

# **Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors**

## **Budget Meeting**

### **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

A budget meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the Conestoga Township Public Meeting Room located at 3959 Main Street, Conestoga, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by the Chairman of the Board, Matthew Connelly.

#### **SUPERVISORS PRESENT**

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

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Jessie L. Ebersole, Secretary/Treasurer

Brian J. Herr, Roadmaster

#### **2026 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Jessie Ebersole presented the Board of Supervisors with an overview to begin the budget work session, outlining the reasons for the proposed tax increase as follows:

- Township costs have steadily increased since 2012, the last year in which taxes were raised.
- The joint police contract ended in 2018. While this initially reduced expenses, recent years have resulted in increased solicitor and legal costs.
- Ongoing road maintenance remains a priority; in recent years, this work has been partially supported by COVID-19 relief funds.
- The Capital Reserve Fund will be largely depleted due to the Silvermine Road bridge and culvert replacement project.

The proposed millage change is as follows:

- Current millage: 0.871
- Proposed millage: 0.940
- Estimated additional annual revenue: approximately \$19,500
- Impact on taxpayers: a modest increase—approximately \$13.80 per year (\$1.15 per month) for a property assessed at \$200,000.

This modest millage increase is essential to sustain Township services and address rising costs associated with road maintenance, stormwater management, and general operations.

Jessie Ebersole then reviewed the proposed detailed line items for the General and State Highway Funds. The Board of Supervisors examined and discussed all revenues and expenditures, making revisions where appropriate. Notably, the proposed budget includes a \$400,000 allocation for the multi-year Silver Mine Road Bridge/Culvert replacement project, funded in part by a \$313,000 transfer from the Capital Reserve.

Brian Herr provided an explanation of changes within the Road Dept and Streets category. The Pipe Replacement/Repair budget will fund River Road maintenance and pipe crossing on Orchard Lane. The Road Bid Projects are designated for oil and chip applications on Rineer Road, Boy Scout Road, Valley Road and portions of River Road.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further revisions proposed, **Matthew Connelly** stated the budget work session was complete and adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessie L. Ebersole  
Conestoga Township Secretary