

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
MAY 18, 2010**

The work session of the Elk Township Committee was held on the above date in the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barbaro at 7:30PM.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read.

The Salute to the Flag was recited.

Present were Mr. Creta, Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Swanson, Mayor Barbaro, Mr. Considine, CFO and Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk. Mr. Rainey and Mr. Alexander were absent.

Approval of May 6, 2010 Regular Meeting, April 19, 2010 Closed Session, May 6, 2010 Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mr. Swanson to approve the minutes of May 6, 2010 Regular Meeting, April 19 and May 6, 2010 Closed Session, all were in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

R-59-2010 – Resolution Awarding Bid to Asphalt Paving Corporation for the Reconstruction of Jackson Avenue, Leddon Street and Roosevelt Avenue

Mr. Pantaleo questioned the amount of the engineering fees, if it is part of the grant and if the amount can be changed. Mr. Considine stated the engineering fees in reference to design phase cannot be paid out as part of the grant. There is testing that can be paid out of the grant. The amount is a fixed amount unless there is a change order. Mr. Considine suggests awarding the base bid and alternates 1 and 2.

The bid to be awarded after discussion will be the base bid plus alternates 1 and 2 for a total amount of \$177,296.62.

Motion by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, to adopt and approve said resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Creta	Yes
	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Swanson	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

R-62-2010 – Resolution Approving the Budget for the 2010-2011 School Year for the Elk Township Board of Education

Mr. Pantaleo directed a comment to the residents. He stated as an elected official this situation is bittersweet. The recommendation is to cut the school budget but will still result in a tax increase. This is unfortunate. He will vote yes on this, however reluctantly. The mission was to balance the budget without jeopardizing the quality of education of the students. During these tough economic times we are being forced to raise taxes and that is a difficult thing to do. He understands the responsibility to the students, parents, residents and senior citizens and takes it seriously.

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mr. Creta, to adopt and approve said resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Creta	Yes
	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Swanson	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

R-63-2010 – Resolution Determining and Certifying Amounts to be Raised for School Taxes for the 2010-2011 School Year for the Delsea Regional School Budget

Motion by Mr. Creta, seconded by Mr. Swanson, to adopt and approve said resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Creta	No
	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Swanson	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

R-64-2010 – Resolution Designating Signatory on Elk Township Fire Safety Penalty Account

Motion by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, to adopt and approve said resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Creta	Yes
	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Swanson	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

R-65-2010 – Resolution To Go Into Closed Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations and Personnel

Motion by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, to adopt and approve said resolution, all were in favor motion carried.

R-66-2010 – Resolution Appointing Class II Special Officer for the Elk Township Police Department – Anthony Bean

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mayor Barbaro, to adopt and approve said resolution, upon roll call motion was denied.

Roll Call:	Mr. Creta	Abstain
	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Swanson	No
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

R-67-2010 – Resolution Authorizing Public Works to Clean Block 141 Lot 5 – 150 Douglass Street

Motion by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, to adopt and approve said resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Creta	Yes
	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Swanson	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

TOPICS:

Tony Dariano, Construction Official was present to discuss making changes to The Code of the Township of Elk, Chapter 54, Construction Codes, Uniform. The state has increased the amount of fees allowed to be charged for permits. The fees currently being charged in Elk Township is below the state fees. The fees that are collected are to be used to run the construction department. Mr. Dariano would like to eventually get a computer for his desk and purchase a new program for the department. The program is the Mitchell Humphrey program and will also work with the zoning office and tax office. He believes the cost of the program is based on the population of the township. He is not looking for the computer and program at this time. He is hoping the increase of the permit fees will bring in additional revenue to hopefully purchase the computer and program in the near future. He would like to have minimum fee of \$65 for all permit.

Committee will review the proposed changes with the compare to the current Chapter 54 and discuss at the next work session.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Mr. Swanson to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, all were in favor, motion carried.

Frank Goss, 131 Railroad Avenue, read in the paper that the school advertised a meeting in the paper for a 7am meeting on May 20th. The meeting is at 7pm according to the school. Mr. Goss would like to file a complaint with the township committee about the incorrect meeting time.

Motion by Mr. Swanson to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, all were in favor, motion carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Mr. Creta to Pay the Bills, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Creta	Yes
	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Swanson	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

Mrs. Pine received a request for having baby changers installed in the restrooms in the park. Mr. Considine will look into the costs and installation.

RECESS:

Motion by Mr. Swanson seconded by Mr. Pantaleo to recess the regular meeting, all were in favor the meeting recessed at 8:06 PM.

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo to re-enter the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Swanson, all were in favor, the committee entered the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Motion by Mr. Creta to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Swanson, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC