

**ELK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2022**

The Board of Supervisors September 12, 2022, meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Township Building. The following Supervisors were present: Chairman Albert Jezyk, Jr., Vice Chairman Estace Walters, and Member Milton Rudy.

Public Comment

No public comment.

The Loss of Terri Kukoda, Secretary/Treasurer of Elk Township.

A moment of silence was observed, followed by Milt Rudy reading her prayer card. Estace Walters and Albert Jezyk shared fond memories of Terri.

Appointing a Replacement Secretary/Treasurer

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Albert Jezyk; The Board appointed Michael Corcoran Secretary/Treasurer of Elk Township. The vote was unanimous.

Milt Rudy announced that Terri's Bond would be transferred to Michael Corcoran, changes would be made to bank signature cards, administrative accesses, and a cancellation/replacement of the Township credit card.

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the Board appointed Michael Corcoran as Records Officer and Delegate to the PA State Association of Township Supervisors Convention. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the Board approved the purchases of a new desktop and laptop computer to replace the existing ailing equipment. The vote was unanimous.

Sterling Property Search Warrant

Milt Rudy announced that he and Scott Moran were present for the execution of a search warrant at the Sterling home. The owner was contacted in prison and informed of the search warrant. The property is being used as a rooming house, violating code. An Audience member asked if fining had begun yet. Milt Rudy responded that it had not but an injunction was filed to stop the rooming. The township's lawyer will dictate the next steps.

STAFF REPORTS

Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Milt Rudy, the August 1, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Milt Rudy, the Bills to be Paid for August except for Roadmaster were approved. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Estace Walters, the Bill to be Paid for Roadmaster was approved. Estace Walters abstained from the vote.

Tax Collector

August 2022: \$181.68

Planning Commission

August Minutes: No new business.

Historic Commission

Mary Gruber reported they are considering having Historical Society Meetings Again. (paused due to Covid)

Zoning Hearing Board

No activity.

Building/Zoning Report

No Report.

Open Space Committee

Melanie Ryan noted that she last sent letters to the remaining landowners to encourage participation in Spring 2022. Mark Plauger commented that the Martin Property was a phenomenal purchase.

Trails Report

Pal Durborow reported that there are lots of cutting to be done on the trails.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Estace Walters reported that Dave Harlan paved Old Forge Rd and Hickory Hill Rd. He received a call about the speed hump being a little high on Old Forge Rd and it was being taken care of. Estace got a call requesting visibility be improved at the intersection of Barren Rd and Chrome Rd. He called the State but they haven't corrected it yet. Estace cut back as much as possible. Chris Weaver cut the road banks and Springlawn trail. Chris and Estace tended to the Barrens and Barbara Robbin's side, they cut trees on the trails and widened certain areas. Estace also cut 4 dead trees down in the parking lot and pushed them off to the side. A significant improvement. Estace informed a resident inquiring about paving Blake Rd. that it wouldn't happen this year. A few residents called to thank us for paving their roads.

It was also reported that the township is experiencing a tire dumping problem all around. Also, a trailer that had been reportedly parked along Reisler Rd. still had not been moved.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Milt Rudy reported that a company called Rev LNG requested to meet with the township to explain the temporary pipeline they will install for Kaolin Mushroom Farms. The company plans to have the pipeline completed sometime in October.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Office/TWP Building Changes and Issues

Estate Walters reported that the office may be moved back up to the second floor.

Mark Plaughter asked if the water issues at the Township building had been resolved, Albert Jezyk replied that yes they had and Jeff Taylor had fixed the boiler.

NEW BUSINESS

Hospital Reopening

Albert Jezyk offered to relay any audience questions regarding the new hospital. The questions received were as follows: What level of trauma will they treat and will they be keeping the helipad? Which EMS services will they provide? When will they officially open?

Township Consultant

Estrace Walters, with full support from the Board, reported that Elk Township would be receiving guidance from Patricia Fagan. Ms. Fagan is the Secretary/Treasurer from New London Township and will be compensated for assisting Michael Corcoran as he assumes his new role as Secretary/Treasurer of Elk Township.

Hunting Issues with BRC on TLC Property

Estate Walters reported that some residents of Elk Township had been denied the ability to hunt on this property after previously paying an \$80 fee to The Land Conservancy (TLC). TLC merged with Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC) in April of 2022. Allegedly, BRC would neither refund the \$80 or honor the prior arrangement. Elk Township had previously given money to TLC to help preserve the land. The Supervisors agreed it would be best to consult their lawyer regarding the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Corcoran
Secretary/ Treasurer