

Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 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. and Joseph Devoy

OTHERS PRESENT

Jessie L. Ebersole, Secretary/Treasurer
Brian J. Herr, Roadmaster
Paul Spangler, 312 River Corner Rd
Parke Rineer, 3470 Main St
Paul Thomas, 3347 Main St
John & Dianne Babcock, 31 Pequea Blvd
Ally Oktela, 82 River Corner Rd

Doris Warfel, 39 Sandhill Rd
Eric Peifer, 353 Pequea Blvd
Chris & Barb Bair, 208 Run Valley Rd
Ray Hess, 349 Pequea Creek Rd
Tina Clare, 90 W Elm St
Madelyn Ritz, 4012 Main St

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ally Oktela of 82 River Corner Road asked if there is an ordinance for shoveling sidewalks. She expressed concern for pedestrian safety when individuals are forced to walk into the street in areas where sidewalks are not properly maintained.

Doris Warfel of 39 Sandhill Road wanted to say thank you to the roadcrew for doing a tremendous job in all kinds of weather and for long hours.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on January 5, 2026 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to approve the January 5, 2026 Board of Supervisor Organization Meeting Minutes with a second by Joe Devoy. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Joe Devoy made a **motion** to approve the January 5, 2026 Board of Supervisor Regular Meeting Minutes with a second by Matthew Connelly. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to approve the January 2026 Bills and Treasurer's Report as presented with a second by Joe Devoy. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Planning Commission did not meet in January.

The Zoning Hearing Board did not meet in January.

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NEW BUSINESS

Joe Devoy made a **motion** to ratify the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for the heavy snowfall event that took effect starting at 4 PM, on Saturday, January 24th. Matthew Connelly seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to ratify entering into the re-stated lease agreement with Conestoga Area Historical Society. Matthew Connelly seconded the motion. Tom Grassel mentioned the new lease agreement was to restate the terms and the portion of the property they are maintaining. With no further discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to approve the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for 175 River Hill Road including the ordinance waivers of a Sketch Plan, the Plan drawn to scale, and for the Survey Monuments and Markers to be as indicated on the plan, and contingent on DEP's approval of the new land development plan application submission. Joe Devoy seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Joe Devoy made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to approve the Storm Water Management Plan for a new residential home at 34 Fawn Court. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, with regret, to accept the resignation of Joe DeLuca from the Zoning Hearing Board. Joe Devoy seconded the motion. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Matthew Connelly announced the sincere appreciation of the longstanding commitment and service Joe DeLuca has provided to the Township and presented a Certificate of Appreciation. Joe Devoy commented appreciation is well earned for over 30 years of service.

Joe Devoy made a **motion**, seconded by Tom Grassel to adopt the resolution to appoint James Caldwell of 374 Hilltop Drive to the Zoning Hearing Board with the term of office expiring on the first Monday in January, 2031. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA Lancaster County, Pennsylvania **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD OF CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP

Matthew Connelly announced that with this appointment, there is now a vacancy in the Alternate position, as well as the other member vacancy.

Joe Devoy made a **motion**, seconded by Tom Grassel to approve the Personnel Policy Restated and Effective January 1, 2026. Jessie Ebersole mentioned that the old policy was from 1997 and that it was time for a total restatement. She further mentioned that with the help of our solicitor's team, we added

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language that makes this policy what it needs to be in today's working environment. She stated that the Supervisors' collaboration is commendable and it shows in this policy. Joe Devoy expressed his appreciation for Jessie's hard work and stated that she deserves the credit for working with legal counsel to finalize this much-needed version. With no further discussions the motion passed (3-0).

Joe Devoy made a **motion**, seconded by Tom Grassel to advertise the 2026 Road projects. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

ROADMASTER REPORT

Brian Herr announced that the 2026 Roads Project bid advertisement will be for two projects. The first is Equipment Rental with Equipment Operators for base repair on the remainder of River Road from Shenks Ferry Road and River Corner Road heading North to Main Street, and including Sassafra. The second is for Oil and Chip application on Rineer Road, Valley Road and Boy Scout Road. Brian went on to discuss the long day the roadcrew had due to the heavy snowstorm and that it could have been worse if the crust of sleet had not come down to prevent drifting. Joe Devoy proclaimed "well-done, it was a tough storm".

OLD BUSINESS

None

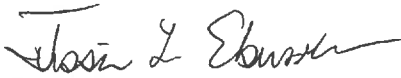
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew Connelly announced the Township Office will be closed February 16th in observance of President's Day. He mentioned the next Board of Supervisors regular meeting will be held March 3rd starting at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessie L. Ebersole

Conestoga Township Secretary

