

**ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
June 5th, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors' June 5th, 2023 meeting convened at 7:01 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.

Opening/Awarding of Roadwork and Snow Removal Bids

Albert Jezyk opened and read aloud the new roadwork bid packet sent by Harlan Construction. Albert Jezyk announced the Township received a single bid for the roadwork. Milton Rudy opened and read aloud the sole snow removal bid packet from Carter & Sons. Estace Walters made a motion to award both contracts based on the bids received. Albert Jezyk seconded; the vote was Unanimous.

Adopting Ordinance 2023-01 New Elk Township Storm Water Management

Albert Jezyk announced that the Township was adopting an updated Storm Water Management Plan for 2023. Michael Corcoran mentioned that this was the Storm Water Plan that Solicitor Winnie Sebastian discussed and answered questions regarding during the previous May Board of Supervisors Meeting. Albert Jezyk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-01 Estace Walters seconded; the vote was Unanimous.

Chester County Health Department Letter/Visit

Michael Corcoran informed the audience that he received a visit from Chester County Health Department Official, Hunter Hale, who provided a copy of a violation notice given to Elk Township residents David & Susie Fisher for selling chicken bologna and broiler chickens without a license from The PA Department of Agriculture or a License to Operate a Food Establishment. Mr. Hale stopped by as a courtesy and to inform the Township of his plans to continue looking for violations in the area.

Prioritization of ARPA Funds Use

Milton Rudy informed the Board of Supervisors and the audience of his plans to put together a comprehensive list of additional possible uses of the Township ARPA funds. Milton also relayed that soon the Township Building Floor Joist Repair would begin, the first use of ARPA funds in 2023.

Greenway Grant

Michael Corcoran informed the audience that he submitted for consideration by Chester County a request for funds from the Greenway Grant Program. The sum of \$8800 was requested to share expenses for removing unsafe trees along the Springlawn Trail and replenishing the trail with native trees.

HUD Opt In/Opt Out

Albert Jezyk read aloud the letter from Chester County Department of Community Development requesting the Township decide if they wished to Opt In or Opt Out of participating in certain HUD programs from 2024-2026. Estace Walters elaborated more on the specific programs

involved. Milton Rudy added that when an inquiry was made regarding if any Elk residents have used or are using these programs, the County could not provide an answer. Estace Walters expressed concern that the Elk Township population was being counted to secure funding that was being spent elsewhere in the County. Estace Walters made a motion that Elk Township Opt Out of participating. Albert Jezyk seconded; the vote was unanimous.

July BOS Meeting

Albert Jezyk stated that the next BOS meeting would be held July 10th instead of July 3rd, in consideration of the Fourth of July Holiday.

STAFF REPORTS Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milton Rudy, the May 1st, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Corcoran reported the totals of the bills to be paid for the month of June. On a motion made by Estace Walters seconded by Milton Rudy, the bills to be paid, except Roadmaster, were approved. On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Milt Rudy, the Roadmaster bill was approved. Estace Abstained.

Tax Collector

May 2023: \$7461.57 Collected.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Historic Commission

No Report

Open Space Committee

No Report

Trails Coordinator

Estace Walters relayed Snyder & Sons would be removing trees on Springlawn Trail beginning around June 13th.

Zoning Hearing Board

No action.

Roadmaster

Estace Walters reported that he took a load of trash to the dump but that the truck had acted up a bit and was going to be looked at. Steve Snyder and Estace cut up 4 trees that fell on the trail. Estace also replaced the trail camera batteries. Assistant Roadmaster, Albert Jezyk, checked on a downed telephone pole on Barren Rd. which PECO came to repair. Estace also informed the audience that he was getting estimates for repaving Blake Rd. and possibly part of Hickory Hill Rd.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Milton Rudy was happy to inform the audience that Avon Grove Regional Emergency Management is excited for Elk Township to join. AGREM will next meet after a summer break at the Penn Township building in September.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)

Michael Corcoran read an email sent by OARA inviting anyone interested to attend their grand opening of OARA's "Down On The Farm" Natural Playground, Saturday, June 17 at 1 p.m. at the new playground on Oaks Road. Michael also relayed that they did not receive their Dockstader Foundation Grant for repairs to their trails and were looking for donations of materials or labor to help keep the trails safe for users.

OLD BUSINESS

Pal Durborow spoke on the progress of making a memorial for Terri Kukoda which should be finished by the anniversary of her death. Pal was looking for an opinion on if there should be a Marine Corps medallion included and the consensus was yes. Milton Rudy offered to investigate which medallion would be appropriate. Pal and Mary Gruber discussed having the memorial gathering at Old Stone Cider at 7 pm on August 20th.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Corcoran informed the audience that he had recently seen flyers from Chester County regarding their plans for "A+ Homes." Michael summarized that A+ Homes are cluster housing and apartments designed to cater to what they view as a growing population in need of lower-cost housing options. The County is seeking support to help minimize expected pushback from residents and assistance with what they view as obstacles in existing Zoning rules, such as 1-acre minimums. Chester County also sees an advantage to placing Cluster Homes near large areas of Open Space to reduce traffic impacts.

Audience Member Mary Gruber stated that studies have been done showing that cluster housing does not help elevate lower-income people and that Elk better serves low-income residents with favorable zoning for mobile homes and in-law suits. Former Township Supervisor Pal Durborow commented that cluster housing would not benefit Elk Township and emphasized the importance of valuing preservation.

Milton Rudy informed the audience of the work he has done thus far drafting a Wind and Solar Ordinance. Milton also made the other Supervisors aware he may consult with Elk Township Solicitors when appropriate. Audience member Donna Ellingson asked for some clarity on the level of windmill restrictions. Estace Walters responded that the Township was not looking to affect farms with small numbers of windmills, instead, the focus is on large-scale operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Corcoran
Secretary/ Treasurer