

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

The Special Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. and proceeded by the Pledge.

The following were in attendance (Roll Call):

Chair Louann Boyer
Vice Chair Thomas Weaver on phone
Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer
Supervisor Don Knight
Supervisor Thomas Klunk
Angela Pabon, Secretary/Treasurer
Tim Shultis, Township Solicitor

In addition to in-person, this meeting was also livestreamed on Facebook.

The following were in the audience:

Fred Wilke of 248 Oxford Avenue, Tony Eline of 12 Linden Avenue, Tammie Knight- Conewago Township Tax Collector, David Bolton of Abbottstown Borough and Dennis Posey- President of Abbottstown Borough Council

ABBOTTSTOWN BOROUGH REQUEST

Chair Louann Boyer read a request by Abbottstown Borough for Tammie Knight, Conewago Township Tax Collector, to collect 2021 taxes for Abbottstown Borough due to the resignation of their current tax collector because of a change in residency.

Tammie Knight, Conewago Township Tax Collector, advised collecting for Abbottstown Borough would be no issue and of no cost to Conewago Township. She also advised she has had an agreement with another municipality before, has been the Tax Collector for 12 years, is the president of the association and she was the deputy for the outgoing tax collector. The collection hours she currently has for Conewago Township would be extended to Abbottstown Borough Residence if approved.

David Bolton of Abbottstown Borough advised Tammie Knight, Conewago Township Tax Collector, was contacted first due to her being a county trainer.

Vice Chair Weaver asked about the drafted agreement for this request. Tim Shultis, Solicitor, advised he drafted the intergovernmental cooperation agreement and resolutions for both municipalities and Abbottstown Borough authorized the execution of the agreement and resolution.

David Bolton of Abbottstown Borough advised the County previously deputized him to collect taxes for a short term. In this more permanent situation, he was not in favor of the situation for the longer term and the conflict it may create. Although the County assured him that the hours were acceptable, due to the longer term for an entire year, he refused to collect the taxes because he believe it would be a conflict.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Wilke of 248 Oxford Avenue asked if Abbottstown Borough had asked anyone closer to their municipality to collect taxes.

Dennis Posey advised the Abbottstown Borough residences do have the option of mailing their payment or dropping it in their borough drop box and it will be delivered to Tammie Knight, Conewago Township Tax Collector.

Fred Wilke of 248 Oxford Avenue asked about letting the old tax collector continue to collect taxes.

Tim Shultis, Solicitor advised that joint taxing districts must be created.

Tammie Knight, Conewago Township Tax Collector, advised the prior tax collector moved to York County.

Discussion occurred on the Abbottstown Borough's prior tax collector's home being on the market in November of 2020, notification of resignation, the tax collector position being deputized, contacting a closer tax collector, the concerns being brought up not being concerns for Conewago Township but rather of Abbottstown Borough.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver commented on the privilege to have our tax collector chosen by Abbottstown Borough.

Tammie Knight, Conewago Township Tax Collector expressed thanks.

Tim Shultis, Solicitor, advised he represents both Conewago Township and Abbottstown Borough. Before proceeding, he asked if the Board was comfortable with this. The Board members advised they were comfortable with this. Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer commented on Abbottstown Borough being billed for the legal fees associated with this. Tim Shultis, Solicitor, advised she was correct.

Tim Shultis advised the original draft agreement had an incorrect date of January 31, 2021 and should have been December 31, 2020 and Tammie's name was spelled wrong.

Vice Chair Thomas Weaver made a motion to approve the intergovernmental cooperation agreement between Conewago Township and Abbottstown Borough and approve resolution 2021-G, seconded by Chair Louann Boyer. Discussion occurred. 2-2 motion did not pass

Supervisor Don Knight Abstained due to his wife being the tax collector.

Fred Wilke asked about the billing of the Solicitor fees for this service. He was advised that Abbottstown Borough would be billed.

Tammie Knight, Conewago Township Tax Collector, commented on the votes influence on the billing for Abbottstown Borough.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Charlotte Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:55 AM, seconded by Supervisor Thomas Klunk. Approved Vote 5-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Angela Pabon, Secretary - Treasurer