

**TOWN OF CONESVILLE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Conesville Town Hall
August 8, 2022, 7:00 PM**

Roll Call:

- a. **Council Persons:** Bill Federice - Present, Carl Fancher - Present, Laurel Mattice - Present, Robert Proudman - Absent, Kelly Smith - Present
 - b. **Officials:** Carrie Sutton - Present, Richard Irwin - Present, Marie Stuber - Absent, Diane Williams - Absent, William Amend - Present
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Privilege of the Floor** – N/A
4. **Minutes:** Review and Approval of July 11, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Smith to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Councilman Fancher, motion carried.
5. **Assessor's Report**
 - a. **Marie Stuber** – Assessor has been working in the field and from home this last month reviewing sales data for the 2023 reevaluation. The assessor thanked the Board for supporting the Local Law which would help seniors who received a social security increase still be eligible for certain exemptions. Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the assessor's report. This was seconded by Councilwoman Mattice, motion carried.
6. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report**
 - a. **Richard Irwin** – There are currently 41 open permits and three active enforcements. There was one new permit and two renewals issued this month in addition to two inspections, nine site work visits, two follow-ups, and four property searches conducted. There were also two certificates of occupancy issued including the sewer district building. A total of 93 miles were driven. Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the CEO's report. This was seconded by Councilwoman Mattice, motion carried.
7. **Town Clerk's Report**

- a. **Carrie Sutton** – There were three dog license renewals, but overall it was a slow month. Councilman Smith made a motion to accept the clerk's report

8. Town Tax Collector's Report

- a. **Diane Williams** - N/A

9. Sewer District Operator's Report

- a. **Travis Castle** – The sewer district saw an average daily flow rate of 2,692 gallons. They have compiled a list of tools needed for operations and maintenance and have begun the ordering process. Emmons Metro returned the pump they rebuilt and Kinsley Power has provided a quote for the annual service contract. On July 29th an alarm went off at the pump station, there has been no issue since it was reset. Councilman Fancher made a motion to accept the Sewer District Operator's report. This was seconded by Councilwoman Mattice. Motion carried.

10. Historian's Report

- a. **Kim Young** - Historian reported assisting several individuals in genealogical searches. Additionally, she is preparing for a lecture with the senior citizen group and looking into an individual that Haines Falls Historical Society is interested in whom they believe was originally from Conesville. The Conesville Historical Society has received its 501C3 status and is awaiting its non-profit status with the postal service before sending out mailers for the membership drive. They have submitted for several grants and have been asked to provide a plan for renovations to one benefactor. Councilwoman Mattice made a motion to accept the Historian's report. Seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

11. Highway Superintendent's Report

- a. **William Amend** – Highway Superintendent reported that ditching and culvert replacement on South Mountain Road. Superintendent has been in touch with DEP, DEC, and Soil and Water about the Pangman Rd. bridge issue and there is reported to be a

plan in the works to repair the stream bank sometime next year. They have also been in communication with DEC regarding three culvert replacements on Briggs, Bush, and Caulkins Roads which are of interest due to fish in those streams. There was a new trailer purchased for transporting the excavator and the plan is to auction the old trailer. The highway department is looking to replace their boom mower as the current mower is old and leaks oil. They are looking at two different models but are leaning heavily towards the 22-foot John Deere boom mower that was quoted to them as costing \$170,000 with everything installed. There is currently \$130,000 in the reserve fund and another 75,000 is budgeted to go into it this year. This fund was established specifically for keeping the Town's fleet of equipment up to date. Supervisor Federice stated that we need it more than any other piece of equipment at this time. Highway Superintendent stated that this piece of equipment would not only be used for mowing and tree trimming but that the mower boom can be removed so that the tractor can be used for other tasks. The subject of CHIPS money was raised as the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent had just been submitting those requests. A sum of \$22,000 was submitted for paving which would be paid out to Gorman Paving for the work they did for the town. Councilman Fancher asked about the status of the remaining equipment. Highway Superintendent stated that it is holding up well and the grader and several other large pieces were staged up at Davis and Leroy Roads as they will be used up there in the next few weeks. The subject of the service truck was raised. It is the only vehicle which uses gasoline and two suggestions were made. First, either set up an account to purchase the gasoline from the Conesville Country Store, or replace the truck with diesel so that the town is not spending large amounts of money having gasoline delivered for one vehicle. This would make purchasing higher quality fuel for small engines more economical and would extend their life and as Councilman Smith noted, would likely reduce the fuel storage permit fees by eliminating a tank. It was decided

that this suggestion should be explored further. Councilwoman Mattice made a motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report. This was seconded by Councilman Fancher. Motion carried.

12. Supervisors County Report

- a. **Bill Federice** – Supervisor Federice stated that there was not a great deal of urgent business at the County currently, although he is there a few extra days a week since the administrator position is vacant and he has been helping with that. He stated that there is a large fund balance of about \$30 million and several bond anticipation notes they are trying to determine if they are retiring or not but other than that it has been quiet. Councilman Fancher asked if there was a plan to make repairs to Flat Creek Road. Supervisor Federice said no there wasn't at the this time, that the County didn't have the money for that scale of a repair and that the school district needed to start contacting the State to see if there were other options available as the road being closed will impact a significant number of students and bussing. Councilwoman Mattice made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report. Councilman Fancher seconded, motion carried.

13. Town Business

- a. Supervisor's June 2022 Financial report
- b. Budget Resolution
- c. 2023 Budget Schedule – Supervisor Federice proposed October 11th at 7 pm for the budget workshop and November 9th at 7 pm for public hearing on the Preliminary Budget. Councilman Fancher made a motion to accept those dates. This was seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.
- d. Local Law 1 of 2022 – A motion was made by Councilwoman Mattice to set a public hearing on Local Law 1 for September 12, 2022, at 7 pm. This was seconded by Councilman Fancher, motion carried.

- e. Couchman House Update – Supervisor Federice stated that he had contacted someone who had come highly recommended to inspect the house and provide assessments on repairs, however, the individual had not returned calls regarding scheduling a time to come out. Supervisor Federice said that another name had been provided for someone here in town that does this and that he would be reaching out to them to schedule the inspections. He is working to procure a 30-yard dumpster and set up a community work day where members of the Historical Society can come help clean out the house.
- f. Annual Tire Day – Will be held on August 20th.
- g. MidTel free conferencing bridging – MidTel has offered free conference bridging to all municipalities in Schoharie County. Supervisor Federice said it is no cost to the town and he felt it was a potentially beneficial program for board members and employees alike. Councilwoman Mattice made a motion to accept the MidTel offer, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.
- h. JACAP Update – The Conesville Town Hall will be closed from 30 August – 2 September while the floors are being refinished as part of the JCAP grant. A motion was made by Councilman Smith to accept the KoolTemp bid for the split system installed. This was seconded by Councilwoman Mattice. Motion carried. There is no date set to begin that installation, and the Town needs to hire its electrician for the project.
- i. Board Member Input – The Welcome to Conesville Signs which Councilwoman Mattice had suggested be repainted have been hung back up by the Highway Department and reflect well on the Town. A question was raised by Fred Ruckel regarding the green sign at the Y in Potter Hollow that points towards Heather Ridge Farm (to the right) and Mannorkill and Gilboa (to the left). He wanted to know if was possible to have Conesville added to that sign. Supervisor Federice said that he would contact the Department of Public Works, however, he couldn't say definitively if it would be because it was unclear who was responsible for that sign, Albany County or the State as the marker is on the line.

j. Review Invoices – Councilman Smith made a motion to review the invoices, seconded by Councilman Fancher. Motion carried.

14. Adjourn – Councilwoman Mattice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF CONESVILLE, NEW YORK

JULY, 2022

TO THE SUPERVISOR:

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Pursuant to Section 27, Subd 1 of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office during the month stated above, excepting only such fees and moneys the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by Law:

A2544

3 DOG LICENSES

15.00

TOTAL A2544

15.00



July 2022

**West Conesville Wastewater Treatment Facility
Monthly Update Report**

This is a monthly update for the West Conesville Wastewater Treatment Facility. These are the highlights in your sewer district for the previous month.

- The average daily flow for the month of June was 2,692 gallons a day.
- We have created a comprehensive list of tools, supplies, and equipment that we feel are needed to aid in the O&M processes of the plant and collection system. We have started to order the items on this list.
- Emmons Metro has brought back the spare pump from the main wet well that they rebuilt.
- We have received a quote from Kinsley Power Systems for the annual preventative maintenance service contract. The quote was forwarded to the Town Supervisor for approval.
- There was an alarm call at the main pumpstation on July 29th. Pump #2 had tripped. We reset the pump and monitored. There has not been any issues with the pump since that night.

We will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about the West Conesville Wastewater Treatment Facility. You can always contact us by phone 1-(845) 532-8079, (518) 928-7861, by email (tcastle@lvdvoperations.com), or in person.

Best regards,
Travis Castle (Chief Operator)

197 Elm Street

PO Box 610

Cobleskill, NY 12043

(518) 234-4028

Superintendents Monthly Report, June 2022

Continued ditching and replacement of culverts along S. Mtn Road. I have been in touch with the DEP, the DEC and county soil and water about the situation at the Pangman Rd bridge. My contact at DEC says that county soil and water is making up a plan to repair the stream bank and may do so next year.

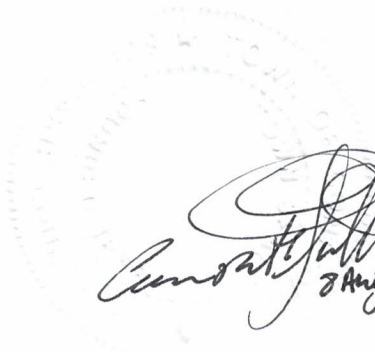
DEC has also been in touch with us regarding the possible replacement of three culvert pipes under Briggs, Bush and Caulkins Roads. There will be more info on that moving forward. We have purchased a new, much more appropriate trailer for transporting the excavator and will auction the old trailer off at some point in the near future. The winds over last weekend caused some trees to come down and we were out for a little while on Sunday cleaning that up

Bill Amend

Town of Conesville
Resolution Number 42
Budget Amendments
August 8, 2022

Increase	To		Description	Decrease	To
19,985.64	234,728.71	DA3501	CHIPS Revenue Budget		
19,985.64	87,985.64	D5110.4	General Repairs Contractual Budget		

Board Member	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Federice, William	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fancher, Carl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mattice, Laurel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proudman, Robert	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Smith, Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Department of Transportation

KATHY HOCHUL Governor

MARIE THERESE DOMINGUEZ Commissioner

July 20, 2022

BILL AMEND
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
TOWN OF CONESVILLE
700 POTTER MOUNTAIN RD
GILBOA NY 12076

Dear Mr. Amend:

The next quarterly SFY 2022-23 CHIPS, PAVE-NY, EWR and POP reimbursements are scheduled to be made on September 20, 2022. Requests for the September payments must be for expenditures made on or after March 20, 2021 (April 1, 2022 for POP) through August 09, 2022. Refer to the Program Guidelines on the CHIPS website (www.dot.ny.gov/programs/chips) regarding eligible project activities and program requirements. The Town of Conesville has the following funding amounts available for the September payments.

Table with 4 columns: Program, Total Balance, 22-23 Apportionment Balance, Cumulative Rollover Balance. Rows include CHIPS, PAVE NY, EWR, and POP1.

The instructions for applying for the September 20, 2022 reimbursements are located on the back of this letter and on the CHIPS website. The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Regional Office must receive all program payment submission items no later than August 12, 2022. Please sign the certification on each page of the reimbursement request forms and keep a copy of the completed forms for your files. Your NYSDOT municipal code for entry on the forms is 950193.

Municipalities may mail or e-mail their Documentation Checklists, reimbursement request forms, and supporting documentation to their NYSDOT Region. Guidance for e-mail submissions may be obtained on the CHIPS website. Contact information:

Linda Halaburka
NYSDOT Regional CHIPS Representative
New York State Department of Transportation
44 Hawley Street
Binghamton, NY 13901
dot.sm.r09.CHIPS@dot.ny.gov

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Halaburka at 607-721-8274.

Respectfully yours,

Dawn Arnold
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Acting Director, Local Programs Bureau

1 As of January 1, 2023, microsurfacing; paver placed surface treatment; single course surface treatment involving chip seals or oil and stone; or double course surface treatment involving chip seals or oil and stone are not eligible project activities for the Pave our Potholes (POP) program.

Conesville 2023 Budget Schedule

No later than August 15	Submission of estimate and request form to responsible parties and officials
No later than September 1	Submissions due back to Budget Officer from responsible parties and officials
No later than September 20	Budget Officer reviews and prepares tentative budget; files with Clerk
No later than September 30	Town Clerk presents tentative budget to Town Board
September 30	Notice of Budget Workshop published and posted on website
October 11	Town Board Budget Workshop
October 21	Notice of Preliminary Budget Public Hearing published and posted on website
November 9	Preliminary Budget Public Hearing
No later than November 15	Last day to adopt budget

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

____ County ____ City X Town ____ Village

of _____ CONESVILLE _____

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2022

A local law INCREASING THE MAXIMUM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVEL FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER PURSUANT TO SECTION 467 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

Be it enacted by the _____ TOWN COUNCIL _____ of the

____ County ____ City X Town ____ Village

of _____ CONESVILLE _____ as follows:

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR THE TEXT OF THIS LOCAL LAW

Conesville Local Law 1 of 2022

Section 1. The purpose of this local law is to allow a higher level of income of the owner or owners of real property qualifying for a partial tax exemption under Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law and Conesville Local Law No. 3 of 1984

Section 2. The maximum income exemption eligibility level for persons sixty-five years of age or over for Town taxes pursuant to Section 467 of the Real Property Tax law is hereby amended to the extent provided in the following schedule:

ANNUAL INCOME	PER CENTAGE OF ASSESSED VALUATION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION
More than \$17,250.00 but Less than \$18,250.00	45 per centum
More than \$18,250.00 but Less than \$19,250.00	40 per centum
More than \$19,250.00 but Less than \$20,250.00	35 per centum
More than \$20,250.00 but Less than \$21,150.00	30 per centum
More than \$21,150.00 but Less than \$22,050.00	25 per centum
More than \$22,050.00 but Less than \$22,950.00	20 per centum

Proposed Conesville Local Law 1 of 2022

1 message

Bill Federice <federicebill@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 28, 2022 at 5:39 PM

To: Bob Proudman <GMTrucker1962@yahoo.com>, Carl Fancher <carlfancher@gmail.com>, Kelly Smith <kellysue712@yahoo.com>, Laurie Mattice <Laurtrue@hotmail.com>

Attached please find proposed Conesville Local Law 1 of 2022. The purpose of this local law is to set a higher level of income than already exists for partial real property tax exemptions for owners 65 years of age or older already qualifying under Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law and Conesville Local Law No. 3 of 1984. This law is almost identical to the same passed by the County, most of the Towns, and some of the school districts.

The impact to the existing overall levy is minimal but at the same time targets some help to those seniors in our town who are already struggling with limited fixed incomes while coping with the increasing higher costs of living.

I hope you will support it.

Under existing State law, the proposed Local Law must be placed on the desks of the elected persons who will be considering it. When we meet at the August 8th Board Meeting we will need to vote to set a public hearing on it which we can schedule for the September Board Meeting.

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Bill Federice
Supervisor, Town of Conesville
Chairman, Schoharie County Board of Supervisors

607-353-2110

Check out the official Town of Conesville Website at:
<http://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/government/town-of-conesville/>

 **Proposed Conesville Local Law 1 of 2022 .docx**

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