

Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 1, 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

Brian Herr: Roadmaster
Derek Good: Road Crew
Ron Hershey: Hershey Surveying, Inc.
Doris Warfel 39 Sand Hill Road
Robin Maguire Sand Hill Road
Donald L. Connelly 90 Buck Run Road
Paul Spangler 312 River Corner Road
Trevor Grassel 7 Centre Drive
Lynda Like Main Street
David Adams 105 East Elm Street
Gary & Michele Miller 3498 Main Street

C. LeRoy Eshleman: Road Crew
Eric Peifer Pequea Boulevard
Randy Groff 300 Goods Road
Kathy Sangrey 130 West Elm Street
Paul Thomas Main Street
Jason Brenneman: James R. Holley & Associates
Tonya Grassel 7 Centre Drive
Tony Oktela & Ally River Corner Road
Bill Adams 105 East Elm Street
Blake Doolittle 393 Sandhill Road
Kayla Grabowski 393 Sandhill 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 September 24, 2024 for Personnel related discussions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, TREASURER'S BILLS AND REPORT

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Tom Grassel Jr. motioned to approve the September 3, 2024 BOS Minutes with a second by **Joe Devoy**.

All in favor – None opposed.

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

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no meetings for the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board for the month of September 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

William and Betty Adams Subdivision

Jason Brenneman from James R. Holley & Associates introduced himself and presented a two-lot subdivision of fifty-two acres for William and Betty Adams and their son, David Adams. The proposed lot is located off Main Street and Michael Drive which is a private drive that serves the fifty-two-acre parcel which is an approved building lot. We will be subdividing the fifty-two acres into two lots: one lot will be two acres and the remaining lot will be fifty acres. The existing private drive will be extended back. There is private right-of-way that currently exists. Bill worked with his attorney to get an existing access operation maintenance agreement and an additional small easement in relation to existing sheds in that right-away placed by the neighbors. Bill is looking to extend the driveway a little further into the proposed easement for one driveway to serve David's lot and the second driveway to serve Bill's lot. He mentioned the Stormwater has been addressed and waivers are needed for the Preliminary Plan/Final plan submission, Aquifer Study, and Plan to scale to show on one sheet. The waivers were approved by the Planning Commission. He further mentioned that there are two outstanding items in Kraft Municipal Group's letter for the Operations of Maintenance Agreement for the private drive: this was addressed and signed by the property owners. The second item is the DEP Planning Module which will have some minor revisions to the report and minor revisions for the property line.

Tom Grassel Jr. made a motion to approve the Preliminary/Final plan for William and Betty Adams subdivision with three waivers and contingent on satisfying all other compliances as stated in Kraft Municipal's letter dated 08/29/2024 with a second by **Joe Devoy**.

All in favor. None opposed.

Thomas and Joan Wurster Lot Add-On Plan

Ron Hershey from Hershey Surveying, Inc. introduced himself and presented the Lot Add-On plan. Thomas and Joan Wurster are proposing to add 3.027 acres to their existing 0.436-acre Lot at 3785 Main Street from adjoining lands of Bethel United Evangelical Church (Cemetery Lot). The resultant Lot would be 3.463-acres (Gross) and the remaining lands of Bethel United Evangelical Church (Cemetery) would be 3.302- acres (Gross).

Joe Devoy made a motion to approve the Lot Add-On Plan for Thomas and Joan Wurster at 3785 Main Street contingent on satisfying Kraft Municipal Group's letter dated 08/19/2024 and a second was made by **Matthew Connelly**.

All in favor. None opposed.

Presentation from the Lancaster Public Library (LPL) by the Director of Donor Advising, Jon Heinly

Mission and Vision statement: LPL inspires, empowers, and strengthens our community by connecting people with information, ideas, and enriching experiences by providing equitable access to vital educational resources, exceptional programming community building opportunities. The LPL is reorganized as a dynamic center of knowledge and a cornerstone of a thriving Lancaster community.

In 2023, 21% of Conestoga residents possessed library cards.

6,178 materials were borrowed by our residents.

\$160,000 worth of materials were accessed by our residents for free.

There is a Sensory & Autistic Resource Center: Resource room for individuals that have autism or sensory disorders. You can try out fidget toys or weighted blankets, Families can try things out before they invest in something that may not be beneficial.

The LPL has unique items to check out such as American Girl Dolls, instruments, and parachutes.

Non-Profits may assemble in meeting rooms free of charge.

The LPL received 38% funding from government support and municipalities.

The LPL received 62% from late fees and processing passport fees.

The LPL receives 50% from fundraising.

They offer a laptop lending program for young adults.

Donald Connelly inquired how much of our money is designated for drag queen shows and if there are future plans for this type of event. Jon Heinly explained that there are three types of programming: One that the LPL staff presents as Bits and Bytes. A second program would be when they bring in an expert for first time home-buying program. The third type would be when an outside organization partners with us such as Lancaster Conservancy to use the library space to host an event. Lancaster Pride Story Hour event was planned and not held. The library was not planning the event; it was the host. There are no plans to hold it again and no funding was used for the story hour.

John Heinly was grateful for our support and asked that we would consider yielding more financial support based upon the valuable services provided by the LPL to the Conestoga community.

Motion to ratify hiring of Derek Good, new Road Crew Employee

Tom Grassel Jr. introduced Derek Good as the young, new Township Road Crew full-time employee. Tom stated, "He is as Conestoga as you can get!". Derek brings commendable character with a wonderful grandmother (Doris Warfel).

Tom Grassel Jr. made a motion to ratify hiring **Derek K. Good** as a new full-time Road Crew employee with a second by **Joe Devoy**.

All in favor. None Opposed.

New Business

Joe Devoy made a motion to authorize submission of the proposed Zoning and SALDO amendments from the Code Codification to both the Lancaster Planning Commission and Conestoga Township Planning Commission for review and recommendations with a second by **Tom Grassel Jr.**
All in favor. None Opposed.

Tom Grassel Jr. made a motion to advertise the sale of the 1997 International Dump Truck with a second by **Matthew Connelly.**
All in favor. None Opposed.

Matthew Connelly made a motion to adopt the Resolution to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant from Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of a Multipurpose Machine with attachments for Public Service Works with a second by **Joe Devoy.**
All in favor. None Opposed.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONESTOGA
TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA TO
REQUEST A STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT

Matthew Connelly made a motion to adopt the Resolution to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of a Dump Truck for Public Service Works and a second was made by **Tom Grassel Jr.**
All in favor. None Opposed.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONESTOGA
TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA TO
REQUEST A STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT

Matthew Connelly mentioned the Annual State Aid Allocation for Volunteer Fire Relief Association was received in the amount of \$27,224.85 and paid to Conestoga VFRA.

Matthew Connelly mentioned 2024 PA Pension System State Aid allocation was received in the amount of \$12,583.11 and deposited to the Non-Police Pension Plan.

Matthew Connelly presented a Certificate of Appreciation to John Michener, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He served twenty-five years with the Conestoga Volunteer Fire Company. He was our Emergency Management Coordinator from January 2012 through December 2017. It was with heart-felt appreciation that Conestoga Township honored John for his many years of dedicated service and countless volunteer hours to our community.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessie L. Ebersole

Conestoga Township Secretary

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