

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

541 OXFORD AVENUE

HANOVER, PA 17331

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2020

Chair Louann Boyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of the Flag and followed by a moment of silence.

The following Supervisors were in attendance:

Chair Louann Boyer

Vice Chair Don Knight

Charlotte Shaffer

The following appointed Township professionals were also in attendance:

Barbara Krebs, Township Manager

Heather Snyder, Sec./Treas.

Chief Gary Baumgardner

Tim Shultis, Solicitor

Scott Small, Maintenance Manager

Dave Arndt, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer

Eric Mains, Gannett Fleming Engineer arrived at 6:35 a.m.

There were approximately 17 people in attendance including: Tom Weaver of 174 Panther Drive, Ellen Ryan and William Popovich of 36 Franklin Drive, Bob Miller of 3176 Hanover Pike, Michael Cooper-White of the Gettysburg Times, Nick Kraus and Joni Swope of 386 Church Street, Tony Eline of 12 Linden Avenue, Ted Bortner of 59 Sterling Drive, Ernie and Evelyn Hess of 125 Stafford Drive, Terri Shaner of 16 Franklin Drive, Fred Wilke of 248 Oxford Avenue, Jeff Sheely of 322 Diller Road, Sue and Paul Krom of 276 Johnathon Drive,

1. Public Comment for agenda items

Tom Weaver of 174 Panther Drive addressed his concerns with the appointment of a Zoning Hearing Board member per the agenda asking the Board of Supervisors of the process and waiting to take action until the Township has a 5 member board.

Ellen Ryan of 36 Franklin Drive addressed her concerns with growth and land use, the role a Zoning Hearing Board member holds and what for training they receive.

2. MINUTES

Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer made a motion to approve the January 6, 2020 Re-organizational meeting minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Don Knight. No Discussion. Vote 3-0

Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer made a motion to approve the January 20, 2020 Workshop and Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Don Knight. No Discussion. Vote 3-0

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERACTIONS

The SAVES January report was enclosed in the packet for review. Chair Louann Boyer gave an overview of the report including responding to 40 fire and rescue, 131 EMS calls for a total response of 171 calls. In Conewago Township SAVES responded to 18 fire and rescue calls and 65 EMS calls for a total of 83 calls (48.5%). SAVES had 3 separate vendors complete annual servicing on equipment, Amkus hydraulic tools, SCBA flow testing/servicing and fire extinguisher servicing. They received notification from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner that they are being awarded \$23,166.61 which will assist in debt reduction on the Engine and Rescue. The FEMA grant has been announced and work will begin on that.

Comcast notification adding EPIX programming and removing Starz programming at a cost of \$8.99 per month.

4. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES/SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Administration

Chair Louann Boyer asked for a motion to appoint George F. Weih III to the Zoning Hearing Board, term ending 12/31/22. No motion was made.

Streets

Chair Louann Boyer made a motion to award bid for Poplar Street to Conewago Enterprises in the amount of \$255,468.00 base bid and alternate A1, seconded by Vice Chair Don Knight. Vote 3-0

Recreation

Vice Chair Don Knight made a motion to authorize the Engineer to file for two grants through DCNR (multi-purpose field and adult recreation) and one submittal for multi-purpose field through CFA, seconded by Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer.

Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer asked whether the resubmittal for the multi-purpose field was in addition to the 2 grants discussed prior.

Township Manager, Barbara Krebs, advised the CFA grant was submitted last year but not received and the 2 DCNR grants are new. We would be resubmitting the CFA grant which can be used as a match to the 2 DCNR grants. Vote 3-0

5. REPORT FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

Vice Chair Don Knight made a motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's Report, seconded by Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer. No Discussion. Vote 3-0

Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer made a motion to approve payment of the prepaid bills and all invoices noted on the report for January 17, 2020 – February 13, 2020, seconded by Vice Chair Don Knight. No Discussion. Vote 3-0

6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Police

The Police Department's January report was enclosed in the packet for review.

Chief Baumgardner advised the Police Department answered 397 calls in January with 98 being traffic related.

Officer Ammerman has completed his FTO training and will continue on probation.

Detective Snyder will proceed with his new role as Detective.

Township Solicitor Shultis

Solicitor Shultis reported that pursuant to 407(d) of the Second Class Township Code because the Vacancy Board did not take action to fill the 2 vacancies that the Chairman of the Vacancy Board must petition the court of common pleas to fill the vacancy. He further reported that, on behalf of the Chairman of the Vacancy Board, he was preparing the petition to be filed on February 20, 2020.

Township Manager

Barbara Krebs, Township Manager, reviewed her monthly staff report including the following:

Auditors have completed doing onsite field review of all Township finances in preparation of preparing the DCED financial report, crack sealing and pothole repair are ongoing, 240 storm drain boxes were cleaned, sewer bills were sent out February 1, 2020 and Mr. Rehab will be cleaning and televising the sanitary sewer lines through March.

Update on Centennial Road/116 emergency preemption work, PennDot permit received and parts are scheduled for delivery to Swam Electric this week.

The Army Corp of Engineers have submitted our grant request thru section 51 Chesapeake Bay Environmental Restoration and Protection program for Plum Creek Stream restoration. The grant amount requested is \$1,000,000.00 cost share for the Township is 25%.

Township Engineer (Eric Mains, Gannett Fleming, Inc.)

The bids were opened for the 2020 street improvement project on 2/12/20 at the Operation and Finance Committee meeting.

A thank you to Eric Mains, Township Engineer for the assistance with a resident on Third Street and storm water flooding.

7. CODE ENFORCEMENT

The activity summary from Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Arndt, dated February 13, 2020, was enclosed in the packet for review.

The Act 101 Business Recycling Report for 2019 was submitted to Adams County.

8. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

No Planning Commission meeting was held for February.

The Subdivision and Land Development Status Report for February 13, 2020 was included for review.

ZONING

There is one Zoning Hearing scheduled for March 4, 2020.

9. Public Comment

Michael Cooper-White a reporter for the Gettysburg Times thanked Chief Gary Baumgardner and the Township Manager for the ride along with the Police Department and information received for an article they are working on for the public to have a better understanding of what these roles do.

Joni Swope of 386 Church Street addressed the Township Engineer on what a land owner needs to do to get the Engineering department to come out and look at a property. Township Engineer Eric Mains advised to contact the Township Manager.

Ted Bortner of 59 Sterling Drive addressed the public with some history from when he was on the Board of Supervisor's with the Eisenhower Drive project, green space (from last meeting), and the rezoning of agricultural to residential.

Discussion took place with Tom Weaver of 174 Panther Drive he appreciated Ted Bortner's comments to preserve the Jesuit farm. Mr. Weaver commented to the Board of Supervisor's about not bowing down to the state to put a highway through the Township, Bob Miller of 3176 Hanover Pike expressed his concerns with the traffic light at Main Street in McSherrystown and the Penn Dot study.

Ellen Ryan of 36 Franklin Court addressed her concerns with the rezoning of Agricultural to Residential and the impact that plays on the Township and the school district. Ms. Ryan also addressed her concerns with transparency and ADA compliance in our advertisements for public meetings.

Dan Smith of 235 Johnathon Drive advised that he has heard that McSherrystown Borough is sending a rejection letter on behalf of the Eisenhower Drive project.

Chair Louann Boyer read the following statement:

We, as the previous Board, have gone to great lengths listening to everyone who comes to the meetings. We need their input but at the same time we have to look out advised to all the residents of Conewago. Through this last course of means there have been many good things brought out. Some of which we're trying to implement and some we've been working on. Mr. Weaver did make a suggestion to add public comment to the beginning of the agenda, which we've done, and granted there are a few hiccups here and there, it's a work in process. I think we're moving in the right direction with that. Another thing the Board of Supervisors may be working on in the future is transparency. I would like to recommend developing a communications committee once we have a full Board again and have that committee report back to the Supervisors and then we can have a better idea of what's going on. As an individual Board member, I'm enthusiastic seeing that there is so many interests in individuals on becoming more active in the happenings of the Township. Also by the general attendance at our meeting, it has become very encouraging because there's been a tremendous amount of good ideas and suggestions which have come from the residents who are attending. Again, we appreciate it. Sometimes it becomes overwhelming but we do really appreciate all the input and try to hear everyone out and take everyone's comments into what we're trying to do. Thank you.

10. MEETING SCHEDULE

February 26, 2020 (Police Pension Committee) 10:00AM
March 4, 2020 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM
March 5, 2020 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
March 9, 2020 (Municipal Authority) 5:30 PM
March 11, 2020 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
March 11, 2020 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
March 16, 2020 (Workshop) 5:30 PM
March 16, 2020 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM

11. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m., seconded by Vice Chair Don Knight. Vote 3-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Heather Snyder, Secretary/Treasurer