

**Conway Township
Special Board Meeting**

May 14, 2024

12:00 pm

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Call to the Public on Agenda Items Only

Approval of Board Meeting Agenda

New Business

1. Road Millage Resolution and Ballot Language

Board Member Discussion

Call to the Public

Adjournment

CONWAY TOWNSHIP POLICY No. 7

PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONDUCT POLICY

Conway Township Board recognizes its obligation to obtain and the benefits to be received from public comments on matters pending before the Board. To provide an orderly and efficient manner to obtain public comment and to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in public meetings, the Conway Township Board hereby adopts the following policy for public comment and conduct at public meetings:

1. Public comment is restricted to only those times designated for public comment on the agenda, unless permitted otherwise by the chairperson or a majority of the Board. All persons addressing the Board shall comment only after being recognized by the chairperson conducting the meeting.
2. No individual speaker shall be permitted to speak more than 3 minutes regardless of topic and no time may be transferred or assigned by others to the speaker as to extend the 3-minute time limit. At the discretion of the chairperson, a speaker may be allowed to comment further than the three-minute limit. Alternatively, the chairperson may direct the speaker to submit further comment to the Board in writing at a later date.
3. When recognized by the chairperson to speak, the individual recognized shall approach and speak from the podium or location designated by the chairperson and shall not deviate from the location. When the speaker is advised by the chairperson to stop speaking when time has expired, the speaker shall cease speaking and be seated.
4. Prior to addressing the Board, each speaker shall first state for the record the speaker's name and address, the subject on which the speaker will speak, and state whether the speaker represents an organization or other person, and identify such organization or person. All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a whole and not to any member thereof specifically or any other member of the public. Public comment is not intended to require Board members or Township staff to provide any answer to the speaker. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be permitted.
5. Only one speaker will be acknowledged at a time. In the event that a group of persons supporting or opposing the same position desires to be heard, in the interest of time, a person shall be designated to express the group's concern. A maximum of three speakers may speak on the same subject unless otherwise allowed by a vote of the majority of members of the Board present. The Board may direct other persons to submit comments to the Board in writing in the same manner as designated above.
6. Public comments must be presented in a respectful manner and participants shall conduct themselves in an orderly and civil manner. Comments or language of a lewd, insulting, or provocative nature shall not be permitted. No person shall disrupt the Board and/or partake in behavior that becomes hostile, argumentative or threatens the public or an individual's safety, or is disruptive to the meeting. No person shall utilize any profane or obscene speech or gesture.
7. Violation of any provision of this policy shall be deemed a breach of the peace and such person will be asked to leave. If the person being asked to leave does not voluntarily leave or cease the behavior, the person may be ejected and law enforcement may be called to remove the person.
8. Any person shall have the right to tape record, videotape or broadcast the proceedings of the Township Board, but shall not utilize the electric outlets of the Township without prior permission of the Township Clerk. Any tape recording, video camera or other camera utilized by any such person, shall be kept at least ten feet from all members of the Board and shall not be placed behind them.

This policy may be adopted for use by other boards, commissions, and committees of the Township. This policy or a summary of it may be placed on the back of the meeting agenda or made available with the meeting agenda.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

Resolution No 240514-1

Conway Township

WHEREAS, the Conway Township Board of Trustees desires to renew the original voted millage of 2.0 mills for road improvements, road maintenance, and dust control for Conway Township roads for a period of 4 years;

WHEREAS, the Board desires also to levy a new millage of 1 mill for road maintenance for Conway Township roads for a period of 2 years;

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws;

WHEREAS, townships may further provide millage renewals and increases over that otherwise limited by the Michigan Constitution Article IX, Section 6, such as the one proposed as authorized by MCL 211.203;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Conway Township Board of Trustees does hereby resolve to approve the following two (2) millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 6, 2024, election ballot:

Conway Township

Road Millage Proposition 1

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution in Conway Township, of 2.0 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) reduced to 1.9483 mills (\$1.94 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 2.0 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) and levied for the period of four (4) years beginning in 2024 through 2027 inclusive, for road improvements, road maintenance, and dust control on Conway Township roads, raising in the first year of such levy an estimated \$260,000?

[] Yes

[] No

Road Millage Proposition 2

Shall Conway Townsshiop impose an increase of up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution and levy for two (2) years, 2024 through 2025 inclusive, for road maintenance including gravel and asphalt work on Conway Township roads, raising in the first year of such levy an estimated \$130,000?

Yes

No

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member
Second offered by Board Member

Upon roll call vote the board members voted as follows:

W Grubb:

Whitt:

D Grubb:

Crampton/Atherton:

Pushies:

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on May 14, 2024.