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

October 6, 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. **Marla McGinnis** – Ms. McGinnis is from Dover Township and came to speak on Little Free Libraries. Little Free Libraries assist with getting books in the hands of those that cannot afford books. Ms. McGinnis is the Steward of her own Little Free Library. This is an important cause to her, and she aims to make sure that these libraries are certified. Ms. McGuiness asked to be the Steward of the Mill Creek Little Free Library and for permission to get it certified. Ms. McGuiness places all kinds of books in her library so there is something for everyone. Manager Stivers stated that we have two within the Township. Conewago Township has one at Mill Creek and one at Zions View. As the Steward of the library Ms. McGuiness will make sure that the library remains stocked and that the books in the library are appropriate. Ms. McGuiness will accept donations for the library from the public at her Little Library located at her home or the donations can be dropped off at the Township Building and they will be given to Ms. McGinnis. Books are asked to be appropriate and in good condition. **Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Supervisor Klinger, unanimously carried to approve Marla McGuiness as the Steward of the Little Free Libraries in Conewago Township. Vote 3-0**
2. **Mary Ann Albright** – Ms. Albright asked how the Township found attorney Brett Flower to represent the Township regarding data centers. Chairman Wilhide stated that we found her via asking for recommendations from other municipalities that were working through the data center ordinance process. Ms. Flower came recommended and the Township contacted and went with Ms. Flower for representation on this issue. Ms. Albright asked for further clarification on curative amendments and moratoriums. Ms. Albright stated that she has heard information from Facebook and is confused as to what these items are and what that means for the Township. Manager Stivers stated that a moratorium can be put into place for several reasons, but we did not adopt a moratorium. Conewago Township adopted a curative amendment because we deemed our ordinance invalid in a certain area. By adopting this process, we are given 180 days to cure the ordinance. This means nothing can be done under this section of the ordinance until we get it fixed and adopted. Ms. Albright asked what happens if we are not ready when the 180 days are up. Manager Stivers stated that this is for the Planning Commission to make the recommendation and the Board of Supervisors to then decide. Once an ordinance is in place and advertised for adoption the Township is protected. The Pending Ordinance Doctrine under Land Use Law recognizes that we are in the process. There are minor things that need addressed, but overall, we are in good shape to move through the approval process. Supervisor MacDonald stated that our map is very restrictive as well as some of the requirements put into the ordinance. This makes us unfavorable to developers to come in and want to build a data center here. Mr. Jim Forry brought

up that Fritz had some questions with the setbacks. Engineer Rinaldo addressed that this is being worked on and that Fritz's comments were warranted and that we are walking a fine line between restrictive and exclusionary regarding our ordinance. This is where we are relying on Attorney Flower to advise us if we have gone too far or not far enough. Engineer Rinaldo stated that this is why we are being cautious as we do not want to get into a position to have anything challenged.

3. **Larry Bosserman** – Mr. Bosserman asked about the referendum on the upcoming ballot to add two more supervisors. Mr. Bosserman asked how these additional supervisors be paid for. Chairman Wilhide stated that should two more supervisors be added that this would be funded by the taxpayers.
4. **Mark Chronister** – Mr. Chronister asked for an update on the junk car issue. Mr. Chronister stated that as of Saturday the vehicle had been moved and asked what had been done to make this happen. Zoning Officer March stated that she had asked the resident and they had complied. Mr. Chronister also advised that on certain areas of Bremer there is no internet service and would like to see Comcast close the gap.

-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 August 20, 2026, Draft Ordinance Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Chairman Wilhide, unanimously carried to approve the special meeting minutes. Vote 2-0. **Supervisor Klinger abstained from the vote.**
2. Approval of September 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald unanimously carried to approve the September Minutes. Vote 3-0.

-Planning & Zoning:

1. Bright Eye Solar withdrew their plan. Manager Stivers does not believe that this is completely done. Bright Eye Solar is going through internal changes and looking for a new company to take over. They withdrew so that we would not take further action.
2. TMI to Jefferson Twp – powerlines are being updated by Met-Ed. Zoning Officer March stated that this has gotten some people concerned over what is going on, but it just powerlines being updated by the electric company.

-Reports:

1. Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve the August Police Report and September Building Report. Vote: 3-0.
2. Lieutenant Neidigh announced that the Dave Tome Memorial Picnic will take place 10/15/26 and they will be participating in Toys for Tots again this year 11/21/26.
3. **Fire Report** – Given by Supervisor Klinger who is a representative for the Strinestown Fire Company. The information provided is from the fire company's September meeting. Strinestown Fire Co has had 36 calls for the month of August and 286 so far this year. There was vehicle training that firefighters recently participated in where they cut a vehicle apart. A mini pumper has been demonstrated for the fire company, and they are also looking at a UTV that can hold 100 gallons of water to get into some tougher areas. They are hoping for next meeting to vote on the mini pumper and the UTV purchase. A grant is being applied for to build a new fire station as well as a grant for new battery-operated fans. A shrimp feed was held at the end of August and raised $2,829.00. The fire company will hold an open house on 10/8/26 located at Station 2 located behind the Township Building.

-Treasurer's Report:

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

-Manager/Road Report:

1. Manager Stivers reported that the Township had applied last year (2025) for an LSA Grant to replace the old backhoe. We were awarded $147,000.00 toward a new backhoe. We will be applying this year (2026) for another LSA grant to replace the fuel pump system located at the municipal building.
2. Exit 28 – Manager Stivers reported that improvements are moving along and crews are working overnights. There was guiderail that needed to be removed. All the metal usually gets pulled out and scrapped. Township staff asked if we could remove it and have it for our use. This was ultimately approved and our Public Works crew had a two-day window to remove it and relocate it. The crew worked quickly to facilitate this and were able to reclaim 100 12' pieces of guiderail. This will be used to replace sections of the Susquehanna Trail which will save us money moving forward on the turnback to the State. The Township also now has several additional sections of guiderail left over to use in the event of damage and no reimbursement available from an insurance company (i.e. guiderail is damaged and the responsible party is not caught).
3. Locust Point Rd – Manager Stivers reported that Locust Point Rd. remains closed and will be for a while yet. They are making good progress. A meeting was attended by Manager Stivers to see how it is going and check on the issues of people violating the barricades. The Township is working with police to mitigate this. Manager Stives described the changes that are happening to Locust Point and stated that they are reducing the grade and the curve.
4. Canal Rd. Betterment – Manager Stivers stated that this project is moving along and Columbia Gas is in there now doing some relocations. The intersection of Canal/Susquehanna Trail – if you are at the light headed South on the Susquehanna Trail – the light is changing too quickly and giving all the time to Canal Rd. The loop detector has died on the Canal Rd. section, and this is causing the issue. The Township has called the maintenance company to take care of this, and new camera has been ordered. This will fix the phasing on the signal and give more time to the Susquehanna Trail. There are a lot of upgrades going into that intersection, so if the camera that was purchased is not needed it can be used somewhere else.
5. Motion was made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Supervisor Klinger, unanimously carried to approve the September Managers Report. Vote 3-0

-Solicitor's Report:

1. No action items…
2. There are still some ongoing cases where condemnation was required (Canal Rd.). There will be a hearing in November. This does not have an effect for the Township – it is all on the developer
3. Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve the September Solicitor's Report. Vote 3-0

-Engineers Report:

1. All of Engineer Rinaldo's action items were New Business – Engineer Rinaldo held comment until next section of agenda
2. One highlight – next round of CBDG grants. Open from current until January. Conewago only has a small section available, but the Township should consider applying as it would be helpful as we continue to pursue to Comprehensive Plan.
3. Surveyors were out on Monday 10/5/26 to stake out the stone path for the pavilion.
4. Supervisor Klinger asked about where we are with Kentwell. An exhibit and bid sheet have been prepared and are awaiting quotes. Certified quotes are needed to prove to the bonding company

what is needed for the claim. Manager Stivers added that he and Zoning Officer March have met with the HOA – the HOA is meeting with the attorney to try and move things forward and get things done. Supervisor Klinger asked if they were willing to help. Manager Stivers answered yes, they are. They are looking to potentially provide assistance with getting the storm basins cleaned out.

5. Supervisor Klinger stated that he was not super happy with some of the fog seal application. It appears that they missed sections (certain areas heavier than others). This will be monitored over the next few years to see how it does.

-Unfinished/New/Other Business:

1. Resolution 2026-15: LSA Grant for Fire Company. Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Supervisor Klinger, unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-15. Vote 3-0
2. Resolution 2026-16: Fulton Bank Signatories. Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-16. Vote 3-0
3. Resolution 2026-17: Susquehanna Trail Turnback. Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Supervisor Klinger, unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-17. Vote 3-0
4. Resolution 2026-18: Halloween/Trick-or-Treat Date. Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-18. Vote 3-0
5. Resolution 2026-19: LSA Grant for Township. Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Supervisor Klinger, unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2026-19. Vote 3-0
6. Carvana Sewer Module Re-Adoption – this is the same Sewer Module as in August. There was a clerical date issue, and the Township has been asked to re-adopt the resolution. Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve the Carvana Sewer Module. Vote 3-0
7. Hickory Ridge Mews one year developer extension. Engineer Rinaldo made the recommendation that the Township grant the developer extension. Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Supervisor Klinger, unanimously carried to approve the Hickory Ridge Mews one year developer's agreement. Vote 3-0
8. Authorization for Township Staff to develop a Noise Ordinance. Motion made by Supervisor MacDonald, second by Supervisor Klinger, unanimously carried to approve staff developing a Noise Ordinance. Vote 2-0
9. Authorization to place guiderail repair on Susquehanna Trail out for bid. Motion by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve placing guiderail repair out for bid. Vote 2-0.
10. Citizen initiated zoning text amendment on PSES.
    a. Melissa Meador – Jug Rd.: Proposed this information for text amendment to the Board. There are currently no applications for in ground solar. Ms. Meador presents that with all of the growth we are experiencing from warehouses and data centers that our spaces have become targets. Ms. Meador presented information that we can look at as a township and used to protect the community. Information was submitted by Ms. Meador for the Board to review and consider. The next step would be to look at this from a legal perspective and then move forward from there. The Board decided to table for now to review. Supervisor MacDonald stated that we should look to finalize the data center first. Solicitor McDonald stated to finish what we are doing on the data center and give others the chance to further review the newly presented information. Engineer Rinaldo stated that we cannot use a curative amendment more than once in three years. Another curative amendment could not be implemented at this time since we have used it on the data center development. General conversation was had as to the steps taken to process through proposed ordinances. Ms. Meador raised concern over timing and not wanting to see things be pushed back for too long and loss of protective options lost. Supervisor

MacDonald asked that we commit to revisiting in November or December after the Data Center Ordinance is finalized.

11. Authorization for Change Order/Final Payment for Bremer Rd. Motion made by Supervisor Klinger, second by Supervisor MacDonald, unanimously carried to approve payment to Kinsley of $271,255.83 for Bremer Rd. Vote 2-0
12. Food Truck Friday series is complete until Spring of 2027
13. Trick or Treat will be October 31, 2026 from 6-8pm
14. Conewago Christmas Tree lighting to be held at the Township Building on December 4, 2026 at 6pm … more details to follow at the November BOS Meeting.

Adjournment: Chairperson Wilhide adjourned the meeting at **7:34 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Dell

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Secretary/Treasurer