

The regular meeting of the Eldred Township Supervisors was held on February 9, 2022, at the Eldred Township Building.

Call to order by Chairman Greeley.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Ross and Greeley present with Macbeth not present.

Public Comment:

1. Laird Raybuck concerned about budget- that there is an average of \$6,000.00 more per year being spent on payrate and insurance for the employees. Supervisors agreed that we are doing well with our budgets and spending and that they will continue to keep his concern in the future budgets.
2. Susan Boring to represent the Water Authority with any questions needing answered.

Motion by Greeley second by Ross to **amend** the January 3, 2022, Treasurer's report as there were some discrepancies. the Treasurer amended and corrected the lapse in error. Vote: 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Greeley second by Ross that the minutes and treasurer's report for February be unanimously approved as presented. Vote: 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

TOTAL RECIEPTS: \$26,242.63

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$37,684.61

Motion by Ross seconded by Greeley that payment of invoices in the amount of \$30,388.97 be approved. Vote: 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ross seconded by Greeley that payment of the payroll for the month of January in the amount of \$7,295.64 be approved. Vote: 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

Road Master Report: January consisted of a month fighting with ice and a bit of snow and sudden snowstorms. Maintenance was done on 2004 Int. plow-dump truck – foot throttle replaced and 2 days later the clutch switch went and was replaced. It should be fixed, and we would see tomorrow if that fixed it. Scraping ice and pushing back on roads to get the roads wider and cleaner. Tough time of year with mud, ice, and snow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. ETMA Board request for \$10,000.00 per year from the Twp. was tabled in January meeting. After doing research the Supervisors voted to to not participate in this request with motion by Greeley and second by Ross. 2 Ayes. Motion Carried. The Township did give \$2,000.00 per year in the past and it was stopped due to the ETMA being better off financially than the Twp. The money was given to help get the ETMA up and going and that was achieved. There is a .5 mil placed for the Fire Dept. to get monthly financial money from the Twp. and that is used for any residence that may need assistance. ETMA should be contacting the homeowner's insurance company for reimbursement of the water used. It is suggested that the ETMA go to the fire company and ask them for financial help with keeping the fire hydrants maintained. During the conversation, it was asked about daily plowing not being done.

The Township helps with plowing the ETMA parking lot and plowing Black Run Lane. It was stated that there was never an agreement on daily plowing being done by Supervisor. The roads of the taxpayers and the school Bus route are priority and if there is time, Road Master will go to the ETMA. The lane is too narrow for our equipment and Supervisor questioned that if the truck got stuck due to the narrow lane and turn around, who would be responsible for the bill, estimating at \$500 to \$1,500 per assistance? He must make sure that when a Twp. truck is used to plow the lane, that he must make sure the other 2 trucks and workers are able to cover any issues and routes while his truck is down. Susan said that was not an answer she could give. Road Master also stated that he had plowed at least 4 times this past year and feel that they are helping the ETMA that way. Hiring someone with a snowplow narrow enough to plow would cost \$400 (plus) per plow and that his plowing has helped with a cost of \$1,200 to 1,600. Susan is to find out about the right of way to see if trees can be cut to make the lane wider and will have to put a bid out for snow removal on a regular basis.

2. Response to the ETMA Board about the yearly appointment of a Board member. The ETMA is supposed to request, yearly, that a person be reappointed or to appoint a board member. The confusion on who is up for their term is due to multiple persons submitting their resignation and then Supervisors having to appoint a person to cover their resignation throughout the year and at some points, there were multiple resignation in one year. Supervisors feel that the Board should keep track of who has what term, and that Eldred Twp. will continue to look back in the minutes to try to figure out the order of the present Board members. Supervisor Ross suggested that they appoint the five persons on the current list for the Board so that they can have meetings for the next month or two (until it can be determined what order is best) with a Motion from Greeley and a Second from Ross. Vote: 2 Ayes. Motion Carried. **Motion by Ross second by Greeley to table the actual order of the 5 (five) persons on the Board and their term date until further notice. Vote: 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Acknowledge the error in January monthly meeting in Treasurer report. Errors amended.
2. Ordinance needed for establishing the right to seek reimbursement by the Eldred Township Tax Collector for fees charged by any bank for checks refused by the drawee bank. Motion by Greeley second by Ross to accept the Ordinance presented. Vote: 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.
3. Ordinance needed for establishing the right to seek reimbursement by the Eldred Township Municipality for fees charged by any bank for checks refused by the drawee bank for any check written to and for Eldred Township. Motion by Greeley second by Ross. Vote: 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.
4. Secretary had to purchase a new printer for the office and had to have it for the meeting and the Audit the week the printer decided to retire. Purchased a hp from the Walmart and has 30 days to decide if this is sufficient for the office. Motion by Ross seconded by Greeley to approve Secretary to upgrade to a proficient office printer if needed. Vote: 2 Ayes. Motion Carried.

OTHER SUPERVISOR COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:

1. Greeley is concerned with the rise in cost for the oil used for our roads this year.
2. Order 4th load of salt from Compass.

Chairman Greeley adjourned meeting at 5:23 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 9, 2022, at the Eldred Township Building at 4:30 p.m.

Secretary ~ Kelly Ross