

Conewango Township Board of Supervisors
4 Fireman Street Warren, Pennsylvania 16365
Meeting Minutes for April 9th, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 - a. Attendance: Supervisors: Zariczny, Gee and Duckett; Solicitor: Andrea Stapleford; Police Chief, Jason Peters; Officer, Charlie Anderson; Road Crew Foreman, Joe Papalia.
 - b. Public Comment:
 - i. Scott Harrington – wanted to see where we were at with a Noise Ordinance. T. J. Allshouse spoke about changes made to address the noise issue with one of his well pumps. T. J. will continue to look into other solutions. Mentioned shrubs, fencing or other options that may help.
Greg Lindquist – sound is greatly improved. He hopes to build support and awareness of Noise Ordinance.
John Hamm – also in the area of the Allshouse well pump noise. Wanted to be informed – hopes for other solutions then waiting for the leaves on the trees.
Ray Reiff – 72 River Road behind Carter Lumber. Has been trying to alleviate the flooding issue on his property. Wanted to see if he could bore under the road to alleviate the flooding. Asked if he could have our permission to bore. Ray states he has a cistern and now pumps water that ends up in neighbor's yards. Jeff Z. informed him that we would look into the 2nd Class Township Code to see if he is able to bore under the road or what other options there may be. On a different topic Ray states that there used to be No River Access signs that are now missing in that area. Wondered if signs could be replaced and offered to pay for one of them. Jason Peters suggested we see what the original sign said on it and Joe will then obtain sign and put it up.
Ron Peterson – Wetmore Cemetery. Great progress being made. Much of the overgrowth is cut back. Jeff asked Joe P. to buy the cleaning supplies that Ron had requested. Ron also asked to have some clean fill dirt as the stumps have been removed and some areas are low. Asked for \$250 to pay Matt Wallin for stump removal. Jeff explained that we need an invoice from Matt and a check will be sent.
Daniella Langienese from the Times Observer introduced herself and explained that the newspaper wanted to do a better job of reporting about public happenings and that is why she was there.
2. Review of Previous Minutes

- a. March 25, 2024 minutes were reviewed – Motion to approve by Vince Duckett, 2nd by Dave Gee; all three supervisors voted in the affirmative. Dave Gee signed minutes.
3. Bills and Action for Payment – Dave Gee reported a total of \$9,885.33 with \$6,293.77 from the General Fund and \$3,591.56 from the Street Light Fund. Motion to pay bills – Vince Duckett, 2nd by Dave Gee; all three supervisors voted in the affirmative.
4. Communication
 - a. Planning and Zoning – Starbucks – revision to the Warren Commons subdivision. New map was signed by supervisors. Motion to approve by Dave Gee, 2nd by Vince Duckett; all three supervisors voted in the affirmative.
 - b. Building Code Reports – All caught up according to Jason Peters.
5. Old Business – labeled as Unfinished Business on Agenda
 - a. 2023 Financial Audit – Jeff signed document to give Haines and Company the decision to move forward with the audit.
 - b. Pension Audit – Jason reported most information has been submitted. He and LeeAnn Adams have the process under control.
 - c. LERTA – Solicitor was given a signed copy of the ordinance by D. Gee. She reported that the verbiage in the ordinance matches a map of percentages on file.
 - d. 20850 Route 6 property – no change at this date.
 - e. Ameriserve Investment Objective – Open Still
 - f. Storm Water Applications and South State Street Drainage – Joe P. and D. Gee met with residents to discuss options. Joe has reached out to Steve Halmi (engineer) to meet with him to determine his recommendations.
 - g. SVFD – Audit/Review – Erica Ludy of Haines and Company – Proposes a lower-level review to make sure bank accounts are reconciled, there are two signees required per check or transaction. High side for review of up to \$6,000. Motion made to go through with the review by Vince Duckett, 2nd by Dave Gee; all three supervisors voted in the affirmative.
6. New Business
 - a. Personnel – Motion made to offer the Secretary/Treasurer position to an unnamed person. Made by Vince Duckett, 2nd by Dave Gee; all three supervisors voted in the affirmative.
 - b. Resolution #2024-20 – Appointing of Liaison between Conewango Township and Berkheimer. LeeAnn Adams recommended appointing the position of Secretary/Treasurer as that Liaison. Motion by Vince Duckett, 2nd by Dave Gee; all three supervisors voted in the affirmative.
 - c. Road Bonds – Joe P. reported current bonds for: Preston Road, Creamery Road and Clearwater Road.
 - d. PennDOT Route 6 Construction – Ongoing road work and lane closures from last year.
 - e. EMC Coordinator – LeeAnn Adams in her capacity as Pleasant Township secretary/treasurer suggested that Pleasant would like to share an EMC

Coordinator with us. Jim Zavinsky has been sent a letter to determine his interest. Compensation discussions will happen if he accepts.

Entered an executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 5:59. Returned to regular meeting at 6:24.

Jeff Z. announced that the executive session was to discuss a Personnel matter pertaining to township secretary/treasurer.

7. Public Comments
 - a. Ray Reiff made a suggestion pertaining to trees on power/utility lines that we have a lottery to take the trees as fire wood. Jason informed him that the trees are owned by residents. Utilities will do nothing and Ray is frustrated with that.
8. Other Matters – None
9. Adjournment – motion made by Vince Duckett, 2nd by Dave Gee at 6:36.