

ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 2nd, 2023

The Board of Supervisors' October 2nd, 2023 meeting was brought to order by Alber Jezyk at 7:01 PM at the Elk Township Building. The following Supervisors were present: Chairman Albert Jezyk, Jr. Vice Chairman Estace Walters, and Member Milton Rudy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Tim Sipple voiced a complaint about intersection by the Township Building being dangerous. Estace Walters told Mr. Sipple that it was PennDot who is responsible but that they had recently placed additional STOP and warning signs up.

OARA Representatives Address Funding Increase Request

Jeff Sanders addressed the Board of Supervisors inquiry into OARA's steep request for additional funding. Mr. Sanders explained that inflation is killing them and that they can only continue on for another 4 years without getting additional funding. Mr. Sanders stated that children in Elk Township on Oxford Sports Teams use the property and that OARA has plans to expand programming. Mr. Sanders stated that a post on the Oxford Facebook Page asking if any Elk Residents used the park had 5 or 6 responses in 24 hours. OARA will need full participation from all the Townships to put the new funding agreement in place.

Estace Walters told Mr. Sanders that he runs the athletic association and knows it's hard work. But when OARA came to Elk Township years ago, it was for a one-time payment of \$1 per resident and Elk Township participated to be a good neighbor. Estace suggested to Mr. Sanders that OARA have a meeting to get all the Townships who support them together at the same time to work out a plan.

Marc Roy, the Elk Township representative for OARA, informed the Board of Supervisors that he had been looking into grants that OARA can apply for. Attendee Donna Ellingson commented that Elk Township has a larger percentage of older residents and placing this financial burden on them is not fair.

Albert Jezyk requested that Michael Corcoran find out if all the townships need to agree to the new donation amount for it to be implemented.

Oxford Library Funding Increase Request

Albert Jezyk read the request from the Oxford Library, informing the attendees they would like to see Elk Township nearly double their current contribution. Milton Rudy asked Michael Corcoran to inquire about what the other supporting townships pay Per Capita.

VPP Grant Agreement

Albert Jezyk read in full the new Oxford Region Comprehensive Plan Funding Agreement, which will require Elk Township make two payments in February of 2024 and 2025 of \$2550.00 Estace Walters motioned to Sign the Agreement, Milton Rudy seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Fire Relief Payment Received/Approve Payment to Union Fire Co.

Albert Jezyk informed the attendees that the Township had received their \$12,775.55 payment from the State for Fire Relief. Michael Corcoran commented that the township is obligated to send the funds to their contracted fire department. Estace Walters made a motion to send payment to Union Fire Company No. 1. Milton Rudy seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

PennDOT Response to Elk Township Comments on Bridge 26.

Albert Jezyk informed the audience that PennDOT had responded Yes to Michael Corcoran and Mary Grubers letter requesting clarification on if a proper Burr Arch Truss would be used on the replacement bridge.

November BOS Meeting

Albert Jezyk stated that the next BOS meeting would be held on November 6th at 7:00PM.

STAFF REPORTS Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Milton Rudy, the October 2nd, 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 October. On a motion made by Albert Jezyk 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

September 2023: Tax Collected \$219.28

Planning Commission

No Report.

Historic Commission

No Report

Open Space Committee

No Report

Trails Coordinator

Estace Walters said that he unlocked gates for DCNR and that the Warden has been very active on our trails. Estace also reported that dumping on the trails has been getting worse and the trail cameras are not getting enough information to catch the people doing it.

Zoning Hearing Board

No action.

Zoning/Building Report

Albert Jezyk read the report for the month of September, noting that 8 different permits had been approved for various work going on around the Township.

Roadmaster

Estate Walters read his monthly report to the Audience, informing the audience he had cut up a tree on Glen Hope Rd. and with Steve Snyder removed a large fallen tree on Camp Bonsul Rd. Estate added that he would be having Harlan investigate fixing a sinkhole along Elk Mills Rd and that Harlan had provided the Township with some good millings which he planned to have Chris Weaver spread around the Springlawn Trail parking lot.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Milton Rudy relayed we are working on setting up the Chesco radios to use the AGREM codes. There are limited channels so some decisions must be made. Milton added that the WEBEOC training class must be rescheduled due to the Oxford fire's disruption of Chesco DES activities. Lastly, Milton informed the audience that AGREM is seeking to participate in a new "essential organization" initiative for Southern Chester County and younger members are being sought for emergency management roles.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Marc Roy announced that OARA was having several Halloween activities to consider attending and that they recently opened their Oat Rd. course for older kids and adults to get physical activity.

Albert Jezyk stated that The Oxford Region Planning Commission would like residents to participate in a survey. Albert asked Michael Corcoran to please put it on the Township website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Corcoran
Secretary/ Treasurer