

**ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 1st, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors' April 1st, 2024 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.

**Oxford Public Library Proclamation**

Albert Jezyk read the 2024 Library Proclamation in full and proclaimed it National Library Week in Elk Township. Estace Walters made a motion to adopt. Albert Jezyk seconded the motion and The vote was unanimous. From the audience, Carrie Bressler spoke on behalf of the Oxford Library and the Board of Supervisors for their support. Ms. Bressler added a reminder that on June 29<sup>th</sup> the Library is hosting a fisher tournament at the Glen Weir Preserve in West Nottingham.

**DCNR Big Elk Creek State Park Meeting Summary**

Elk Township Appointee, Melanie Ryan, spoke regarding the first DCNR Big Elk Creek Oversight Committee Meeting. The meeting had many non-appointees present, all were DCNR staff. DCNR spoke at length about how wonderful their organization is. During the meeting, a Delphi exercise was conducted for participants to outline their primary concerns. Milton Rudy filled in for Elk Appointee Judy Jordan. Milton found the meeting to be well organized though he expressed some concerns about comments regarding the safety of visitors to Elk Township, perhaps the safest Township in Chester County. Estace Walters stated he has concerns about DCNR forcing themselves into control of the meetings, using armed Rangers at the doors, and inviting non-appointees as they wish while barring Stakeholders like County Commission Eric Roe from entering.

Audience member, Donna Ellingsen, stated that the meetings being closed off to Stakeholders and the general public/taxpayers is inappropriate. Donna believes having armed rangers present and excessive DCNR staff is meant to intimidate the local appointees, they are outnumbered, she suggested the Stakeholders consider requesting the meetings be open to the public.

**ORPC Meeting Summary**

Albert Jezyk gave an overview of the Kick-Off Meeting for the Oxford Regional Planning Commission Meeting. Albert stated that representatives from 6 municipalities would meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, the primary focus will be resource protection, stormwater management, agricultural preservation, and roadway improvements. Notably, Douglas Azar from the Christiana Hospital Network informed the ORPC that the former Jennersville Hospital would re-open with Emergency Room capabilities as well as doctor's offices.

**William Sterling District Court**

Milton Rudy informed the audience that the March 28<sup>th</sup> hearing was ruled in the Township's favor. The Judge had changed the trial time to accommodate a request from Sterling but he failed to appear which resulted in a default Judgement. The Township will wait to see if there is an appeal filed.

### **PennDOT Road Project and Detour Through Elk Township, Letter sent to PennDOT**

Estate Walters provided a summary of a letter from both New London and Elk Township requesting an alternative route consideration during the extensive planned 2025 896 road construction project. The Detour through both Townships presents significant safety concerns. Estate Walters also added that he ordered additional road signs for Old Forge Rd. in anticipation of increased truck traffic.

### **Mr. & Mrs. King 111 School House Rd. Stormwater Revision Plan**

The Board of Supervisors reviewed a plan provided by Ron Ragan and reviewed by Stan Corbett at AECOM. Audience member and Zoning Hearing Board member Suzanne Dougherty requested to take a closer look at the drawings. Ms. Dougherty commented that she believes there are some errors and would like to request a site visit from AECOM. Michael Corcoran agreed to make the request.

### **Annual Township Clean-Up Day**

Estate Walters explained that despite the confusing sign placed on his property for New London Township's clean-up day, Elk Township would be hosting theirs on the morning of April 27<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in participating should arrive at the Township building between 8:30 and 9:30 AM.

### **May BOS Meeting**

Albert Jezyk stated that the next BOS meeting would be held Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **STAFF REPORTS Secretary's Report**

On a motion made by Estate Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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 March. On a motion made by Albert Jezyk seconded by Milt Rudy, the bills to be paid, except Roadmaster, were approved. The Roadmaster bill was approved on a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Milt Rudy. Estate Abstained.

### **Tax Collector**

March 2024: \$7969.33 Collected.

### **Planning Commission**

No Report.

### **Historic Commission**

Milton Rudy relayed his notes from the most recent Mason Dixon Heritage ARC meeting: A Discussion of historical sites' locations, connectivity of sites; spaces that would be part of the overall plan, including Big Elk Creek State Park; and surveys to gather input. Miller Design Works Studio presented information on Gateways, Heritage Centers, Interpretive Sites and Viewing Corridors. Public meetings are planned for late April.

### **Open Space Committee**

No Report

### **Trails Coordinator**

Estate Walters relayed that the Yellow Trail was open. Lin Klide was very happy.

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

No Report.

### **Roadmaster**

Estate Walters read his monthly report the audience and commented on some work being done on the Yellow Trail. Lin Klide told Estate that pieces of asphalt from Glen Hope Rd. had been tossed onto her property. Estate promised to investigate it.

### **Emergency Management Coordinator**

Milton Rudy Reported several items; The 14<sup>th</sup> of March AGREM Meeting included a Chesco DES presentation. The Outreach Coordinator post is vacant. Quarterly training on Web EOC was on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. The County Health Department will attend the April AGREM meeting. There is a new County position of Hazardous Weather Warning Coordinator. The Route 896 upgrade project start is pushed back to late Spring, 2025. A Regional Emergency Operations Center is being planned with Medic 94. CCDES Quarterly Training was held on 3/26: Kelly Tinsman is the new deputy director for CHESCO emergency management.

A Peach Bottom exercise will be 4/16. The Ready Chesco app could be oriented to municipal centers so local residents can be notified. Some school districts will get reunification training. The Unionville District exercise included fire and EMS participation. Hazard and mitigation plans updates will seek input from EMCs to determine PEMA funding. The CERT program is compiling a list of resources for upcoming trainings. The ICS overview for elected officials is planned for 5/21 from 6-9:30 at the CHesco training campus.

### **Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)**

No Report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Corcoran  
Secretary/ Treasurer