

**CONOY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday
November 10, 2022**

A meeting of the Conoy Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bainbridge Fire Company Hall, 34 South Second Street, Bainbridge, PA 17502. In attendance were Supervisors Mr. Justin Risser, Ms. Gina Mariani, Mr. Douglas Hawthorne, Mr. S. Jay Williams and Mr. Stephen Mohr; Secretary Ms. Shannon Sinopoli and Treasurer Ms. Jennifer Rabuck. Also in attendance was Solicitor Matthew Crème of Nikolaus and Hohenadel.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Risser at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer and a moment of silence.
- II. Mr. Risser conducted roll call.
- III. Announcements - none.
- IV. Mr. Risser asked for a motion on the October 13, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Motion by Ms. Mariani to approve the October 13, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion approved 5-0.
- V. Public comment
 - A. Charlene Grove, 620 Stackstown Road stated there was a correction to the October minutes under public comment item F. The last name should be Ressler, not Risser.
- VI. Consent Agenda Items:
 - A. Bills
 - B. Reports (reports are available):
 - i. Financial
 - ii. Bainbridge Fire Company
 - iii. NW Emergency Medical Services
 - iv. Police
 - v. LCSWMA - Waste to Energy Plant (Incinerator) – September 2022 Host Fee \$60,982.99, 31,113.77 Tons at \$1.96/Ton processed. 2021 – 2022 comparison is available.
 - vi. Sewage Enforcement Officer
 - vii. Zoning Officer
 - C. 2023 Employee Manual
 - D. 2023 Meeting Dates – Authorize approval to advertise
 - E. KH Electric, LLC - Payment 1 in the amount of \$40,720.00 from the ARPA Fund for the UV System Installation Electric leaving a balance of \$2,130.00.

Motion by Ms. Mariani to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Mr. Hawthorne.
Motion approved 5-0.

- VII. Old Business – none.

VIII. New Business

- A. Motion by Ms. Mariani to approve Resolution 6-2022 amending the Township Fee Schedule for the Fiscal Year 2023 to take effect January 1, 2023, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion approved 5-0.
- B. Motion by Mr. Hawthorne to approve the advertising of Ordinance 03-12-08-2022, an ordinance amending the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Document Article 1: Section 1.02 Definitions Section and amending the Contribution Date definition allowing for contributions per pay period effective 01/01/2022, seconded by Ms. Mariani. Motion approved 5-0.
- C. Motion by Mr. Williams to approve a transfer from General Fund to Capital Reserve fund in the amount of \$7,000.00. This represents the remaining amount due as a repayment to the Capital Reserve loaned to the General Fund for trail expenses from 2020, seconded by Ms. Mariani. Motion approved 5-0.
- D. Motion by Mr. Hawthorne to approve and to advertise the 2021 Audit Report & Financial Statement by Sager Swisher & Company, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion approved 5-0.
- E. Motion by Ms. Mariani to reject Resolution 7-2022 establishing a Tax Levy of 0.5 mills for 2023, seconded by Mr. Mohr. Motion approved 3-2, with Mr. Williams and Mr. Risser voting no.
- F. Motion by Ms. Mariani to approve the advertisement of the Conoy Township 2023 General Fund, Sewer Fund, and Small Fund Budgets with no Tax Levy and funding the General Fund Budget with its fund balance, seconded by Mr. Hawthorne. Motion approved 5-0.

IX. Acknowledgements – none.

X. Discussion Items:

- A. Blacksmith Shop update. Mr. Mike Williams stated that there was a great turnout on Halloween. The shop will be open for the tree lighting on December 15, 2022. Also in December, Santa will be at the shop from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on December 9th, 16th and 23rd.
- B. Highways/Buildings update. Mr. Mohr stated thanks to Mr. Williams, the pole at Risser Road and Route 241 has been finally removed. Spruce Street signs are now in place. Conoy Park restrooms have been winterized and are closed. As soon as the leaves are finished falling, trail bench locations will be marked.
- C. Engineer. Report submitted with regards to the UV Disinfection Project; Reed Beds; Governor Stable Bridge Repair and road work updates.
- D. Conoy Community House. Discussions from the October meeting continued with regards to the possibility of selling the Conoy Community House. Motion by Ms. Mariani to retain the house and not sell, seconded by Mr. Mohr. Motion approved 3-2, with Mr. Williams and Mr. Risser voting no.
- E. Progressive Energy Consultants. Ms. Rabuck presented the board members with a quote from Progressive Energy Consultants for the Township's electric rate. The current rate is .04378, the increased rate would be .07936. One of the quotes was from Constellation who offers a blend and extend option, so if the market rates would fall, the Township's rate would

automatically adjust to the lesser rate. All board members agreed to authorize Ms. Rabuck to lock in the .07936 rate with Constellation.

XI. Correspondence- none.

XII. Public Comment.

- A. Stephen Mohr, Jr. noted there was a 70% voter turnout at the polls on Tuesday.
- B. Charlene Grove, with regards to implementing a future real estate tax, suggested starting out 0.25 or 0.3 mils instead of 0.5 mils.
- C. Diane Burke thanked the board for their vote on retaining the Conoy Community House.
- D. Bill Rhoads expressed his support for a real estate tax and for selling the Falmouth Road property and the Conoy Community House.

XIII. Adjournment. Motion by Ms. Mariani to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Risser. Motion approved 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon L. Sinopoli
Secretary