

**CONOY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday
September 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Conoy Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Conoy Township Municipal Building, 211 Falmouth Road, Bainbridge, PA 17502. In attendance were Supervisors Justin Risser, Gina Mariani, Stephen Mohr and S. Jay Willaims. Supervisor Doug Hawthorne was absent. Also in attendance was Secretary Shannon Sinopoli, Treasurer Jennifer Rabuck and Solicitor Matthew Creme, Nikolaus and Hohenadel.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Risser at 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer and a moment of silence.
- II. Mr. Risser conducted roll call.
- III. Announcements
 - A. Mr. Risser announced the ambulance fee hearing is scheduled for September 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabethtown Brethren Christ Church.
 - B. Mr. Risser announced the Susquehanna Old Fashioned Field Days will be held Saturday, September 16, 2023 and Sunday, September 17, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - C. Ms. Sinopoli announced the public hearing for the Northwest Regional Comprehensive Plan will not be held in September as initially thought. A new date has not yet been confirmed, but it will likely be held in October or November.
- IV. Mr. Risser asked for a motion on the August 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Ms. Mariani to approve the August 10, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Risser. Motion approved 3-0, with Mr. Williams abstaining.
- V. Public Comment
 - A. Paul and Lisa Kunkle, 259 Locust Grove Road, expressed their concerns regarding loud noises coming from the Haldeman Mansion events.
 - B. Patrick Giberson, 289 Locust Grove Road, expressed his concerns with regards to noise being generated by the events at the Haldeman Mansion and suggested a noise ordinance.
 - C. Steve Mutchler, 336 Locust Grove Road, expressed his concerns regarding the Haldeman Mansion noise and requested something be done.

Mr. Risser advised the noise issue was discussed at the August meeting where staff was directed to send a letter to the Haldeman Mansion. If the noise issue continues, then the board will explore other options.
- VI. Consent Agenda
 - 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 – July 2023 Host Fee \$61,161.21; 30,889.50 Tons at \$1.98/ton processed.
- vi. Sewage Enforcement Officer
- vii. Sewer Plant Operator
- viii. Zoning Officer
- C. Election of Jack Hines and Marvin Meteer as Trustees for the PSATS Health Insurance Cooperative Trust
- D. Election of Jack Hines and Marvin Meteer as Trustees for the PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust

Motion by Ms. Mariani to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion approved 4-0.

VII. Old Business

- A. Municipal Emergency Services Authority (MESA) Fee. Ms. Mariani questioned the significant increase from \$16,000.00 which the Township was told a few years ago would suffice for the operations of the Northwest EMS and now wanting to charge the residents \$85.00 and still require the Township to pay \$15,000.00. Mr. Risser advised the losses have accumulated to the tune of \$750,000.00 due to inflation, Covid, insurance reimbursements, etc. Several residents spoke in favor of the fee.

VIII. New Business

- A. Lancaster County Land Bank Authority, Conoy Township, and the Elizabethtown Area School District Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Crème advised the land bank was created to provide a vehicle for acquiring blighted properties and then sell to investors to fix up and return to the community without the municipalities stepping in. Motion by Mr. Mohr to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion approved 4-0.
- B. 2013 Northwest Lancaster County River Trail Intermunicipal Agreement withdrawal. Motion by Mr. Mohr to approve the withdrawal of Conoy Township from the agreement, seconded by Ms. Mariani. Motion approved 4-0.
- C. 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Conoy Township Nonuniformed Employee Pension Plan. Motion by Ms. Mariani to approve the 2024 municipal obligation with staying at 11%, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion approved 4-0.
- D. Lancaster County Tax Claim Bureau Repository Sale of Parcel ID: 130-40001-0-0000 Covered Bridge Road for \$1,000.00 to Michael Balmer. Mr. Mohr provided a brief history of this parcel and suggested that the County Commissioners purchase it due to having value as a public access to the Conewago Creek. Mr. Mohr advised he will contact the commissioners to recommend such action. Motion by Ms. Mariani to reject the sale of Parcel ID: 130-40001-0-0000 to Michael Balmer, seconded by Mr. Mohr. Motion approved 4-0.

IX. Acknowledgements - none.

X. Discussion Items

- A. Highways/Buildings. Mr. Risser advised the culvert on Blackswamp Road has been fixed. Mr. Mohr advised line painting is scheduled for October.
- B. Reed Beds. Mr. Risser advised work is in progress with Empire.

- C. Summer Playground Options/New Location. Mr. Risser advised discussions will continue.
 - D. GEARS Maintenance Plan for 2nd Floor. Mr. Risser advised David Wendel will be present at the October 12, 2023 to discuss a proposed renovation plan for the second floor.
 - E. Budget Workshop September 21st. Mr. Risser announced there will be a special budget workshop meeting held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- XI. Correspondence
- A. Comcast Capital Projects Fund Broadband Infrastructure Program. Mr. Risser acknowledged receipt of.
 - B. Blacksmith Shop. Mr. Mike Williams announced several dates for which the shop will be open. Mr. Williams discussed options and provided quotes for the repair of the roof.
- XII. Public Comment
- A. Mr. Mohr expressed his concern regarding the number of drug overdoses and wished to provide Township employees with Narcan if they so choose to carry with them. Chief Hall advised such can be provided to the Township.
- XIII. Executive Session. Mr. Risser announced there would be an executive session following the meeting.
- XIV. Adjournment. Motion by Mr. Risser to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion approved 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next Regular Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon L. Sinopoli
Secretary