

*Articles of Agreement Meeting Minutes for
Conestoga and Pequea Townships
June 2, 2016*

In Attendance: Supervisors; Craig Eshleman, John Berry, Bob Hershey, Cynthia Evans-Herr, Bob Race, Bill Schall, Secretary; Naomi Little, Citizens; Carl & Betty Cramer, John & Heidi Fiaill, Jean Karr, Jill Kelley, Dave Gochnauer, Fred & Doris Warfel, Mark & Joy Mitchell, Ronald Walner, Carol Ebersole, Robin Maquire, May & B.P. Campbell, Bill Rankin, Karin Cohen, Jackie Johns, Elaine Jones, Bob Wiggins, Jesse Blank, Duane Thomas, Judy Leaman, Jeremy Stauffer, Judy Stoner, Becky Miles, Tim Byers, Bob Hecknote, Dianna Good, John Fiorill, Becky Way.

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Eshleman.

May meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Race second by Berry.

The Supervisors revisited Article 12 Section **12.3** to discuss changing the written notice to withdraw date to June 15, 2017. Evans-Herr suggested changing the date in order to have ample time to properly prepare for future decisions. The Board discussed the benefits of extending the time frame from 1 year and 15 days to 2 and ½ years. The extended time would allow more flexibility to explore the best options for both Townships if the topic of separation would occur. The date was changed on a Motion by Evans-Herr second by Schall. All in favor none opposed.

The Supervisors revisited Article 4 to discuss the formulas that could be used to create an apportionment for the budget. Schall presented calculations on the costs that are incurring yearly between both Townships. Evans-Herr presented a 3 and 5 year moving average of costs. The Board discussed if revenue or population would be the best formula to utilize. The Pequea Supervisors stated they prefer the formula with the revenues in order to work with the budget better. Schall asked Conestoga Supervisors what number they would be comfortable to work with. Berry stated that based on Conestoga's current gross revenue he would like to see the amount at about 30 %. Schall and Evens-Herr suggested that it would be in the best interest of Conestoga to bring down the percentage in order to be more fiscally responsible. In light of the opening of the Articles Pequea

Supervisors announced they have brought a consultant in to review what Pequea's best options would be for the future. Conestoga Supervisors agreed that they would like to come to a reasonable solution that will benefit keeping the Townships working together. The Supervisors would like to have more time to review the materials presented. Berry motioned to table Article 4, second by Eshleman. All in favor none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 on a motion by Eshleman, second by Race. All in favor none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted by

Naomi Little- Conestoga Secretary.