

Eldred Township Supervisors

Regular Meeting

September 14, 2022

This meeting was held at the Eldred Township Municipal building.

Call to order at 4:27 PM by Chairman Greeley.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Supervisors John MacBeth and Gordon Greeley in attendance

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Laird Raybuck wants to get the passing zone eliminated in front of his house. He said that Representative Brian Smith's office told him that the township would have to talk to PennDOT.

A motion was made by Supervisor MacBeth to approve the **August 10, 2022 minutes** and the **Treasurer's report**. The motion was seconded by Chairman Greeley.

Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Total Receipts (August 11, 2022 to August 31, 2022): \$20,681.53

Total Expenditures (August 11, 2022 to August 31, 2022): \$21,768.29

A motion was made by Supervisor MacBeth that payment of the invoices in the amount of \$13,788.39 be approved. The motion was seconded by Chairman Greeley.

Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor MacBeth that payment of the payroll expenses in the amount of \$7,979.90 be approved. The motion was seconded by Chairman Greeley.

Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Supervisor Greeley gave the Roadmaster's Report due to Supervisor Ross's absence. He said that the guys have been working on Turner Road, which is part of the Dirt and Gravel Road Program, and they are waiting for Jefferson Paving to bring stone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Tax Collector

Chairman Greeley said that Amber Siar, the Deputy Tax Collector, as Executrix of the Estate of Deborah Gillung, has the right under Pennsylvania law to continue to collect the taxes until the January first following the next election, and that anyone wanting to run for Tax Collector would have to get their name on the ballot for the next election to run for the remainder of the term. He said that the Supervisors had conferred with the solicitor, Karen Lupone, and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) to get information. Lorie Park requested a copy of the law supporting that assertion because she said that everything she found said that the township had 30 days to replace the position.

Supervisor MacBeth said that the solicitor agreed that they were right in seeking more information and not appointing someone last month.

2. Township Website

Supervisor MacBeth suggested setting an amount to spend to hire someone to build a website for the township. He said that he would get some information from other businesses about their websites to bring to the next regular meeting.

3. Underground Tank

Chairman Greeley wants to eliminate the underground tank and get an above-ground tank. He tabled the discussion until the next meeting due to the absence of Supervisor Ross.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2022-3

The Resolution appoints a signatory for an Agreement with PennDOT that will allow the township to register as a business partner in the PennDOT Engineering and Construction Management System (ECMS). Chairman Greeley made a motion to appoint Lawrence Ross, Jr., the Roadmaster, as the contact person and signatory to be listed in Resolution 2002-3. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth.

Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

2. Transmittal Memo to the Board of Supervisors with attached 2023 MMO Worksheet

The Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Worksheet for the Eldred Township Pension Plan was prepared and distributed to the Board of Supervisors by Lisa Kelso, Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Greeley announced that the township's obligation is \$9,334.00 and is to be paid by December 31, 2023. A motion to approve the 2023 MMO Worksheet was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth.

Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

3. New Sign for the Municipal Building

Chairman Greeley said that the old sign on the building is faded and hard to read and it needs to be replaced. He said that it will cost around \$150 to \$200 to buy a new sign from Vinyl Graphics. A motion to buy a new sign was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth.

Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

4. Damages on Beers Road

Chairman Greeley said that the township sent a letter to the Eldred Township Municipal Authority requesting that ETMA have their contractor repair the damage done to Beers Road from the water line expansion. He said that the contractor was supposed to fix any damage done to the roads and that the damage is from the bottom of the hill to the intersection with Miller Road. David Neill asked why ETMA was not contacted about the damage while the contractor was still there. Chairman Greeley responded that Supervisor Ross, the Roadmaster, had brought up the problem in a few previous meetings. He requested that David Neill meet with Supervisor Ross and take care of it.

5. Bi-Weekly Paychecks for Lisa Kelso

Chairman Greeley said that for some reason the Secretary has always been paid monthly and that Lisa Kelso requested bi-weekly paychecks. A motion to approve bi-weekly paychecks for Lisa Kelso was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth.

Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER SUPERVISOR COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:

Supervisor MacBeth questioned why the township takes cash for payment of the ATV permits. He said that it would protect the Secretary, the township, and the building if only checks or money orders were accepted. A township resident said that she doesn't want to see the acceptance of cash go away because not everyone would be able to or want to use a check. The matter was tabled until a later time.

David Neill suggested that the Supervisors consider a tiered ATV permit fee with in-township residents paying less than out-of-township residents. The Supervisors agreed that this idea warrants further discussion.

A township resident questioned if Halloween trick-or-treat hours were going to be set now or at the next meeting. Chairman Greeley said that they will be set at the next meeting.

Chairman Greeley asked Sue, the representative from the Eldred Township Municipal Authority attending the meeting, what their letterhead has on it. He said that someone told him that they got a letter that had water and sewage on the letterhead. Sue responded that the letterhead just says Eldred Township Municipal Authority. Chairman Greeley then asked her if everyone along the new water extension was hooked up. She said there were just a few who were not hooked up due to extenuating circumstances.

Chairman Greeley adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Eldred Township Municipal Building on October 12, 2022, at 4:30 PM.

Lisa Kelso
Secretary