

# Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors

## Tuesday, March 3, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 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  
Chester Leroy Eshleman, Roadcrew  
Paul Spangler, 312 River Corner Rd  
Parke Rineer, 3470 Main St  
Jeffrey Kann, 4014 Main St  
Don Connelly, 90 Buck Run Rd  
Jeff & Lorraine Jopchak, 101 Groff Ave  
Gary & Michele Miller, 3498 Main St

Doris Warfel, 39 Sandhill Rd  
Eric Peifer, 353 Pequea Blvd  
Larry Frankford, 3619 Main St  
Chris & Barb Bair, 208 Run Valley Rd  
Ray Hess, 349 Pequea Creek Rd  
Tina Clare, 90 W Elm St  
Madelyn Ritz, 4012 Main St  
Brian Spong, 5 Centre Dr

### **SUPERVISOR COMMENT**

Matthew Connelly recessed the Board of Supervisors meeting and opened the Public Hearing.

#### **Public Hearing – Conditional Use Application**

Buchanan Apartments LLC property located at 4459 Main Street request for an events venue as a Use Not Specifically Provided For

Due to the applicant not being able to attend the meeting tonight, Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Joe Devoy, to continue the public hearing for this matter at the next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting on April 7, 2026.

At 7:01 PM, Matthew Connelly closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Madelyn Ritz, 4012 Main Street, inquired about the status and future plans for the pool area, including whether the pool has been emptied and whether there are concerns regarding people accessing the property. Tom Grassel responded that the pool has been drained; however, some residual water remains due to recent snow and rain. He stated that there are currently no long-term plans for the site. In the near term, the Township intends to demolish the two existing buildings and fill in the pool, restoring the area to a maintained, mowed surface. He also noted that the fence will be removed to improve accessibility. The area will remain available for public use, and the school currently utilizes the ballfield for physical education on nicer days.

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

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

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

Joe Devoy reported that the Auditors were on-site for three days to conduct preliminary fieldwork and are expected to complete their review and issue a report before the end of the month. He further noted that the General Operating Fund is reflecting an approximate net income of \$160,000, largely attributable to increased revenues from Real Estate Transfer Tax and Earned Income Tax.

### REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Planning Commission meeting was held on February 23, 2026.

The Zoning Hearing Board did not meet in February.

### NEW BUSINESS

Larry Frankford, Fire Chief, was introduced to provide the annual Conestoga Volunteer Fire Company report. He reported that in 2025 they had 59 fire calls, 8 medical calls assisting the ambulance, 45 calls assisting neighboring departments, 10 vehicle accidents, 45 public services, 44 control burns, 5 automatic alarms, 18 boat calls; for a total of 233 calls. He went on to state that they had a total of 1121.25 training hours. He announced the smoke detector program was a success, they installed 86 smoke detectors protecting 40 residents. He reminded everyone that the program continues and that the smoke detectors are installed for free to everyone, in every type home. He reported on the two vehicle purchases in 2025, a 2023 new Ford four-wheel drive pickup truck and a new 3000-gallon tanker with the same size pump as the engine. He is very proud of our volunteers and the support from the Board of Supervisors. Tom Grassel expressed appreciation to the Fire Company, noting that their contributions are often overlooked until services are needed. He acknowledged the significant time commitment of the volunteers, including responding to calls, training, performing maintenance and taking action at all hour's day and night, and under all weather conditions. He emphasized that the Fire Company is a valuable asset to the community beyond firefighting and encouraged residents to support the Fire Company in any way that you can.

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Joe Devoy to adopt the resolution for the Plan Revision for New Land Development – DEP Sewage Facilities Planning Module at 4014 Main Street. With no discussions the motion passed (3-0).

**TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA**  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08**

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### ROADMASTER REPORT

Brian Herr announced the replacement of various stop signs and speed limit signs throughout the Township, as well as the installation of new signage at the Rail Trail parking area to improve safety and end overnight parking. He also provided an update on the recent snowstorm, noting that the accumulation and weight of the snow resulted in numerous downed trees and branches, requiring not just plowing and salting, but extensive cleanup efforts by staff. Brian further reported that he completed the required training necessary for pesticide applicator's licenses for both Township staff and three employees from Pequea Township. He noted that Pequea Township shares in the cost associated with maintaining his trainer certification. Finally, he stated that the 2026 roadwork bids had been properly advertised, received, and opened, and requested that the Supervisors take action to award the contracts.

For the Double Bituminous Seal Coat (Oil and Chip) project for Rineer Road, Valley Road, and Boy Scouts Road, bids were received as follows: Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. (\$104,988), Martin Paving, Inc. (\$93,080), Asphalt Industries (\$105,300), and Russell Standard Corp. (\$94,380). Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Joe Devoy, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Martin Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$93,080. With no further discussions the motion passed (3-0).

For the Equipment Rental with Operators contract for base repair on River Road (from Shenks Ferry Road to Main Street) and Sassafras Road, one bid was received from Long's Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$89,645. Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Joe Devoy, to award the contract to Long's Asphalt, Inc. With no further discussions the motion passed (3-0).

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### ANNOUNCEMENTS


Matthew Connelly announced that there are still open positions on the Zoning Hearing Board, so if you know of anyone, please have them contact the Office. He further announced the Township Office will be closed April 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Good Friday and mentioned that the next Board of Supervisors regular meeting will be held April 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 PM.

Joe Devoy added an announcement that the Planning Commission reorganized at their last meeting. Dan Alexander will remain Chairman, Wes Bruckno is Vice Chairman, and John Stipe is returning as Secretary.

### ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessie L. Ebersole  
Conestoga Township Secretary