CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
541 OXFORD AVENUE
HANOVER, PA 17331

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MARCH 16, 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:

Temporary Chair Louann Boyer	Don Knight	Charlotte Shaffer
Thomas Weaver	Thomas Klunk	

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
Angela Pabon, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	

Eric Mains, Gannett Fleming Engineer arrived at around 7:40 p.m.

There were approximately 15 people in attendance including:
Ernie Hess of 125 Stafford Drive, William Popovich and Ellen Ryan of 36 Franklin Drive, Rick and Kelly McKee of 142 Barley Circle, Tony Smith of 1374 Carlisle Pike, Terri Shaner of 16 Franklin Drive, Natalie and Nick Kraus of 386 Church Street, Fred and Julia Wilke of 248 Oxford Avenue, Allan Shaffer of 44 S Allwood Drive, Joni Swope of 102 Conewago Drive, Tony Eline of 12 Linden Avenue, Officer Michael Bailey and Michael Cooper-White of the Gettysburg Times.

1. **Public Comment for agenda items**
   Ellen Ryan of 36 Franklin Drive commented regarding transparency, posting of meeting documents, the use of technology, videotaping the meetings, staff training on technology, using several means to post the Proclamation Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency closing including Facebook.

2. **DISCUSSION ON PRIOR ACTIONS/APPOINTMENTS**
   Chair Louann Boyer advised the majority of the new Board would like to revisit some of the actions of the prior Board.

   Supervisor Thomas Weaver asked that the Chair and Vice Chair appointed at the January 6, 2020 meeting be recalled.

   Supervisor Thomas Weaver made motion to recall the current Chair and Vice Chair, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 3-2
   Chair Louann Boyer and Vice Chair Don Knight voted against

   Former Chair Louann Boyer handed the meeting over to Solicitor Tim Shultis.

   Solicitor Tim Shultis called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Supervisors.
   Supervisor Thomas Weaver made a motion to nominate Charlotte Shaffer as Chair, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk.
   Solicitor Tim Shultis called for any other nominations.
   Former Vice Chair Don Knight nominated former Chair Louann Boyer to remain as Chair, seconded by former Chair Louann Boyer.

Solicitor Tim Shultis advised the board will vote for each nominee separately with Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer being first and the majority of votes is Chair.

Solicitor Tim Shultis called for the vote to appoint Charlotte Shaffer as Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Approved Vote 3-2
Supervisor Louann Boyer and Supervisor Don Knight voted against

Chair Charlotte Shaffer then called for nominations for the Vice Chair.
Supervisor Thomas Klunk nominated Supervisor Thomas Weaver for Vice Chair, seconded by Chair Charlotte Shaffer.
Supervisor Louann Boyer nominated former Vice Chair Don Knight for Vice Chair, seconded by former Vice Chair Don Knight.
Chair Charlotte Shaffer called for a vote for Thomas Weaver as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors.
Approved Vote 3-2
Supervisor Louann Boyer and Supervisor Don Knight voted against

Revisited the January 6, 2020 Reorganizational Meeting
Chair Charlotte Shaffer advised the Board will be revisiting the January 6, 2020 Reorganizational Meeting for items failing to receive an affirmative three votes from the prior board.

Chair Charlotte Shaffer advised they will being nominating Supervisors to Committees with the following:

- Public Safety (2020 Supervisors Shaffer & Weaver)

Discussion ensued regarding Vice Chair Thomas Weaver's nomination to Public Safety being a conflict of interest due to his being a member on SAVES Board.

- Agricultural Preservation (2020 Supervisors Weaver & Shaffer)

Discussion ensued regarding the removal of a member from this committee.

- Police Pension

Chair Charlotte Shaffer advised Police Pension Committee Supervisors would be Vice Chair Thomas Weaver and Supervisor Don Knight as an alternate or shadowing.
Discussion ensued regarding the Police Association having a say in their members and the reappointment of members versus a change in committee members.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver suggested this decision be tabled until the next meeting and Chair Charlotte Shaffer concurred.

- Municipal Authority (2020 Supervisor Klunk & Shaffer-shadowing)

- Planning Commission (2020 Supervisor Klunk)

Discussion ensued regarding revisiting Dick Neiderer to see if he would like to be back on the Planning Commission from the Zoning Hearing Board.

- Police Negotiation (2020 Supervisors Weaver & Shaffer)

Discussion ensued regarding the committee meetings occurring in the evening rather than the daytime so more residents can participate and the advertising of these times if they were to be changed.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver advised that as they continue to go through the entire agenda and amendments are made, there are going to be practical ramifications that will have to be made.

2020-A Fee Schedule

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to reaffirm the fee schedule, Resolution 2020-A, presented on January 6, 2020, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

2020-B, Tax Levy

Supervisor Louann Boyer made a motion to reaffirm Resolution 2020-B which establishes the Tax Levy at 2.5109 mills for the Township in 2020, seconded by Supervisor Don Knight.
There was discussion regarding the reasoning for the tax increase by the prior board, the surplus in the Township's General Fund and an explanation of the intermunicipal agreement between SAVES, the Township regarding their loan, the necessity of a tax increase, the ramifications of setting the tax rate back to the 2019 rates and retaining an accountant to look at the current budget.
Roll Call: Vice Chair Thomas Weaver- No, Supervisor Louann Boyer- Yes, Supervisor Thomas Klunk- No, Chair Charlotte Shaffer- No, Supervisor Don Knight- Yes Denied Vote 3-2

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion for the tax rate to be set at or remain at the 2019 level at 2.0109 mills and to authorize the Chair to execute an appropriate resolution, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk.
Roll Call: Vice Chair Thomas Weaver- Yes, Supervisor Louann Boyer- No, Supervisor Thomas Klunk- Yes, Chair Charlotte Shaffer- Yes, Supervisor Don Knight- Abstained Approved Vote 3-1

Resolution 2020-E, Appointing CPA in place of Elected Auditors

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-E, Auditor's Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Resolution 2020-F, Setting the compensation for certain township employees

Supervisor Louann Boyer made a motion to reaffirm Resolution 2020-F, setting the compensation for certain Township employees with the effective rates starting January 1, 2020, seconded by Supervisor Don Knight. Denied Vote 3-2
Chair Charlotte Shaffer, Vice Chair Thomas Weaver and Supervisor Thomas Klunk voted against

Discussion ensued regarding maintaining this motion and its impact on the employees in regards to whether the 2019 rates would be enacted as retroactive or the rate would affect pay moving forward. Chair Charlotte Shaffer asked to table the decision until they could look into it further.

Supervisor Louann Boyer made a motion to table the discussion on compensation for township employees, seconded by Vice Chair Thomas Weaver. Approved Vote 5-0

PSATS Educational Conference

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to appoint Chair Charlotte Shaffer as a representative and voting delegate for the Township at the annual PSATS educational conference held May 3 - 6, 2020, seconded Supervisor Don Knight. Approved Vote 5-0

Secretary/Treasurer Bonding

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to reaffirm Heather Snyder, Secretary/Treasurer with bonding at $750,000.00, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Reappointment of certain township positions

Chair Charlotte Shaffer called for a motion to reappoint the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Maintenance Manager, Chief of Police, and Township Manager at determined 2020 rates.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver asked that the motion be divided into individual actions.

Supervisor Thomas Klunk made a motion to reappoint the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to reappoint the Maintenance Manager, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Executive Session
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver requested the Chair call for an executive session regarding the remaining appointments.

Chair Charlotte Shaffer called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters with the Board and the Solicitor.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned to the Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to table the appointment of the Chief of Police, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Vice Chair Thomas Weaver advised the Board would like to do an internal and external review of the Police operations in the Township and they had a discussion with the Chief of Police regarding that. Approved Vote 5-0

Supervisor Don Knight made a motion to reappoint the Township Manager, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Denied Vote 3-2
Chair Charlotte Shaffer, Vice Chair Thomas Weaver and Supervisor Thomas Klunk voted against

Solicitor
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to reappoint Solicitor Tim Shultis, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Special labor council and Right-to-know council
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to reaffirm the reappointment of Eckert Seamans, Michael Miller, as special labor council and Eckert Seamans, Tricia Springer, as Right-to-know council at rates as in ongoing contracts, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

Zoning Board Solicitor
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to reaffirm the reappointment of Harold Eastman as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Sewage Enforcement Officer
Supervisor Louann Boyer made motion to Douglas Stambaugh of G.H.I. as Sewage Enforcement Officer and William Hill's office as alternate S.E.O., seconded by Vice Chair Thomas Weaver. Approved Vote 5-0

Township Engineer
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to reappoint Gannett Fleming as the Township Engineer at the rates as in the ongoing contracts, with the intent to advertise with an RFQ, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

Emergency Management Coordinator
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to reaffirm the reappointment of Kevin Adams as Township Emergency Management Coordinator for 2020, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Auditor (Revisited later in meeting)
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made motion to appoint, for the 2019 audit, RLH as the contracted CPA for the purposes of auditing the accounts of the Township consistent with the Second Class Township Code Section 917, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

YATB
Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to reaffirm the reappointment of the York-Adams Tax Bureau as the collector of the Local Tax Enabling Act 32 (Earned Income and LST) and Delinquent Per Capita, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

Auditor Correction
Solicitor Tim Shultis advised that RLH is now Brown Shultz Sheridan & Fritz and therefore a motion should be made to reflect that name.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to correctly identify the appointed accountant as Brown Shultz Sheridan & Fritz, seconded by Supervisor Don Knight. Approved Vote 5-0

Adams County Tax Collection Committee and York/Adams Tax Bureau
Supervisor Thomas Klunk made a motion to appoint Vice Chair Thomas Weaver as a delegate and Heather Snyder, Secretary/Treasurer, as alternate delegate to the Adams County Tax Collection Committee and to the York/Adams Tax Bureau, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer.
Approved Vote 5-0

Adams County Council of Governments
Thomas Weaver made a motion to appoint Chair Charlotte Shaffer as delegate and Vice Chair Thomas Weaver as alternate delegate to the Adams County Council of Governments, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

Right-to-know Officer
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made motion to reappoint Heather Snyder as the Right-to-Know Officer and David Arndt Jr. as the alternate, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer.
Approved Vote 5-0

Reappointments
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to reaffirm the reappointments of the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Elected Auditors and Municipal Authority members at seated 2020 rates concurrent with the actions taken earlier in the meeting on the committees, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

Adams County Transportation Planning Organization
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to appoint Supervisor Thomas Klunk to attend the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization meetings as needed and Scott Small, Maintenance Manager, as the alternate, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

Vacancy Board
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to appoint Robert Miller of 3176 Hanover Pike to the position of Chair of the Vacancy Board, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk.
There was discussion regarding the number of members that serve on the vacancy board.
Approved Vote 5-0

IRS mileage reimbursement rate
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made motion to recognize the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of 58 cents per mile as 2020 reimbursement rate seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Resolution 2020-D, Disposition of records
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-D, Disposition of records, as presented, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

Municipal Authority Board
Supervisor Louann Boyer made a motion to reappoint Lynn Toft to the Municipal Authority Board, term ending 2024, seconded by Supervisor Don Knight. Denied Vote 3-2
Chair Charlotte Shaffer, Vice Chair Thomas Weaver and Supervisor Thomas Klunk voted against

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made motion to appoint Richard Neiderer to the Zoning Hearing Board, term ending 2023, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

JANUARY 20, 2020 MEETING REVISITED

Centennial Acres - JA Myers – Minor Subdivision Plan

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to conditionally reaffirm approval of the Minor Subdivision Plan for Centennial Acres in accordance with Resolution 2020-G with the conditions listed, recommended by the Planning Commission, contingent upon the applicant meeting their proper deadlines, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Weaver. Approved Vote 5-0

CONTINUED MARCH 16, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to approve the Vacancy Board minutes from February 12, 2020 and the February 17, 2020 Workshop and Regular meeting minutes seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERACTIONS

The SAVES February report was enclosed in the packet for review.

The Adams Co. Council of Governments Resolution 2020-01 on Broadband and Resolution 2020-02 on volunteer fire relief fund were enclosed in the packet for the Board to support or deny. Discussion ensued describing the Resolution 2020-01 on rural broadband and Resolution 2020-02 on the Volunteer Fire Relief Fund.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to support Resolution 2020-02 on the Volunteer Fire Relief Fund, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to support Resolution 2020-01 on Broadband, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

The March 5, 2020 Comcast letter regarding Cartoon Network moving to the digital preferred package was included in the packet for review.

Ag Preserve Round 14 applications are due between April 13, 2020 and June 12, 2020.

An article by Senator Doug Mastriano regarding state budget proposal was included in the packet for review.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES/SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Administration

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver suggested the board look into recouping any financial loss to township caused by unlawful actions that have taken place in recent months, referencing Section 907 of the Township Code surcharged by auditors.
Discussion ensued on Section 907 of the Township Code and the process of utilizing that section of the code.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to repeal Resolution 2019-S, adopting management policies and by-laws, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk.
Discussion ensued regarding the verbiage of Resolution 2019-S. Approved Vote 3-2
Supervisor Louann Boyer and Supervisor Don Knight voted against

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to repeal Ordinance 2019-F, amending management policies and by-laws and authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise Ordinance 2019-F for board review and consideration at the next Board of Supervisors meeting, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk.

Approved Vote 3-2
Supervisor Louann Boyer and Supervisor Don Knight voted against

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to ratify an action of the Secretary/Treasurer sending a letter to the following recipients, PennDOT, Adams County Office of Planning and Development, the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization, the County of Adams Commissions and the York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization on behalf of the Board seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk.
Discussion regarding the letter being on behalf of the entire Board.
Supervisor Louann Boyer noted the following statement for the record:
Not all of us on the Board are in total agreement with this letter. It's not the entire Board's words.

Approved Vote 4-1
Supervisor Louann Boyer voted against

See letter attached.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to write a draft Ordinance that places a moratorium on residential development in Conewago Township contained on five acres or more for ten years, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk.
Discussion ensued on the legalities and process of the motion. Approved Vote 5-0

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver read the following statement in regards to the local disaster emergency:

The Township of Conewago has declared a local disaster emergency. All public access to the township office will be prohibited effective midnight, March 16, 2020 through March 30, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. Payments may be placed in the drop box provided, sent via U.S. mail or paid online by credit card for sewer or stormwater bills. The Electronic Recycling Event and non-essential meetings will be cancelled. Staff will be available by phone during our regular business hours and can be reached at 717-637-0411 or by email as listed on the township website. Please be advised that our emergency service responders will continue to provide professional services as needed.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to approve the Proclamation Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency for Conewago Township, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

4. REPORT FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's Report and to approve the payment of the prepaid bills and all invoices noted on the report for February 14, 2020 – March 11, 2020 seconded by Supervisor Don Knight. Approved Vote 5-0

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Police

The Police Department's February report was enclosed in the packet for review.
Chief Baumgardner advised the Police Department had 142 traffic citations, 2 non-traffic citations, 82 faulty cards, 174 warnings, 1 unhitched trailer and 1 parking ticket.

Chief Baumgardner recognized Officer Ammerman for deescalating a suicide threat. In addition, Chief Baumgardner contacted Chief Woods thanking Officer Smyers and Officer Sprenkle of McSherrystown for their assistance in this matter.

Officer Ammerman received a thank you card from the gentleman that was attempting suicide.

Officer Lehman received a card from an autistic teenager he assisted in conjunction with McSherrystown.

Chief Baumgardner advised he would like the Board to consider Hanover Boxing Club Training for the Officers which would provide defense training and control holds. The cost would total $1800.00 for the year for all 10 Officers. The breakdown would be 3 hour sessions at $45.00 per Officer, 4 times a year.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to approve Chief Baumgardner's request to receive training from The Hanover Boxing Club for the Conewago Township Police Officers, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Township Solicitor Shultis

Nothing new to report.

Township Manager

Barbara Krebs reviewed her monthly staff report including the following:
Maintenance has been busy doing crack sealing and pothole repairs. Maintenance has started the work on the preemption device at Centennial Road and Rt. 116. The $50.00 fee will be applied to sewer bills on March 18, 2020. Mr. Rehab continues cleaning and televising the sanitary sewer lines through the month of March. Insight Pipe finished the contracted 2018 repairs. Gannett Fleming prepared the Chapter 94 report. We are continuing to apply for rec grants. One hundred and ninety Storm drain boxes were cleaned since February 10, 2020. Street sweeping has begun as of March 10th and will continue until complete.

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

Eric Mains, Township Engineer, gave a review of his Engineer's Report for February.

The Township Engineer advised they are attempting to have a preconstruction meeting for the 2020 Poplar Street reconstruction project.

The Growing Greener Grant for the Blettner Avenue Retrofit has been prepared for submittal. DEP would like to meet but there are currently restrictions on face-to-face meetings.

6. **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Arndt, reviewed his monthly report, dated March 12, 2020. This monthly report was also included in the packet for review.

Chair Charlotte Shaffer advised that due to the Disaster Proclamation, the electronic recycling event for March 21st will not occur.

7. **SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

No Planning Commission meeting was held for March.
Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Arndt advised there is a DEP plan approval letter for the installation of a cyclone filter with dust compactor for Sealed Air Corporation's new paper shredding line included in the meeting packet.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to approve the Operation & Maintenance Agreement for Centennial Acres to be recorded with the Land Development Plan for the maintenance of the proposed stormwater facilities which is recommended by the Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer. Approved Vote 5-0

Supervisor Don Knight made a motion to reapprove the Smith Specialized Automotive and Resolution 2020-K, recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Vice Chair Thomas Weaver.
Approved Vote 5-0

8. ZONING
Supervisor Don Knight made a motion to approve the appointment of George Weih, III to the Township Zoning Hearing Board, term ending December 31, 2022, seconded by Supervisor Louann Boyer.
Approved Vote 4-1
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver voted against due to not knowing the individual

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Arndt advised there is a Zoning Hearing scheduled for April 1, 2020. The application is for 60 Ram Drive and is a Special Exception Request regarding the required number of parking spaces.

9. **Public Comment**
Ellen Ryan of 36 Franklin Drive commented on land use and development, the SALDO and transparency.

Allan Shaffer of 44 S Allwood Drive asked if the Electronic Drive would be rescheduled. Barbara Krebs responded that the next Electronic Drive will occur in June.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver advised the Board will need to engage and get a proposal from the accounting firm to do the necessary work and calculations regarding the action taken on the tax levy.

10. MEETING SCHEDULE
- April 1, 2020 (Zoning Hearing Board) 6:00 PM
- April 2, 2020 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
- April 15, 2020 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
- April 15, 2020 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
- April 20, 2020 (Workshop) 5:30 PM
- April 20, 2020 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM

Chair Charlotte Shaffer advised we will place any cancellations on the website and email Supervisors.

11. ADJOURNMENT
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Don Knight.
Approved Vote 5-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Heather Snyder, Secretary/Treasurer
and
Angela Pabon, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

The Board of Supervisors of Conewago Township is dispensing this letter as a declaration of opposition to the Off-Alignment Build Alternative (5C) of the proposed Eisenhower Drive Extension Project. The Board of Supervisors position is firmly committed to the preservation of farmlands, the scenic landscape and to prevent the destruction of the audible and visual attributes within the Township's boundaries.

The construction of a new roadway, the Off-Alignment Build Alternative (5C), would not only compromise the rural character within the historic properties of Conewago Township, but it would also consume valuable woodlots, agricultural lands and have potentially harmful impacts on the wildlife habitat and important waterways.

Additionally, construction of a new roadway would require the "right of passage" of over forty-five acres, most of which consist of valuable agriculture. The use of Eminent Domain utilized to obtain seven properties, ten acres of which are actively farmed by three generations of the Smith family, who would be forced to endure an irretrievable income loss. Furthermore, the overall footprint would result in disruption, inconvenience, and injure approximately fifty property owners adjacent to the proposed new roadway, not to mention the indirect negative impact on the surrounding communities.

It is the opinion of this Board and in the best interest for Adams County as a whole, for ACTPO to redirect the TIP dollars allocated for the Eisenhower Drive Extension project towards deficient bridges, and other safety projects throughout the County.

Although the Eisenhower Drive Extension Project was identified in a study completed in 1997 titled "The Hanover Area Transportation Planning Study," Conewago Township continues to oppose the proposal of said new roadway vehemently. Not only has there been opposition for twenty-three years, but the Board of Supervisors will also proceed firmly positioned against permitting the construction of the recommended Off-Alignment Build Alternative (5C).

In conclusion, the Board of Supervisors support the No Build Alternative and propose that other nonconstruction alternatives, "such as altering traffic patterns, increased signalization, etc." be utilized to achieve the desired goal of relieving intermitting traffic congestion tailored to the individual needs and with the support of the areas of Hanover, Penn Township and McSherrystown. Conewago Township will cooperate on a regional basis to achieve these goals.