

**ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 7th, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors' October 7th, 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.

Executive Session with Max O'Keefe

Albert Jezyk informed the audience that prior to the start of the meeting, they held an Executive Session to have a conference call with Township Solicitor Max O'Keefe regarding William Sterling offering to settle with the Township. Milt Rudy commented that his house may be selling and that is why Sterling wishes to resolve this matter. Max O'Keefe was instructed to proceed with a settlement agreement by the Board of Supervisors

Oxford Region Planning Commission Meeting

Albert Jezyk asked the audience to please take a survey card so they can participate in the Regional Planning Commission Survey. Albert also asked Mary Gruber if he could place some survey cards at Old Stone Cider to help increase participation. Estace Walters asked if the height restriction would remain the same for the region, and Albert answered yes. Estace emphasized the importance of not increasing the height limits to protect the rural landscape.

Chester County Heritage Interpretive Network Discussion

Blair Fleischmann addressed the Board regarding plans for representing regional history on Township property. Blair addressed the example pavilion sent to Elk Township, noting that Miller Design Works got carried away with their plans and simple signage was the goal. Some signage may go up at Old Stone Cider as well but the intention is to direct visitors and tourists to OAHA.

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

On a motion made by Al Jezyk, Seconded by Estace Walters, the payment was approved. The Vote was unanimous.

2025 Liquid Fuels Notice

Michael Corcoran stated PennDOT had informed him that Elk Township's 2025 Liquid Fuels Payment would be \$79,408.62. A reduction from the year prior.

Armstrong Fiber Option Installation October through December

Michael Corcoran informed the audience that Armstrong would be, at no cost to the residents, installing Fiber Optic everywhere there is currently Co-axial cable. Their project began the first week of October and would finish in the winter. Existing pass-throughs under roadways would be used. Residents would be contacted by Armstrong before any work is done on their property.

November 5th Election Day

Albert Jezyk reminded everyone that the election was next month and to please vote.

November BOS Meeting

Albert Jezyk stated that the next BOS meeting would be held on Monday, November 4th.

STAFF REPORTS Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the September 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 September. 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. Estace Abstained.

Tax Collector

September 2024: \$101.60 Collected.

Planning Commission

No Report

Historic Commission

Open Space Committee

No Report

Trails Coordinator

No Report

Zoning Hearing Board

No Report

Roadmaster

Estace Walters read his monthly report to the audience, all potholes on Reisler Rd have been filled in. Estace also provided an update on the arson issues at the Barrens, explaining that we provided enough evidence for the State Police Fire Marshall to take action against the perpetrator. Estace explained that we had illegal dumping in two locations which was also being investigated by the State Police. Michael added that we are looking for an early 2000's white Ford F150 step-side truck.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Milt Rudy related that at the 12th of September AGREM meeting, Chris Christensen reported Chesco updates. County EMC training will be November 17th to focus on hazard mitigation planning. We may get prepaid cell phones for system access in emergencies. We've received a \$20K check for our radio system. We hope to get more involved in supporting roles in emergencies. Local EMCs may be granted the ability to post local road closures on the AGREM 1670 radio station. On September 26th Kemblesville school conducted a lockdown drill. We are hoping to identify all CERT graduates to be invited to participate in Regional Emergency Management activities.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)

Albert Jezyk read the most recent communication for OARA and reviewed their latest Bills statement.

OLD BUSINESS

Estate Walters asked for an update on Big Elk Creek State Park. Anteia Consorto relayed quotes from John Hallas regarding overnight accommodations not being off the table in the future. Anteia also discussed a DCNR co-hosted hike with Fairhill. The hike hoped to quell concerns expressed by Fairhill that free parking in Big Elk Creek would rob Fairhill of parking revenue. So DCNR had participants pay to park in Fairhill, then travel back to the PA side for a hike. Milt Rudy inquired if the historic ruins from the Mill are of any historical significance to DCNR. Anteia replied no, that they seem to view the ruins as a cost burden. Anteia ended by noting that the majority of the oversight committee desired Preserve status to be restored on the property.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Corcoran