

**ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
December 2nd, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors' December 2nd, 2024 meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Township Building. The following Supervisors were present: Chairman, Albert Jezyk, Vice Chairman Estace Walters, and Member Milton Rudy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

Oxford Library, Jay Kennedy Presenting to BOS

Jay Kennedy provided copies of a financial presentation the Oxford Library gave the surrounding Townships' on the topic of library funding. The presentation's purpose was to encourage participants to consider the County's request to provide \$4 per resident to local libraries. Elk Township had previously offered the highest per-resident commitment at \$2.18. According to Jay Kennedy, the Oxford Borough Council refused to approve the 2025 budget until a significant increase was budgeted. Part of the reason the County is asking for increases in Township funding is so they can reduce their contribution level. Estace Walters commented that the County just uses our tax dollars to pay them. Michael Corcoran asked Jay if the Oxford Library would begin providing public budgets, for additional transparency. The Library may, but their financials are fairly simple and since they are not paying competitive wages, there is no room for cost reductions or improvements.

ORPC Meeting Summary

Al Jezyk commented that the next meeting was this coming Thursday, December 5th, and the ORPC would have a lot to talk about. Including the warehouses in East Nottingham Township.

Sterling Settlement Agreement

Michael Corcoran explained the settlement agreement which is in progress and provided copies of the current agreement to the Board of Supervisors. The buyer's attorney would provide a payment to the Township on behalf of Mr. Sterling that would absolve 1204 Old Forge and himself of all liabilities/fines/judgments. It would also protect the Township from any future litigation that Mr. Sterling may try to bring. However, until settlement occurs and the check clear, this is only a possible outcome.

Budget Approval Meeting Date

Michael Corcoran stated that the final budget meeting has been advertised for December 20th at 6pm.

Big Elk Creek November Oversight Meeting Postponed

Anteia Consorto reported there were numerous complaints and pushback from appointees after a November meeting was announced despite John Hallas's promise to postpone the November meeting until Cindy Dunn was available. The next meeting will now not be January of 2025.

December BOS Meeting

Estace Walters stated that the Elk Township Board of Supervisors Organization Meeting would be held on January 6th at 7:00PM with the regular Board of Supervisors meeting to follow.

STAFF REPORTS Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the Board of Supervisors' November Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Corcoran reported the total bills to be paid for November. On a motion made by Estace Walters seconded by Milt Rudy, the bills to be paid, except Roadmaster, were approved. On a motion made by Al Jezyk, seconded by Milt Rudy, the Roadmaster bills for November and December were approved.

Tax Collector

November 2024: \$22.79 Collected.

Planning Commission

Melanie Ryan asked Michael Corcoran to please send a copy of the proposed Solar Ordinance to Jeff Shellington at Chester County.

Historic Commission

No Report.

Open Space Committee

No Report

Trails Coordinator

No Report.

Zoning

Michael Corcoran discussed an issue in Coventry Green regarding bamboo that had been cut with no clear intention and then left strewn about in the right of way, leaving a clear view of a unkempt rental trailer.

Roadmaster

Estace Walters read his monthly report to the audience, he replaced batteries in the cameras and picked up trash on Barren Rd. Extensive patchwork was also completed on Elk Mills Rd.

Emergency Management Coordinator

AGREM: At the 4th of November meeting: Chesco reported an election-eve bomb threat that forced a polling site evacuation and re-location to 2 other sites. The 911 call center is fully staffed. Carrie Bamber is moving to Tetrattech. A new PEMA EOC template is the basis for the local template being developed by Chesco. Reviews of the PODs in Chesco are being organized. The Jennersville Hospital Director is leaving on 22nd of November An interim Director will be selected from the existing staff. An Emergency Management seminar will be conducted in West Chester on the 22nd of Nov. The new AM1670 tower is installed and the repeater is set up. The AGREM EOC will be in Jenners Pond.

MD/ARC: At the 19 Nov. meeting: Heather Reiffer visited and assessed the interpretive sites. Peter Benton suggested organizing the interpretive sites into "clusters". The New Garden cluster will center on the park. Approaches to each interpretive center are being drafted; property owners in each area will have to be contacted. The Elk Township cluster will focus on

agricultural resources and will feature the Elk cemetery. No specificity yet on funding structure, sources or amounts. At the Miller Design Works studio, Scott is working on visual ideas for site identification signage. The next meeting will be in February.

CHESCO: Chester County's hazard mitigation planning process planning team kick-off meeting will be on Friday December 6th. I was invited and will attend the hybrid morning session.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)

Estate Walters asked the audience if anyone would like to be a representative for Elk Township. No one volunteered.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Corcoran