

Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 7, 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 and Vice Chairman Thomas Grassel Jr.
(Joseph Devoy – absent)

OTHERS PRESENT

Jessie L. Ebersole, Secretary/Treasurer	Dan Alexander, 315 Sickmans Mill Rd
Brian J. Herr, Roadmaster	John Stipe, 74 Boy Scout Rd
Chester Leroy Eshleman, Roadcrew	Wes Bruckno, 332 Kendig Rd
Eric Peifer, 353 Pequea Blvd	Scott Kriner, 80 Cambridge Dr
Paul Spangler, 312 River Corner Rd	Chris & Barb Bair, 208 Run Valley Rd
Harris Malkin, 1684 Long Ln	Tina Clare, 90 W Elm St
Donald Connelly, 90 Buck Run Rd	Madelyn Ritz, 4012 Main St
Jeff & Lorraine Jopchak, 101 Groff Ave	Wendy Lawrence, 2957 Main St
DeAnna Greenawalt, 285 Goods Rd	Lynda Like, 4180 Main St
Gary & Michele Miller, 3498 Main St	Tonya Grassel, 7 Centre Dr
Donna & John Slaymaker, 4474 Main St	

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 needing more time to follow up on the discussions held at the Planning Commission meeting, Matthew Connelly made a **motion**, seconded by Tom Grassel, to continue the public hearing for this matter until the next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting on May 5, 2026. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wes Bruckno, 332 Kendig Road, stated he has received citizens questions about the pool. Matthew Connelly asked to hold all questions related to this matter for discussion later in the agenda.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BILLS AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to approve the March 3, 2026 Board of Supervisor Regular Meeting Minutes with a second by Matthew Connelly. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion** to approve the March 2026 Bills and Treasurer's Report as presented with a second by Matthew Connelly. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Planning Commission meeting was held on March 23, 2026 to review and provide recommendations for the Conditional Use application at 4459 Main Street.

The Zoning Hearing Board did not meet in March.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to accept and approve the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for the year ended December 31, 2025. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to advertise the Concise Financial Statement. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Matthew Connelly mentioned that the audit process went smoothly and was completed in a timely manner. On behalf of the Township, he extended thanks to Tom Wobber, Matt Whitaker, and their staff for their professionalism throughout the 2025 Audit. The full financial statement is available for public review at the Township Office.

Matthew Connelly made a **motion**, seconded by Tom Grassel to table the Resolution to appoint a Zoning Hearing Board member. Matthew Connelly mentioned he was not ready to take action on the appointment at this meeting. With no further discussions the motion passed (2-0).

Tom Grassel made a **motion**, seconded by Matthew Connelly to adopt the resolution authorizing the disposition of records within the guidelines of the Municipal Records Manual. With no discussions the motion passed (2-0).

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONESTOGA TOWNSHIP
AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
MUNICIPAL RECORDS MANUAL

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Matthew Connelly made a **motion**, seconded by Tom Grassel to obtain permitting and proceed with donating usable personal property to qualified recipients and dispose of the remaining personal property, demolish two township-owned buildings and fill-in the Conestoga Township Pool at 49 Kendig Road.

Tom Grassel addressed questions from Wes Bruckno regarding community input and the costs associated with returning the pool to service. He noted that installation of a DEP-approved water treatment system would involve significant upfront expenses as well as ongoing maintenance costs. He further reported that the barn bank structure housing the pool equipment, including the filtration and chemical systems, has a wall caving in that presents a safety concern. Additionally, the pool house, constructed in the late 1960s, is in very poor condition. It has undergone multiple patches and repairs over the years and now needs a complete make-over. These costs being hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Tina Clare of 90 West Elm Street, requested saving of the Eagle Scout project area, noting that the flagpole has been removed. She also asked that the Township consider contacting the family who donated the lifeguard stands to possibility return those items. Tom Grassel agreed and requested that she provide the contact for the family who purchased the stands.

Wendy Lawrence of 2957 Main Street, asked how many more times Melanie Scheid will be permitted in the area. She referenced a recent confrontation in which she asked Melanie to watch her language. Melanie was verbally abusive toward an older gentleman within sound range of the school. Tom Grassel replied that she was permitted access until April 1st. Wendy also inquired about the fence around the pool area. Tom Grassel indicated that the fence will remain until the work is completed, after which it will be partially removed. Final determinations regarding the fence along with any shrubbery cleanup or removal will be decided later.

Madelyn Ritz of 4012 Main Street, commented that this seems like a done deal and asked if they ever considered holding a community meeting. Tom Grassel replied that they did not consider a community meeting, noting that he had spoken to multiple constituents of the Township and the majority told him that they do not want their tax money spent on the pool. She directed a question to Matthew Connelly, who stated that a few years ago the Township undertook efforts to find a firm and then an individual to operate the pool; both selections were unsuccessful for long-term. He feels we have already gone down the path to extend the operational life of the pool.

Tom Grassel reiterated that the decision is driven by financial considerations and not intended to penalize our youth or pool users. He stated that while we love Conestoga for what it is, the existing tax base is insufficient to sustain the ongoing financial demands of the pool.

DeAnna Greenawalt of 285 Goods Road, asked what the plans are for the area. Tom Grassel replied that it will be returned to grass and that no immediate plans have been made. Don Connelly of 90 Buck Run Road, suggested two pickleball courts.

Hearing no more public comment, the motion passed (2-0).

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ROADMASTER REPORT

Brian Herr reported that the 2026 roadwork for base repair on River Road started today and is expected to be completed in a day or two. He noted that the oil and chip project is anticipated to begin around the end of June. He also reported that building maintenance is underway to address water in the basement, including diverting rainspouts/downspouts and replacing the front porch slab to correct the slope toward the building. The multi-purpose equipment is expected to arrive near the end of the month. He emphasized that this equipment was funded through a grant, not taxpayer dollars, specifically through the Statewide Local Share Account program, which provides for the distribution of gambling revenues. He further announced that the Township received an award presented by Lancaster County Conservation District for the Brenner Hollow project. Matthew Connelly read the recognition: "The Township is receiving this award for its recent involvement in this water quality protection program and its exemplary work on Brenner Hollow Road. The Township has embraced this program and is a shining example of municipal stewardship and partnership in our community." Brian added that the achievement was a team effort.

Scott Kriner of 80 Cambridge Drive, inquired whether this project provides access to the rail trail. It was confirmed that access is available; however, there is no designated area to park or to turn around due to private property on both sides of the gate. It was noted that better access to the trail is available at Colemanville, though the gate there does not accommodate Mr. Kriner's wheelchair. Brian Herr thanked Mr. Kriner for bringing this to his attention and will look into this concern.

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Grassel provided an update on the Lancaster Conservancy Master Plan for the Lancaster River Hill Conservation Area. Matthew Connelly mentioned the upcoming public webinar that will share the goals and objectives of the new master plan and an online feedback survey; both will be available in May.

Scott Kriner inquired whether the Board has considered adopting a data center ordinance. Matthew Connelly indicated his agreement and would support a zoning ordinance amendment.

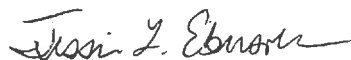
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew Connelly announced that there are still two open positions on the Zoning Hearing Board and mentioned that the next Board of Supervisors regular meeting will be held May 5th starting at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jessie L. Ebersole
Conestoga Township Secretary

