

Eldred Township Supervisors

Regular Meeting

October 12, 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, Lawrence Ross and Gordon Greeley in attendance

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Laird Raybuck asked how to get a "School Bus Stop" sign put up because he's seen trucks nearly hit a school bus near his house.

A motion was made by Supervisor MacBeth to approve the **September 14, 2022 Minutes** and the **Treasurer's Report**. The motion was seconded by Chairman Greeley.

Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Total Receipts (September 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022): \$99,872.30

Total Expenditures (September 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022): \$45,580.75

A motion was made by Supervisor Ross that payment of the invoices in the amount of \$35,464.31 be approved. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth.

Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ross that payment of the payroll expenses for September in the amount of \$10,116.44 be approved. The motion was seconded by Chairman Greeley.

Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Supervisor/Roadmaster Ross said that Turner Road is done and the paperwork has been turned, so we should be reimbursed for the materials for that project. The road crew has been putting blacktop in pot holes and have been working on Cather's Run Road across Sharp Road. Warsaw Township is hauling stone to Gilbert Road for us, in exchange for Eldred plowing for Warsaw. It's been too dry to start on Miller Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Township Website

Supervisor MacBeth talked to someone who told him to contact the University Business Department to see if the students could build a website for the township. He said that he was told that it may just be a nominal fee because the students would be doing it as a project. Chairman Greeley said that he thinks we should do it if it's only a low fee. Supervisor MacBeth is waiting to hear back from a contact at the University.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bottom Road/Mill Creek Bridge Consulting Engineer

Chairman Greeley explained that the township got a grant for up to two million dollars to replace the Bottom Road bridge that crosses Mill Creek. PennDOT requires the township to choose either their municipal engineer or a project specific engineer to work with PennDOT on the project. Chairman Greeley said he thinks the township should go with the project specific engineer if PennDOT does the advertising for it on their online system. Chairman Greeley made a motion to use a project specific engineer for the Bottom Road replacement project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

2. Selection Committee Members for the PennDOT "Policy and Procedure for Consultant Selection Form

PennDOT requires a selection committee of at least three people to review the qualifications of all consultant applicants for the bridge project. Lisa Kelso explained that Jason Barkey from PennDOT said that specific names could be listed or titles could be listed. The title option allows another person to step in if a specific person is unable to participate. Chairman Greeley suggested that since Supervisor Ross is the contact person and signatory for the PennDOT Bottom Road bridge project, that he should be on the committee. It was agreed to put just the title of Roadmaster and Supervisor for two people. Jason Barkey is also listed as a committee member because he is the PennDOT Project Manager. A motion was made by Chairman Greeley to add the titles "Roadmaster" and "Supervisor" to the selection committee form. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

3. Resolution 2022-4

This resolution appoints Lisa Kelso as the township's authorized representative and liaison between the township and Berkheimer. A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-4 was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ross.

Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

4. Trick or Treat Hours

Trick or Treating in the township was set for Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

5. Budget Plans

The budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

OTHER SUPERVISOR COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:

A resident asked about whether the Supervisors put any thought into the idea of charging non-residents more than residents for ATV permits. Supervisor Ross said that he thinks the current fee is fine. He said that someone wrote a letter early in the year about increasing the fee to \$50 or about \$1.00 per mile of road. He added that the Supervisors are trying to work with the ATV community. The permits tell everyone that the person is insured. The township makes enough revenue from the permits to pay for signs and some road repairs. Chairman Greeley said that he thinks it should be left the way it is, but the Supervisors will take it under advisement and revisit it at the end of the year.

Supervisor Ross said that the township received a certified letter from DEP stating that the underground storage tanks are in violation of the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act and that no more deliveries could be made to the tanks after October 31, 2022 until the violations are corrected. He said that in his opinion there is nothing wrong with the tanks themselves, they're just old and need to be updated. The anodes are what need to be replaced. Supervisor Ross said that he is certified to do monthly inspections

and that they are up to date. He said that it is going to cost around \$4,000 to get everything fixed or replaced to bring the tanks up to compliance. He talked to DEP and as long as the township has their approval and someone is scheduled to do the necessary repairs, they are fine with it. Chairman Greeley made a motion to pay for the necessary repairs to get the underground storage tanks up to compliance. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ross.

Vote: 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Sue from the Eldred Township Municipal Authority said that the Park Road expansion project is not happening because of a lack of response from the residents. She also said the CDBG grant appropriated money to assist residents in getting the water line to their house but that the county has been too slow in getting forms out and people are ineligible to be reimbursed if they are already hooked up. She clarified that the money was not for the tap-in fee.

Chairman Greeley adjourned the meeting at 5:11 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Eldred Township Municipal Building on November 9, 2022, at 4:30 PM.

Lisa Kelso
Secretary