

**ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
March 6th, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors March 6, 2023, 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 ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

Kaolin Escrow Release #5 Approval

Albert Jezyk made a motion to release Kaolin of \$752,443.44 in Escrow. It was noted by Albert that the requested amount from Kaolin was \$786,830.77 but that our Engineer, Stanley Corbett, would only approve the initial amount of 752,443.44.

Armstrong Franchise Agreement

Michael Corcoran addressed the Board saying that at this time it was unknown if the Township needed an Ordinance or Resolution to approve the new Franchise Agreement. However, Township attorney, Vince Pompo, had advised the Supervisors could do a motion to approve the agreement in concept with the formal approval happening at a later meeting. The Supervisors decided to postpone any approval until the next meeting.

2023-2024 Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Albert Jezyk read a letter from Chester County Solid Waste Authority regarding Elk Townships' Participation in this program. Michael Corcoran explained to the audience that this was a program in which all Townships in Chester County participated and that by doing so, any resident of Elk Township could take waste to the collection site opened in Oxford, or any of the other three sites throughout Chester County, on select days. Milton Rudy added that, while the cost was very low (around \$500), we are reimbursed for 50% of our expenditure.

Annual Township Clean-Up Day

Estace Walters addressed the audience about plans to hold the annual Township Clean Up Day in April. After some discussion, it was decided it would be held on April 22nd, Earth Day. Anyone interested in participating should arrive at the Township Building between 8:30 and 9:00 AM that Saturday morning.

April BOS Meeting

Estace Walters stated that the next BOS meeting would be held Monday, April 3rd.

STAFF REPORTS Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the February 6th, 2023, 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 February were approved. Albert Jezyk also made a motion to approve the Roadmaster Bill for January and Milton Rudy seconded that as well.

Tax Collector

February 2023: \$0.00 Collected. All 2023 Tax Bills were Sent.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Historic Commission

No Report

Open Space Committee

Melanie Ryan addressed the Board of Supervisors, suggesting that they consider updating the Elk Township Open Space Plan. Ms. Hess said it hasn't been changed since 1996 and either the Chester County Planning Commission or the Brandywine Conservancy would be able to update the plan.

Ms. Ryan also informed the Board about the Greenway Grant Program advertised in the paper. The Brandywine Conservancy will be offering Grant money for small projects that improve parks, open space, and community trails. Applications are due May 30th.

Trails Coordinator

Estate Walters relayed that Pal Durborow let him know that the #5 Bridge of Springlawn Trail was washing away a bit underneath and should get some attention soon.

Zoning Hearing Board

No action.

Roadmaster

Estate Walters reported that he picked up tires of Barren Rd., as well as a Mattress and a deer carcass that were also illegally dumped in the Barren Road Trail parking lot. The Game Warden was informed and will investigate the matter. Estate also investigated a drainage pipe on Wills Farm Rd. A tree growing over it crushed the pipe down, causing a sinkhole. Estate contacted Snyder & Sons to remove two trees and Dave Harlan will replace the pipe. The owners of the property where the sinkhole formed were in the audience and thanked Estate and Michael for acting so quickly on the matter.

Estate also discussed the number of roads in need of repair and emphasized that the cost of road repair has gone up considerably. Estate suggested considering using ARPA funds for road projects would be a good idea. Donna Ellingson suggested Estate look where there is a steep drop-off near 141 Camp Bonsul Rd. Milton Rudy remarked to Michael that he would appreciate it if we could get an update on the status of the Camp Bonsul Bridge from the Chester County Department of Facilities.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Milton Rudy made the audience aware of a serious lawsuit against W.L. Gore & Associates for allegedly contaminating nearby well water and soil with PFAS. Since Milton lives very near the township/Maryland line he decided to have his well water tested and will hopefully have the results for the April Meeting.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)

Albert Jezyk read from the minutes sent by the Recreation Authority. Of note, they have plans for a large Easter Egg Hunt in April and they would still appreciate a resident from Elk Township join OARA. Audience member Marc Roy expressed interest and agreed to provide his contact information after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Albert Jezyk informed the audience that the Township had agreed on our new Salt Contract for 2023/2024. Estace explained in detail how the contract works, requiring the township to commit to taking a certain amount of salt each year and paying a \$3 per ton penalty for each unused ton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Corcoran
Secretary/ Treasurer