



Conway Township Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 20th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Bonnie Flanery with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: B. Flanery (Supervisor); T. Foote (Clerk); D. Grubb (Treasurer);
G. Pushies (Trustee); S. Porter (Trustee)

	AGENDA	ACTIONS TAKEN	ITEMS DISCUSSED
1	Consent Agenda	Motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended by T. Foote. Second by G. Pushies. Motion carried 5-0.	• Add March Budget Report to #5 • A minor change was requested for the previous meeting's minutes regarding the "call to the public" discussion, clarifying that the suggestion was to remove agenda items from the public call, not to have a single open call. • A discrepancy was noted in the budget report concerning the new zoning administrator account. The wages were incorrectly categorized under the planning commission instead of the new account number. It was explained this was due to the new GL number being implemented recently and that the funds would be moved correctly after consulting with the accountant and payroll. • Several budget line items appeared to be pacing high for the year. The software budget has used 88% in one month, which was attributed to an incorrect GL number that will be corrected. The utilities line item was at 33% for one month, and the elections budget was at 60%. These will be investigated and will correct any GL numbers for these items or moved to previous budget for 2025 if needed.
	Additions/ Approval of Board Meeting Agenda	Motion to approve the May 20 th agenda as amended by S. Porter. Second by D. Grubb. Motion carried 5-0.	• Add Moratorium Ordinance to #16
	Call to the Public		One member of the public spoke.



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5	County Planning Commission Report		• Dennis was not present at first as he was at the County Planning Commission Meeting. • Report was given later in the meeting about a Notice of a Brown Bag luncheon in June for the MSU Extension Land Division Act and several TXT amendments that were approved.
6	Planning Commission Ex-Officio Report		• No action on Master Plan and Airport Camping was tabled for further review.
7	Treasurer's Update		• The Treasurer proposed purchasing a counterfeit bill checker and counter, as the township receives a significant amount of cash for taxes and permits. It was noted that other townships have been receiving counterfeit money and the current pen markers are not 100%. • Michigan Class will be making a presentation at a future board meeting.
8	Fire Board Update-AED		• The authority reviewed its budget and will potentially adopt it on May 26, 2026. • A new 911 tower for Livingston County will be installed on the fire department's property on the east side in the back. This is part of a major county-wide system upgrade. • The fire authority liaison suggested the township should have an AED machine in the hall. Board raised concerns about liability if the machine is used improperly or is non-functional when needed. The board agreed to check with their attorney and insurance company regarding liability before purchasing.
9	Clerks Update		• New GL numbers have been added and implemented for the new budget.



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			• The groundhog has been evicted and relocated due to wreaking havoc on one of the Township Cemeteries. • Any damaged headstones will be fixed by the monument company and be presented at next board meeting.
10	Supervisor Update	Motion to approve Jeff Judd to conduct a one-time illegal trash dumping roadside service not to exceed \$700 by S. Porter. Second by G. Pushies. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote: T. Foote- Y D. Grubb- Y G. Pushies- Y S. Porter- Y B. Flanery- Y	• The township's millage is up for renewal, and they will contact an attorney to draft the ballot language, which must be submitted by August 11 for the November ballot. • The supervisor is also actively searching for documents related to the mobile home park ordinance from around 2004, when McKenna was the planner, and asked for public assistance. • Jeff Judd offered a one-time road sweep to pick up larger debris items (illegal dumping, not regular trash) from all township roads for a flat fee of \$700.
11	Policy No. 7		• Tabled, leaving on Agenda next month as Old Business
12	List of Vendor Bills for Approval		• Members noted that they have a clearer understanding of the policy now than when the list was first requested. The policy allows for recurring, contracted, or previously approved payments (like utilities) to be made without needing a new board vote for each bill, as long as it's within the approved amount. • It was suggested adding a "service description" column to the vendor list for clarity. • The consensus is that the purchasing policy needs to be updated to better reflect how to handle payments for items that are already included and approved within departmental budgets, potentially allowing for payments



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			to be made as long as the department is within its budget.
13	Headland Solar Project Update	Motion to approve the Foster Swift appeal by G. Pushies. Second by S. Porter. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote: T. Foote- Y D. Grubb- Y G. Pushies- Y S. Porter- Y B. Flanery- Y Motion to enter cost sharing agreement with Cohoctah to pay half of the cost for Discovery testimonies on July 1st, 2026 by S. Porter. Second by G. Pushies. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote: T. Foote- Y D. Grubb- Y G. Pushies- Y S. Porter- Y B. Flanery- Y	- On May 7, 2026, the Michigan Court of Appeals issued a mixed ruling regarding solar regulations under Public Act 233. The positive outcome is that the township and Livingston County are now considered "affected local units," restoring rights like participation in pre-application processes. However, the court also ruled that Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinances (CREOs) are very limited and the township cannot enforce regulations beyond what the state allows. The township's legal counsel, Foster Swift, recommended appealing this decision. The deadline to notify them of the intent to appeal is May 22, 2026. The cost is shared among approximately 79 other townships in a class-action lawsuit, with past bills being minimal (e.g., \$12-\$34). The goal of the appeal is to maintain local control. - The township's motion to dismiss the Headland Solar application due to it being incomplete was denied and is now under appeal. - Discovery is scheduled to begin on July 1, 2026. Testimonies will be provided.
14	Conway Cohoctah Union Drain	Motion to approve the Conway Cohoctah Union Drain agreement once we have legal approval not to exceed our share of \$27,478 by S. Porter. Second by G. Pushies. Motion carried 5-0 in roll call vote:	- This was presented at the last meeting by Ken Recker (see 16April2026 for more details) - The plan involves installing monitors to collect baseline stream flow data before any construction. - Legal needs to review contract before signing.



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15	Spring Clean-Up Additional Roadside Trash Patrol		See Supervisors Report above.
16	Moratorium Ordinance	Motion to have Foster Swift review conditions and make recommendations for the Moratorium ordinance prior to Board approval by S. Porter. Second by T. Foote. Motion carried 5-0.	Board discussed sending the Moratorium Ordinance for legal review before proceeding with any final decisions.
	Board Member Discussion		- A board member confirmed that the Spring Clean-Up on May 30th is rain or shine. - Another discussion revolved around the procedure for roll call votes, clarifying that the supervisor votes last to act as a tiebreaker, as advised by the MTA. - The board then discussed landscaping options for the front of the building.
	Last Call to the Public		3 members of the public spoke.
		Motion to adjourn made by G. Pushies. Second by D. Grubb. Motion carried 5-0.	Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Approved: 6/16/2026