

**Conewago Township Board of Supervisors**  
May 5th 2020

**-Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:**

The virtual meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held via ZOOM app.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, at 7:00pm. Those participating were, Lorreta Wilhide (Chairperson), Brian Klinger (Vice Chairman), John MacDonald (Supervisor) Lou Anne Bostic (Manager), Terry Myers (Engineer) Stephen McDonald (Solicitor), Todd Smith (Public Works Director/ Asst. Manager)

Chairperson Wilhide recognized/announced many thoughts, prayers and thank you to all effected by the Covid – 19 Virus.

Chairperson Wilhide also announced the executive session held on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 9:00am to discuss a personnel issue.

**-Recognition of Public Requests:**

- None

**-Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve the agenda as prepared. Vote: 3-0

**-Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve the previous minutes of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Vote: 3-0

- Resolution 2020-06 Extension on the due date of the Mercantile Tax from April 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 to July 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 motion by Mr. MacDonald, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried to approve resolution 2020-06. Vote: 3-0

- Resolution 2020-07 Waiver of the 10% property tax after June 16<sup>th</sup>. Effective till December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve resolution 2020-07. Vote: 3-0

**-Planning & Zoning:**

- None

**-Reports:**

- Police Report, Building Permit Report - Motion by Mr. Klinger to accept all above reports second by Mr. MacDonald, unanimously carried, to approve the reports. Vote: 3-0

**-Treasurers Report:**

-Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. MacDonald, unanimously carried, to approve the March 2020 Financial Report

**-Road Report:**

- Todd Smith (Public Works Director/Asst. Manager) Ask for approval to advertise the 2020 Road Construction Bids. Motion by Mr. Klinger and Second by Mr. MacDonald unanimously carried to advertise the 2020 Road Construction Bids Vote: 3-0

**-Solicitors Report:**

- Attorney McDonald discussed the Escrow Amendment Agreement for the Canal Road Betterment Project. Motion by Mr. Klinger to sign the Escrow Amendment Agreement second by Mr. MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve signing. Vote: 3-0

**-Engineers Report:**

- Mr. Myers reported an update on the Canal Road Betterment Project Developers Agreement – Discussion to follow.

- Mr. Myers reported an update on the I-83 Exit 24&28 implementation committee. Discussion on the specific area Conewago Township would like to have the YCPC take a look at in regards to the zoning areas affected by the proposed interchange. The Board is in favor of Mr. Myers sending the plan back to the YCPC with the expanded areas recommended by Mr. Myers.

**-Unfinished Business:**

- None

**-New Business:**

Food Truck – Discussion to follow. Board of Supervisors decided they must apply for the proper permits to operate these trucks in the Township but they will waive the fee for the permits until the June 2<sup>nd</sup> BOS meeting.

**-Other Business:** Mr. Klinger brought up discussion on possible donations to Strinestown Fire Company Truck Fund and the N.E. Senior Center. Chairperson Wilhide explained she doesn't feel the township should move forward on a donation to the N.E. Senior center at this time because they are currently in communication with a local developer and may possibly be able to acquire land for a new building or land and a building both as part of a future development plan. Discussion took place between Mr. Klinger and Chairperson Wilhide to clarify the present financial balance of the Strinestown Fire Company Truck Fund. Mr. Klinger explained the donation would go toward the down payment of a new fire truck. The Fire Company would indeed need to apply for a low interest loan to pay the remaining balance in payments. Mr. MacDonald added that he felt with the current Covid-19 pandemic situation fundraisers would be greatly effected in a negative way for the volunteer fire companies this summer. Mr. Klinger explained Strinestown Fire Company services the whole area and we came into this money unexpectedly and he doesn't see this opportunity happening again. Chairperson Wilhide presented her idea of once the fire company would reach a set dollar amount set by the Board of Supervisors that at that time they would match that dollar amount. After discussion by all board members on different views and ideas. Motion by Mr. Klinger to donate \$100,000 to the Strinestown Fire Company Truck Fund, second by Mr. MacDonald, opposed by Chairman Wilhide motion carried. Vote: 2-1. Chairman Wilhide stated that she wanted the following recorded in the minutes. I just want to let the residents of Conewago Township know that I disagreed and opposed the decision to give \$100,000 of their funds away to the fire company just five months after doubling the fire tax. Now is the wrong time to make such a large donation when people are struggling to put food on their table. Mr. Klinger also wanted stated in the minutes that Conewago Township recently received \$690,000 of unexpected funds from transfer tax of ES3 warehouse being sold that is located within Conewago Township.

**-Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Smith  
Public Works Director/ Asst. Manager