurster.

The PC reviewed the development plans presented from Benuel Esh and James Stoltzfus who shared their design for a conditional use campground with 38 sites on 22.97- acre tract by Safe Harbor Village at 5365 River Road for the use of "Glamping;" glamorous style camping in luxury.

Nathan and Julie Howe presented a proposed agritainment facility concept for the property located at 4459 Main Street to the PC. They are considering a 3-lot subdivision for 76-acre parcel that is for sale.

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) meeting was held on August 28, 2024 and they ruled in favor of Gary and Michele Miller for a variance to exceed the maximum height for the accessory barn to erect a cupola.

The ZHB voted to permit Kirk and Pamela Liddell at 175 River Hill Road a zoning variance to subdivide their property into two lots: approximately 15.4-acre farm and remaining 74.8 acres.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Grassel Jr. made a motion to ratify the authorization of the solicitor's preparation of the solar/alternative energy zoning ordinance amendment with second by **Matthew Connelly**. All in favor – None opposed.

Joe Devoy made a motion to approve the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation Non-Police Pension Plan with a second by **Matthew Connelly**. All in favor – None opposed.

C. Robert May gave an informative presentation from Lancaster Emergency Medical Services (EMS). They do not receive direct tax dollars and rely on those that they serve for support. He requested a \$6,246.00 contribution from Conestoga Township.

You may sign up for a Lancaster EMS membership online: lemsa.com/membershipsignup.php
Individual under 60 Years: \$65.00

Family: \$85.00

Single Senior over 60 years: \$45.00

Senior Couple: \$65.00

For members, there is no out-of-pocket obligation once the insurance deductible is met. If you are a self-pay with no insurance; you will receive a discount. As a member, they offer discounts for non-emergency transports.

Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) is a financial services organization that provides investment and cash management services to local governments in Pennsylvania.

Jessie Ebersole explained that we would like to join for the Liquid Fuels fund and our Capital Reserve fund to secure a better interest rate which is currently above 5%.

Tom Grassel Jr. made a motion to document that the Township will require two signatures on checks. The signers on the account will be all three Supervisors: Matthew Connelly, Joe Devoy, and Tom Grassel Jr. and Jessie Ebersole, Secretary/Treasurer as the Administrator and signer.

Joe Devoy seconded the motion.

All in favor – None opposed.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Brian Herr stated that the road maintenance on River Hill Road, River Corner Road, Colemanville Church Road, and Duck Hill Road is completed with the exception of line striping. Alpha Space Control has not responded to Brian. If they are unable to return, there is another company that can do the job.

All roads were swept. The storm damage was impacted by 5 inches of rain and another 3 inches a couple days later. Stone Hill Road took a hit. A big thank you to Tom Grassel Jr for arranging the trackhoes to be onsite. There were three tri-axel loads of large rock brought in to fill in what was washed away.

Leroy Eshleman and Brian Herr handled 24 trees that were down. We are so appreciative of the Fire Department assistance to help with tree removal. Also, the dead old oak tree was removed on River Road by Pequea Creek Road.

Low Grade Trail: Manor Township wants to put a handicap area at the end of Brenner Hollow Road for access to Rails to Trails.

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Grassel Jr presented the status on the 537 Plan. ELA is moving forward with water testing. They were able to use a small portion of the data from 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew Connelly stated that the budget work sessions are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend on October 8th and October 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Conestoga Classic Car Show is scheduled for September 28, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Road closure is from Sand Hill Road to Rineer Road.
The Solanco Parade is September 18th with the Conestoga Volunteer Fire Company giving assistance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Maguire asked if there were any developments for the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance that took place in the Special Meeting.

Joe Devoy stated that Ryan Rhode, Engineer, from Kraft Municipal Group will be providing us a check list and timelines for procedures which we can post to our website.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessie L. Ebersole

Conestoga Township Secretary

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