

Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, December 2, 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.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Chairman Matthew Connelly, Vice Chairman Thomas Grassel Jr.

Tom Grassel announce that Joe Devoy is not in attendance due to a last-minute trip back home to Ireland for a funeral. Matthew Connelly extended our condolences.

OTHERS PRESENT

Jessie L. Ebersole, Secretary/Treasurer

Brian J. Herr, Roadmaster

C. LeRoy Eshleman, Roadcrew

Troy J Haun, 193 Stone Hill Rd

Chris & Barb Bair, 208 Run Valley Rd

Ray Hess, 349 Pequea Creek Rd

Gary Miller, 3498 Main St

Tina Clare, 90 W Elm St

Ben Novak, 214 Springlawn Dr

April & Cheyenn McPherson, 329 Pleasant View

Paul Spangler, 312 River Corner Rd

Parke Rineer, 3470 Main St

Don Connelly, 90 Buck Run Rd

Melanie B Scheid, 157 Marticville Rd

Larry & Missi Frankford, 3619 Main St

Carl Caruthers, 6 Peach Ln

Madelyn Ritz, 4012 Main St

Justin Stoltzfus, LNP

Jess Breidenstein, 931 Millwood Rd

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Bair of 208 Run Valley Rd, inquired about the removal of structures at Sickman's Mill. Tom Grassel clarified that this is a standard procedural step conducted at the end of the season.

Madeline Ritz of 4012 Main Street, inquired on the status of re-establishing a Police Force. Matthew Connelly stated it is not financially feasible for our small township

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on November 5, 2025 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to approve the November 5, 2025 Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes with a second by Matthew Connelly. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to approve the November 2025 Bills and Treasurer's Report as presented with a second by Matthew Connelly. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

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REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Planning Commission did not meet in November.

The Zoning Hearing Board did not meet in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to adopt the 2026 Budget. Matthew Connelly mentioned it was properly posted and advertised. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to adopt the Resolution fixing the Real Estate Rate for 2026. Matthew Connelly stated the millage rate is going from .871 to .94. With no further discussions the motion passed (2-0).

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP FIXING THE REAL ESTATE RATE FOR 2026

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to increase salaries effective on the first check dated in 2026 (3.0% increase). With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to approve unused vacation rollover to 2026. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to appoint a certified public accounting firm to audit the accounts of the Township for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to accept and advertise the Township's 2026 meeting dates. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Tom Grassel started out by provided background information on the Conestoga Township Pool. The Township acquired the property from the Lions Club around the 1990's and the Township operated the pool until 2022. Since that time, the pool has been leased. This year, the Township replaced the well, which has been deteriorating over several years. While the well provides good flow rate in gallons per minute, it has manganese. Installing a required treatment system is extremely costly. Other maintenance and repairs, including the water delivery to fill the pool for the season, totaled approximately \$20,000. Melanie Scheid of 157 Marticville Road and Lessee of the pool, stated procrastination, she believed, to replacing the well, caused the opening of the pool to be the first week of June 2025. She stated that

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approximately \$23,000 was spent for repairs and maintenance before the season opening of 2023 per the agreement. She stated that the pool does not leak, as the water stays in it from year to year. However, it was drained last year due to dirt and the gray tint from the well. She further mentioned that she has a lease until 2028 and closing the pool will be a breach of contract. Troy Haun of 193 Stone Hill Road asked for costs figures to operate the pool. Tom Grassel stated that the Township has invested more than \$36,000 in improvements this year. He explained that installing a water treatment system to meet DEP requirements could cost \$75,000 or more, in addition to on-going annual operating costs and maintenance of the aging facilities. Mr. Haun inquired about potential uses for the property should the pool be closed. Tom Grassel responded that no specific plans have been made at this time. April McPherson of 329 Pleasant View mentioned that she is not a resident; however, her child is a lifeguard, and their family has enjoyed the pool for many years. She also mentioned that not only does the pool provide something good for the kids of Conestoga but also for people from surrounding communities. Further discussion took place regarding tabling the motion for a month, comparing potential legal costs, and considering the possibility of subdividing the parcel and selling the pool. Tom Grassel stated his appreciation for all the comments and understands the emotional side; however, it is the Supervisors job to make the best decision for the Township. Matthew Connelly made a **motion**, seconded by Tom Grassel to not reopen the pool in the summer. With no further discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to approve the Resolution adopting the Lancaster County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Township. Tom Grassel explained that adopting the County's plan will satisfy the us as having an approved plan which allows us to receive disaster grant funds. With no further discussions the motion passed (2-0).

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ADOPTING THE LANCASTER COUNTY 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS
THE OFFICIAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to proceed with the purchase of a dump truck and the multi-purpose machine contingent on receiving the awards of the Local Share Grant. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

ROADMASTER REPORT

Brian Herr reported that road-bank mowing has been completed, and the crew is now transitioning to brush and tree trimming. If the Township receives the grant and moves forward with the purchase of the multi-purpose unit, it is expected to significantly improve roadside trimming efficiency. The road department has also been performing routine vehicle maintenance; for example, the inspection of the older GMC truck cost approximately \$3,800. All snowplows have been inspected, and salt spreaders

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have been installed for their first use of the season today. In addition, several fallen trees have been cleared from Township roadways over the past month.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew Connelly announced the office will be closing at Noon on December 24th and all-day December 25th in observance of Christmas and also closing at Noon on December 31st and all-day January 1st in observance of New Years. He also announced the Boards Reorganizational meeting will be held Monday, January 5th starting at 7 PM, immediately followed by the regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:04 PM Matthew Connelly announced that the Board will enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter and invited Jessie Ebersole to attend. He further announced that no action would be taken following the executive session.

At 8:44 PM Matthew Connelly reconvened the public meeting and immediately adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessie L. Ebersole
Conestoga Township Secretary