

**Eldred Township Supervisors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
May 20, 2024

This meeting was held at the Eldred Township Building.

Chairman Greeley called the meeting to order at 4:28 PM.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Supervisors Gordon Greeley, John MacBeth, and Laird Raybuck in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Tracy Byerly expressed concerns about the condition of the berms on O'Donnell Road. She said that a truck ran her son off the road and his car sustained a bent rim and flat tires that required out-of-pocket payment for repairs. The berms on the road make it difficult for two vehicles to pass. Chairman Greeley said that a moon paver attachment was purchased last year to fix berms, but that the truck that it fits on has been broken down.

Supervisor Raybuck made a motion to approve the April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Raybuck made a motion to approve the destruction of the temporary recording made at the April 8, 2024 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Greeley. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

**Total Receipts** (April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024): \$131,107.31

**Total Expenditures** (April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024): \$123,573.41

**Total Balance (all accounts) on April 30, 2024:** \$314,369.53

Chairman Greeley made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raybuck. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to approve payment of the invoices for April 2024, in the amount of \$110,520.51. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raybuck. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to approve payment of the payroll expenses for April 2024, in the amount of \$13,052.90. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raybuck. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

**ROAD REPORT:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Due to a malfunction of the equipment used to record the April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting, and the lack of a recording of a portion of the meeting, the following items from the agenda for the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were discussed and voted upon:

**1.** The Pine Rail Riders asked for a letter of support from Eldred Township to submit with their application for a DCNR grant for funding to purchase 24 miles of abandoned rail corridor. A portion of the rail corridor passes through two townships in Jefferson County: Clover Township and Rose Township.

Supervisor Raybuck made a motion to approve sending a letter of support to the Piney Rail Riders for their DCNR grant application for the purchase of the 24-mile abandoned rail corridor. The motion was seconded by Chairman Greeley. Vote: Chairman Greeley – aye, Supervisor Raybuck – aye, Supervisor MacBeth – nay. Motion carried by a majority vote.

**2.** A township resident contacted PennDOT about getting a passing zone in front of Sigel Automotive removed, signs in that area to prohibit "jake braking," and reducing the speed limit in the area. Adam Marshall from PennDOT District 10 contacted the township Secretary to say that the township would need to send a letter to PennDOT requesting a traffic study to evaluate each specific request. The letters would need to be specific and descriptive for each issue at each location. Mr. Marshall also said that engine/brake retarder signs are the responsibility of the municipality, but a traffic study must be done to evaluate the issue. Chairman Greeley said that to do something about the jake-braking, the township would probably need a noise ordinance and would need to hire someone to stand by the road 24/7 with a decibel meter. He suggested that residents write down the day, time, and license number and ask DOT to check the inspection of the vehicle.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to request a traffic study for the evaluation of the removal of a passing zone in the area in front of Sigel Automotive. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to request a traffic study for the evaluation of the removal of a passing zone in the area in front of Lockwood Processing. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to request a traffic study for the evaluation of sound emissions caused by “jake braking” along the section of Route 36 running through the entirety of Eldred Township, from the Rose Township boundary line to the Barnett Township boundary line. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raybuck. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to request a traffic study for the evaluation of a speed limit reduction in the area in front of Sigel Automotive. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raybuck. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to request a traffic study for the evaluation of a speed limit reduction in the area in front of Lockwood Processing. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

**3. Funding for the bed for the new truck was not discussed.**

Chairman Greeley said that the new truck is in. Stephenson Equipment, a COSTARS dealer, sent a quote of \$64,900.00 for a new aluminum bed and upfit package for the new truck. Chairman Greeley said that the quote includes all pumps, controls, and the hoist and that he was told that there is a two-year guarantee on the bed and everything that they do. He said that he talked to the boss at Stephenson Equipment about the problem with the operation of the bed installed by U.S. Municipal on the other truck. The boss told him that he could send two engineers from Somerset to look at it. Chairman Greeley said his opinion is to not pay the invoice that U.S. Municipal sent for the repairs made to the new bed system. The truck was back at the township for one day after the bed and hoist installation by U.S. Municipal and it broke. It was taken back to U.S. Municipal and broke again when it was returned. U.S. Municipal sent the township a grade 9 bolt to fix it, but the bolt snapped.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to tell Zacherl to send the new truck to Stephenson Equipment to get the new bed put on. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

*[Secretary note: Zacherl Motors is now Ascendence Trucks Clarion]*

Silverado Mechanical Service sent a price quote of \$6,094.59 for a new ECM to fix the 2004 International. Chairman Greeley noted that they included sales tax in the total of the invoice and the township is tax exempt. Lisa Kelso said that she would give them a tax exemption certificate.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to approve paying the Silverado Mechanical Service quote of \$5,749.61. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raybuck. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. The Greater Jefferson Area Council of Governments (COG) sent contracts for the accepted bids for stone and oil.**

Supervisor Raybuck made a motion to approve the signing of a contract between Eldred Township and Bucktail Excavators, Inc. for: #8 limestone at \$29.72 per ton, #3 limestone at \$28.97 per ton, and #2RC limestone at \$21.97 per ton. The motion was seconded by Chairman Greeley. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor MacBeth made a motion to approve the signing of a contract between Eldred Township and Woodland Equipment and Supply Company for: DSA at \$30.55 per ton, #57 limestone for \$27.92 per ton, and PA-2A for \$23.91 per ton. The motion was seconded by Chairman Greeley. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Raybuck made a motion to approve the signing of a contract between Eldred Township and Jefferson Paving Corp. for: CRS2 Emulsion, applied, at \$2.56 per gallon, and MC70, applied, at \$4.47 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor MacBeth made a motion to approve the signing of a contract between Eldred Township and Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. for: CRS2 Emulsion, F.O.B., at \$2.43 per gallon, and MC70, F.O.B., at \$4.30 per gallon. The motion was seconded by Chairman Greeley. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

2. The Standard Bridge Reimbursement Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (through the Department of Transportation) for the Bottom Road bridge replacement, is being amended to increase the total project costs from \$350,000.00 to \$2,065,000.00. The original Agreement for \$350,000.00 was for the engineering phase of the project. The total costs are being increased to include additional project phases.

3. Resolution 2024-4 appoints the signatory for the PennDOT Standard Bridge Reimbursement Grant Agreement. The title of an official, whether elected or appointed, can be used or a specific person can be named. If a title is used, anyone having that title can sign the Agreement.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to appoint the Roadmaster as the authorized signatory for the Standard Bridge Reimbursement Grant Agreement and to adopt Resolution 2024-4. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raybuck. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried and Resolution adopted.

4. The Solicitor revised the draft solar and wind ordinance that was created by The EADS Group. Chairman Greeley said that they are not trying to stop anyone from doing anything, but he just wants the township to be covered for decommissioning costs if solar or wind installations are abandoned once they reach their life expectancy.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to approve the revisions to the proposed Ordinance 2024-1 as presented by Attorney Emily J. Mueller, the Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to approve the advertising of the proposed Ordinance 2024-1. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

5. The township's Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (PIRMA) policy for liability, property, and equipment insurance expires on June 19, 2024. PIRMA sent an Invoice for a renewal policy. The new policy will cost \$12,360.00. The new conveyor belt and drag box were added to the policy. The budgeted amount for 2024 for property/liability insurance is \$12,000.00.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to renew the PIRMA policy for liability, property, and equipment insurance coverage. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raybuck. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

6. Omega, Inc. sent an invoice dated April 11, 2024 in the amount of \$1,600.00 for "culvert repair – stone and excavation work" for repairs made to Craft Run Road. Omega currently has a bond for overweight hauling on Craft Run Road. Chairman Greeley expressed an opinion that they [Omega] may be responsible for collapsing the area and can take care of it with their bond. Supervisor Raybuck expressed his understanding that the Omega guys talked to Paul and Paul told them to do it.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to not pay the invoice and let Omega know that the repairs are their responsibility. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes.

7. U.S. Municipal sent an invoice dated April 17, 2024 in the amount of \$2,681.00 for: "remove bed, R&R subframe and reinstall bed, adjusted bed down pressure to 500 PDI." These were repairs to fix the operation of the new bed and hoist system that U.S. Municipal installed on the 2004 International.

Chairman Greeley expressed the opinion that the invoice shouldn't be paid right now and suggested waiting until after the engineers look at the truck. The matter was tabled until the engineers have a chance to check out the truck.

8. J. Knapp Enterprises LLC sent an invoice dated April 27, 2024 in the amount of \$11,219.26 for: "tested solenoid pack; found coil had failed. Ordered new; installed and boom would swing correctly. Disassembled boom for repair. Welded and line bored eight bores. Machined bronze bushings for main frame. Drilled/tapped for grease fittings. Machined bronze bushings for main boom. Assembled with new pins, bushings, and new link. Filled with oil." These were repairs to the boom on the John Deere tractor. Chairman Greeley said that there was a nylon bushing instead of a metal one and it wasn't heavy enough to handle the weight. The actual labor costs came in lower than the quoted amount.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to pay the invoice for J. Knapp Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$11,219.26. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Raybuck. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9. Chairman Greeley said that he would call Steve Kahle *[from Ascendence Trucks Clarion]* to send the new truck to Stephenson Equipment for the bed. Lisa Kelso asked if there would be a delivery cost for transporting the truck to Stephenson. Chairman Greeley said that no one said anything about it.

Chairman Greeley said that once Stephenson Equipment has the truck, they told him that they want all of the Supervisors to come down to Ebensburg to see what will be done and then Stephenson will take them all out for dinner. He said that they told him that they like to show the customer how things are built and what they do and if there is anything else that they want added to the truck or bed, that Stephenson would do it for free. Supervisor Raybuck asked if Stephenson was putting the spreader on the bed. Chairman Greeley said no, that they were putting on the brackets. Supervisor MacBeth suggested having Stephenson put on the spreader to make sure it lines up. Chairman Greeley said that he was told it would take about 12 weeks to put on the bed.

#### **OTHER SUPERVISOR COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

1. Chairman Greeley said that the Ford F-550 needs to have the brakes fixed. He was told that it could be the master cylinder or the water pump. Paul made an appointment for Thursday at Mike McCool Enterprises to have it looked at because they have the equipment to test it.

2. Chairman Greeley said that Warsaw Township contacted him. They want our guys to bring the Athey to help them with their ditches, and then their guys will come to Eldred Township to help with ours. Supervisor MacBeth felt that was a fair deal. Chairman Greeley said that he'll call and see when it can be set up.

3. Supervisor MacBeth called North Central PA Regional Planning and Development Commission to ask about the LSA grant for the paving of Greeley Road. He said that the lady he talked to said that the legislature makes the decision about who gets the grants and to call the officials to ask them to consider it.

Chairman Greeley made a motion to adjourn at 5:43 PM. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes. Meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Eldred Township Building on June 10, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

Lisa Kelso,  
Secretary