

ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
August 5th, 2024

The Board of Supervisors' August 5th, 2024 meeting convened at 7:02 PM at the Township Building. The following Supervisors were present: Vice Chairman Estace Walters, and Member Milton Rudy. Chairman Albert Jezyk, Jr. could not attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

Carey Bresler – Library Update and Summer Plans

Ms. Bresler thanked the Board of Supervisors for their continued support and provided some “quick facts” for the audience; there were 4,097 book checkouts from Elk Township residents in 2023, a quarter of the Township is using the Library. Total visitation increased 5% year over year for 2023. The Library plans to increase the amount of teen programming offered and has begun hosting destination story times.

Max O’Keefe Update

Estace Walters read an email from Township Solicitor Max O’Keefe regarding the ongoing Court issues with William Sterling. Currently, we are waiting on a response from the Court.

House GOP Committee Hearing

Estace Walters provided a brief summary of his Testimony made on behalf of Elk Township in Representative John Lawrences’ House Committee Hearing held at the new Avon Grove High School, regarding the Big Elk Creek State Park.

ORPC July Meeting Summary

In Albert’s absence, Milton Rudy offered to substitute a summary of the ORPC Historic Preservation meeting he attended on July 24th: The meeting visited potential AG Heritage Centers at OAHA in Oxford, Glenroy Preserve, Old Stone Cidery in Elk Twp and Lincoln Community Center in Lincoln University. Mary Gruber provided lunch and gave a presentation of Elk Twp’s and the area’s history. The group visited the Elk Twp building to review the historical artifacts there. It also visited one of the Mason-Dixon crown stones on Pal Durborow’s property. Attendees were as follows: Jay Eaton, Mike Scott, Blair Fleischmann, Larycia Hawkins, David Blackburn, Elizabeth Burns, Mark Slouf, and Miller Designworks.

Camp Bonsul Bridge Update

Milt Rudy reported that he attended the 29th of July Task Force pre-construction meeting which Included Gerry Porter, Robt McGee, PA DOT members, and Scott Sanders, the Lo-Barr Site Development project manager. The forecasted completion date is the 11th of November, 2025. A “Notice to Proceed” is expected on August 5th, 2024 so work can begin in August with the relocation of one utility pole. Bi-weekly progress reviews will be on-site. In-stream trout stocking restrictions may impact progress. A survey may determine this is an archeologically sensitive site. A staging area will be set up on both sides of the span with clearing to start on the 12th of August. Construction will start on the 21st of October, 2024.

Medic 94 Municipal Meeting Report

Milt Rudy informed the audience that he and Albert Jezyk had attended the 25th of July MEDIC-94 presentation of their status, plans for 2024/25 and funding request. MEDIC-94's response capabilities include ER- equivalent vehicles and professional EMTs qualified to perform ER-level medical procedures, including blood transfusions. The apportionment of the funding request across the 18 participating municipalities is based on a combination of population, millage, and call volume. The total request is for \$591,000, of which Elk Twp's portion is just \$11,299. This is slightly more than last year due to the closure of Jennersville Hospital and the resulting increased time and cost for MEDIC-94's responses. The Board of Supervisors agreed this is a reasonable and necessary expense for the service provided.

August BOS Meeting

Estate Walters stated that the next BOS meeting would be held on September 9th.

STAFF REPORTS Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Estate Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the July 8th, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were approved minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Corcoran reported the totals of the bills to be paid for the month of July. On a motion made by Estate Walters seconded by Milt Rudy, the bills to be paid, except Roadmaster, were approved. The Roadmaster bill was postponed until the September meeting due to the absence of Albert Jezyk.

Tax Collector

July 2024: \$173.69 Collected.

Planning Commission

No Report.

Historic Commission

No Report.

Open Space Committee

Michael Corcoran discussed the specifics of the consequences of eliminating the tax vs significantly reducing it. Based on his discussions with solicitor Winnie Sebastian and Brandywine Conservancy Advisor John Goodall. As Treasurer, Michael believes it would be in the best interest of Elk Township to leave the tax in place but reduce it significantly so that the Township doesn't possibly lose the ability to participate in the Challenge Grant Program. Additionally, this small amount of tax revenue would be beneficial to support the continued maintenance costs associated with existing trails and open space maintained by the Township.

Trails Coordinator

No Report

Zoning Hearing Board

Michael noted that several permits were issued in July.

Roadmaster

Estate Walters read his monthly report to the audience, he also discussed the severe storms from the previous Friday night which caused 5 trees to fall on Hickory Hill Rd. Mrs. Teaney asked Estate about State Rd. being closed and if we had any information on the large tree on the wires along State Rd. in New London Township. Estate Walter replied that the tree was on Verizon Wires, no PECO wires, and Verizon does not have a policy of cutting downs trees that have fallen onto their wires.

Emergency Management Coordinator

No Report

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)

Estate Walters summarized the most recent monthly report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Corcoran