

# Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors

## Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 in the Conestoga Township Public Meeting Room located at 3959 Main Street, Conestoga, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairman of the Board, Matthew Connelly followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

### SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Chairman Matthew Connelly, Vice Chairman Thomas Grassel Jr. and Joseph Devoy via phone

### OTHERS PRESENT

Jessie L. Ebersole, Secretary/Treasurer

Brian J. Herr, Roadmaster

C. LeRoy Eshleman, Roadcrew

Ray Hess, 349 Pequea Creek Rd

Donald Connelly, 90 Buck Run Rd

Jeff Charles, 1520 Long Lane

Doris Warfel, 39 Sandhill Rd

Michele Lovett, 82 E Elm St

Larry & Melissa Frankford, 3619 Main St

Mark, Kasey & Gabriel Mitchell, 3296 Main St

Jason Sweigart, 321 Sandhill Rd

Bob Wiggins, 21 Peach Ln

### SUPERVISOR COMMENT

Tom Grassel mentioned Joe Devoy is in sunny Hawaii and participating via phone.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Connelly of 90 Buck Run Road voiced his concern for speeding in Buck Run and Green Hill Estates. He asked the Supervisors to consider installing two speed bumps. Roadmaster, Brian Herr, mentioned the disapproval of speed bumps however, speed tables may be a consideration. Further discussions suggested moving the speed censor signs and asking the State Police to monitor the area.

Jeff Charles of 1520 Long Lane asked about the Agritainment ordinance amendment on last month's agenda. It was noted that a motion to consider the zoning amendment to the Agritainment ordinance did not move forward. The action was tabled by the Supervisors.

Larry Frankford, representing the Conestoga Volunteer Fire Company, mentioned the purchase of a new 2023 Ford F350 as an addition to their fleet. The new truck's primary use will be trailing. He also mentioned that, after careful consideration, the Tanker was sold for \$100,000 to a company in York County. The Fire Company Board addressed concerns about community coverage following the sale of this equipment without a replacement secured. Neighboring fire departments were contacted and have agreed to assist with coverage. He anticipates the new tanker to be available in August.

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

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to approve the February 4, 2025 Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes with a second by Matthew Connelly. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Joe Devoy made a **motion** to approve the February 2025 Bills and Treasurer's Report as presented with a second by Matthew Connelly. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

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Jessie Ebersole gave a brief update on the 2024 financial audit, noting that the auditors were onsite to review the records. The process went smoothly and preliminary figures have the township closing the general fund with a profit of approximately \$116,000 and the State Highway Aid fund closing with just over \$123,000. The Financial Statements will be finalized next month.

### **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

The Planning Commission was held February 24, 2025 to review the proposed amendments to SALDO (Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance) and the Zoning Ordinance as part of the Township Ordinance Codification.

The Zoning Hearing Board meeting was held February 26, 2025 to review a special exemption and a variance for property located at 4014 Main Street.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to accept the Conditional Use Application of Safe Harbor Village c/o Benuel Esh, and take any and all steps necessary to hold a public hearing for the matter on April 1st, including but not limited to the Planning Commission review at its meeting in March, retaining a stenographer, and advertising and posting notice. Matthew Connelly seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to accept the Conditional Use Application of Century Acres LLC and Robert L. Hershy Jr., and take any and all steps necessary to hold a public hearing for the matter on April 1st, including but not limited to the Planning Commission review at its meeting in March, retaining a stenographer, and advertising and posting notice. Matthew Connelly seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to advertise the potential enactment of the Codification. Matthew Connelly seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to advertise a public hearing and intent to enact the Zoning Ordinance and SALDO amendments as part of the Codification, and submit an attested copy of the proposed amendments to the Recorder of Deeds Office. Matthew Connelly seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to adopt the Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development at 955 River Hill Road with a second by Matthew Connelly. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

### **TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA Lancaster County, Pennsylvania RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP  
FOR PLAN REVISION FOR NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT

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Tom Grassel made a **motion** to nominate and appoint Eric Peifer to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission with the term of office expiring on the first Monday in January 2030. Matthew Connelly seconded the motion. Joe Devoy stated his approval of the nomination of Eric. With no further discussions the motion passed (3-0).

### **TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA** Lancaster County, Pennsylvania **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11**

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to revise the Township Office hours to Tuesday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM. Matthew Connelly seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to realign the Secretary/Treasurer salary due to the increase in the role and responsibilities since Michele Lovett's resignation. Matthew Connelly seconded the motion. With no further discussions the motion passed (2-0), Joe lost telephone connection briefly.

### **ROADMASTER REPORT**

Brian Herr announced submission of the application for a grant through the Lancaster County Conservation District for stormwater and road maintenance on Brenner Hollow Road. The final portion of the grant, a traffic study, was done today. They anticipate announcing the awards, in full or partial, later this week.

Brian Herr announced that the 2025 Roads Project bid advertisement went out this week. The bid opening is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>.

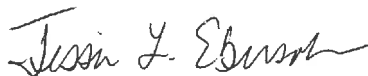
### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Matthew Connelly announced the Township Office will be closed April 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday (not as the agenda stated, March 18<sup>th</sup>) and that the next Board of Supervisors regular meeting will be held April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessie L. Ebersole  
Conestoga Township Secretary