

Conewago Township Board of Supervisors
490 Copenhaffer Rd.
York, PA 17404

September 1, 2026

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-Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at 490 Copenhaffer Rd. York, PA 17404. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Wilhide at 6:00 pm. Those in attendance were Lorreta Wilhide (Chairperson), Brian Klinger (Supervisor), John MacDonald (Supervisor), Derek Rinaldo (Engineer), Steve McDonald (Solicitor), Lieutenant Neidigh (NYCRPD), Erin Dell (Secretary/Treasurer), Rebecca March (Zoning & Codes Officer) and Mark Stivers (Township Manager).

-Public Requests:

1. **Jennifer Campbell** – 1480 Conewago Creek Rd: Found documentation stating that the Rexroth property and property on Mill Creek is still proposed for data center development. Ms. Campbell states that this is publicly available from a government website. She would like contact to be made with this organization. Chairman Wilhide states that this did not come from the township and this is not accurate. Supervisor MacDonald states that this is not accurate as well, and that we are still holding meetings and discussing. Manager Stivers stated that this appears to be an unofficial website that does not have accurate information. Manager Stivers also stated that to date we have not received any applications or plans for any such development. Manager Stivers asked Ms. Campbell for the website so that this can be further investigated and potentially corrected. Supervisor MacDonald asked Manager Stivers to please go over what happens next after the ordinance is adopted. Manager Stivers further details that this will go through our Planning Commission, a recommendation is made, the recommendation goes to the Board of Supervisors and is passed based on the Supervisors vote. From there the Township would accept applications (after the moratorium expires). The applications are considered on a conditional use basis and any developer submitting an application would have to go through several steps before even going to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. The entire process would take several months before a decision to allow or disallow is made.
2. **Jaimie Lagana** – 535 E. Butter Rd.: Mr. Lagana stated that there has been recent concern and conversation regarding Supervisor benefits and insurance. Mr. Lagana had a breakdown of what the Supervisors receive yearly. Mr. Lagana intends to run for Supervisor in the next election and stated that he intends to get rid of the insurance benefits for Supervisors. Mr. Lagana stated his belief that there should not be anyone that is covered by insurance that does not hold a seat – spouses and children of the Supervisor should not be allowed coverage. The question for the Township to go from 3 to 5 Supervisors will be on the ballad at the next upcoming vote. Chairman Wilhide stated that she had done the RTK originally submitted by Ms. Elizabeth Forry and that is where Mr. Lagana's numbers are coming from. Chairman Wilhide stated that she has copies that are available to anyone that wants one. Chairman Wilhide read to the meeting attendees what PSATS allows for pay and benefits. Ms. Mary Ann Albright asked Chairman Wilhide how many hours that the Supervisors put in per week. Supervisor MacDonald states that there is no hour limit on this position as they spend time on the phone, in the township building, attending correspondence meetings, communicating via email, assistance with roads and other emergencies that may occur. The time put in varies depending on the need – Supervisors are always on call.

-Approval of Agenda:

1. Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve the agenda as prepared. Vote 3-0.

-Approval of Previous Minutes:

1. Approval of the July 23, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Chairman Wilhide. **Supervisor Klinger abstained from the vote.** Motion carried to approve the July Special Meeting Minutes– vote: 2-0.
2. Approval of August 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve the August Minutes. Vote 3-0.

-Planning & Zoning:

1. Manager Stivers thanked the people who came to and participated in the meeting. The meeting was well attended to discuss what is a very hot topic across the US.
2. Manager Stivers states that there is no Zoning Hearing Board meeting for August. The Planning Commission met on July 24th where Freedom Square was on the agenda and modifications were discussed. This is still in process and will be going back to the Planning Commission again for recommendations. Ms. Cherie Rippetoe states that another resident had called into the County of York and found that Developer Tim Pasch is behind in taxes and stands to be removed from Clean & Green. She stated that upon Mr. Pasch gaining knowledge of this there was not much concern. Ms. Rippetoe stated that she hopes that we do not do further work with this developer. Chairman Wilhide stated that there are several developers that we have worked with that are difficult. Supervisor MacDonald asks if there will be a September Data Center Meeting. Manager Stivers stated that this will be met on again, but with the Planning Commission.

-Reports:

1. Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve the July Police Report and August Building Report. Vote: 3-0.

-Treasurer's Report:

1. Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Supervisor Klinger, unanimously carried to approve the August Treasurer's report. Vote 3-0.

-Manager/Road Report:

1. Manager Stivers reported that transportation is always a big topic. Exit 28 is planned to have a right turn lane added when coming off the ramp. This construction will start next week (week of August 10th) and it will become very busy. There will be a lane shift and shoulder closure as the construction is worked. They are planning on working in 12-hour shifts and Manager Stivers asks that travelers through the area please be careful during the construction period.
2. Manager Stivers reported that Locust Point Rd. remains closed and will be through September. This is due to the warehouses and their PennDOT permit. There needs to be grading and realignment on the sharp curve. Manager Stivers asks for patience with this and stated that we realize the burden this is placing on the Susquehanna Trail.
3. Canal Rd Betterment Project – the development team is working with all the utility companies to get the utility plans in. There are things that need to be moved and relocated. Columbia Gas is working on replacing gas mains through the intersection of Canal Rd. and the Susquehanna Trail.
 - a. Ms. Jennifer Campbell commented on the bridge being taken out and how traffic will be diverted. Engineer Rinaldo stated that Regional Way will be connected in a temporary alignment with Canal Rd. This is still being worked on. Ms. Campbell commented that the bridge on Canal Rd. is severely compromised.

4. The Township has been working with Met-Ed to bring power to Mill Creek Park. The Township is in the process of getting quotes for this work.
5. Liquid Fuels met with us and we have successfully completed our 2025 Liquid Fuels Audit.
6. A tree has been purchased and will be placed by the building, and this will be for the Township to have a Christmas tree lighting.

-Solicitor's Report:

1. Solicitor McDonald stated that there is an ongoing litigation with a condemnation on Canal Rd associated with the Canal Rd. Betterment Project.
2. The bond has been called for the Hunters Creek Enclave.
3. Solicitor McDonald believes that a review and update of the ordinances would be very beneficial to the growing township. Times are changing and there are tools available to get this system updated.

-Engineers Report:

1. Chip sealing and fog sealing were completed for various township roads.
2. Inspection and trouble shooting on Bremer Rd. after paving is ongoing.
3. Discussion was had with Tim Pasch on Phase II of Freedom Square. Phase I of Freedom Square has resumed. Phase II has been submitted. A planning module needs to be submitted regarding the sewer and its capacity. This needs worked out with the Sewer Authority and The DEP. No action has been taken on Phase II.

-Unfinished/New/Other Business:

1. Carvana – Time extension for Carvana expires in September. At this current time, should the Township act, they would need to deny it based on unaddressed comments; due to this a time extension is recommended. A big concern is the traffic. The state is currently discussing with the developer the traffic concerns at the site and what could be done for the area. Engineer Rinaldo recommended a time extension for this. Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Supervisor Klinger, unanimously carried to approve the acceptance of the Carvana extension until November 10, 2026. Vote 3-0.
2. Trash Bid- Secretary Dell stated that Good's Disposal was the overall low bidder for one time per week trash service with Anthracite Waste being low bidder if the Township were to go with two time per week trash service. Secretary Dell deferred to Solicitor McDonald to discuss a letter sent to the Township by Penn Waste asking that all bids be thrown out and a rebid be considered because of how the bid sheet was interpreted by haulers. Solicitor McDonald further explains that some bidders thought the bid sheet was confusing while others thought it was simple. The township received responsive bids and Solicitor McDonald stated that he saw no reason why the bids needed thrown out and a rebid done. All haulers had the chance to bid the same as everyone else. Solicitor McDonald recommended to accept the bid most advantageous to the Township. Chairman Wilhide asked Secretary Dell for recommendation on whether to go with one- or two-day service. Secretary Dell stated that she did not believe two day a week service was not beneficial due to trucks being in the Township all the time and no one had asked for more than one day service. Supervisor MacDonald also stated that the quarterly trash bill would be more expensive. Secretary Dell stated that services are set to stay the same as they have been with possible changes to the current collection day – this was allowed in the bidding process to try to entice more haulers to bid. Secretary Dell further explained that Good's is a local hauler that has a positive reputation. Low volume service will continue to be offered. Bulk item pickup will still be offered with the service. A resident asked that we place the changes that are to occur on the website. Secretary Dell and Manager Stivers will work to collect information that can be put out to residents. Mr. Adams, representative of Good's Disposal, stated that he would like to offer low volume 35-gallon carts in place of bags. Secretary Dell stated that this is a 3-year contract term with the option of two one-year extensions. Mr. Lagana asked if there was a rental fee for the

totes – Good’s responded to Mr. Lagana that there is no rental fee. Representatives from Anthracite and Penn Waste made statements on the incorrect completion of the bid sheet by other haulers and how they believed that the pricing submitted by each hauler was not an apples-to-apples comparison. Chairman Wilhide stated that no matter how it is broken down, Good’s Disposal still is the low bidder. The other haulers present stated that they believed the bid specifications were not honored by Good’s Disposal. Chairman Wilhide stated that there are also other issues present with service. General conversation was held and comments addressed to the Supervisors regarding the acceptance of the bid and who should be selected as the low bidder. Chairman Wilhide asked if there was any reason not to vote on this; Solicitor McDonald stated that there is no reason not to act. The Board decided to vote on the trash bid with Good’s being declared the lowest responsive bidder. Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve Good’s Disposal as the lowest responsive bidder for the trash bid. Vote 3-0

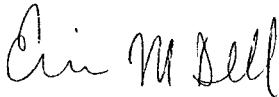
3. 2027 SPCA Animal Care & Housing Agreement – Chairman Wilhide asks to table this because she did not have the chance to read everything. Supervisor Klinger questioned what the “TNR Program” is. Chairman Wilhide & Ms. Cherie Rippetoe further explained the program to Supervisor Klinger. Manager Stivers stated that the TNR Program has been the most successful way to manage feral cat colonies by limiting reproduction. Manager Stivers stated that not signing does create issue because then we will not have anywhere that the animals can be taken. Chairman Wilhide further stated that this burdens police with going and collecting animals and placing them in their car. Currently Conewago Township does not have an Animal Control Officer on staff or contracted. There needs to be contracted service with the SPCA to have a place to take them even if there is an Animal Control Officer. General discussion was held regarding trying to find another organization to contract with other than the SPCA to assist with animal issues. Many residents are not happy with the services that the SPCA provides and what they are charging for the services. The decision to contract with the SPCA was tabled – further discussion to be held at budget meetings. A decision is to be made by mid-December.
4. Brush Truck for Strinestown Fire Company – Supervisor Klinger spoke that he is the liaison and sits as the Chief Engineer in charge of all the equipment for Strinestown Fire Company. The brush truck which is 30 years old failed inspection. Supervisor Klinger further went over the list of equipment that Strinestown Fire Company has and numbers and types of calls that they respond to. Supervisor Klinger stated that they do take in money for the fire tax, they get state relief, apply for grants and do fundraise. Supervisor Klinger came to the Township to ask for assistance in purchasing a brush truck or a mini pumper truck to continue to serve Conewago Township as well as surrounding areas. Equipment is vital to responding to calls especially in rural and mountain areas. Residents present showed support for assisting the fire company with the purchase of the needed truck. Supervisor MacDonald asked what truck benefited the community more. Supervisor Klinger stated that the mini pumper would benefit the community more. Chairman Wilhide asked if relief money could be used for this purchase and Supervisor Klinger stated that that money cannot be used for this type of purchase. The question was raised about fundraisers. Supervisor Klinger stated that they try, but it has not been as successful as hoped to be. Supervisor Klinger asked the attendees at the meeting if there was opposition to the Township purchasing a truck for the fire company. There is money in reserve for the purchase. Chairman Wilhide asked what is wrong with the current truck? Supervisor Klinger stated that the truck is much older and there are substantial rust issues that don’t pass inspection and would be much too expensive to try to repair on an aged vehicle. Chairman Wilhide asked if the old truck will be sold and if the fire company will get money? Supervisor Klinger stated yes, but it would not be substantial. Chairman Wilhide posed to Supervisor Klinger that she would like to see reports given at the monthly meeting letting the Township know what is going on within the fire company and what calls they are responding to. Supervisor Klinger stated that he would give reports. Chairman Wilhide stated that she was in favor of giving \$300,000.00 for whatever truck

the fire company decides. Supervisor Klinger stated he is hesitant that if the \$300,000.00 is given that the fire company will just go with the brush truck and not go for the mini pumper which would be more beneficial to the community. Supervisor MacDonald was in favor of paying for a mini pumper at a price of \$379,000.00. Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald for the Township to pay for a mini pumper truck (\$379,000.00), second by Chairman Wilhide. **Supervisor Klinger abstained from the vote.** Vote carried to approve the purchase of the mini pumper truck (\$379,000.00). Vote 2-0

- a. Ms. Cherie Rippetoe made the suggestion to Supervisor Klinger that a special event be held by the fire company to show the new truck when the truck arrives.
5. Property Maintenance Ordinance – Manager Stivers stated that we have ordinance that are very old. We use several of these ordinances on a regular basis. Several ordinances that are used regularly are separate ordinances that we could clean up into one Property Maintenance Ordinance that would pull them together (Waste, Junk/Junkyards/Nuisance/Grass & Weeds). Supervisor MacDonald asked if there is a way that we would be able to condemn some of the properties where the letters and fines are not working to get the property owner to comply. Solicitor McDonald states that we cannot condemn due to some junk. Condemnation would be used in the case of danger or something that is structurally unsound. Solicitor McDonald stated that the language of the ordinance and the letter sent should be adjusted and may give us better results in getting compliance. Staff is looking for authorization to develop a Property Maintenance Ordinance to work with. The supervisors all agreed to allow staff to move forward with a Property Maintenance Ordinance.
6. Food Truck Friday will take place on September 4, 2026, and one final one for the year will be held on October 2, 2026.

Adjournment: Chairperson Wilhide adjourned the meeting at **8:09 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Dell
Secretary/Treasurer