

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 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 7:31PM.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read.

The Salute to the Flag was recited.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Closed Session Meeting minutes of April 8, April 20, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15 and October 20, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mayor Barbaro to approve the minutes, motion carried with Mr. Pantaleo abstaining.

ORDINANCES:

O – 3 – 2010 – Amending Chapter 63 Entitled “Farmland Preservation” – TITLE ONLY

Motion by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, to adopt Ordinance O-3-2010, upon roll call motion carried.

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

O – 4 – 2010 – Amending Chapter 96, The Unified Development Code – To Implement the Zoning change Recommendations of the 2009 Master Plan Reexamination – TITLE ONLY

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mr. Swanson, to adopt Ordinance O-4-2010, upon roll call motion carried.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

R-38-2010 – Resolution Authorizing the Reduction (Request #1) of the Performance Guarantee Submitted by Papparone Housing co., Inc. for the Sliver Lake Estates Subdivision, Affecting a Parcel Identified as Block 56 Lot 1

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mr. Swanson, 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-39-2010 – Resolution Requesting Dedication by Rider Pursuant to NJS 40A:4-39 Township of Elk, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey – K-9 Unit

There was some concern from Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Swanson that in these tough economic times the residents do not need to fund an additional program with additional tax dollars once the donations are no longer coming in and available. This could become a costly program that could last for years. The vehicle will be donated for \$1, the maintenance on the vehicle also needs to be considered. Mr. Pantaleo does not have a problem with the program as long as there are no tax dollars put toward the program.

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mayor Barbaro, to adopt and approve said resolution, upon roll call there was a tie vote therefore the resolution is DEFEATED.

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

R-40-2010 – Resolution Approving Emergency Temporary Budget

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mr. Swanson, 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:

The Part Time Deputy Court Administrator, Pauline Jordan, resigned her position effective February 8, 2010. There is a need to fill the position due to the work load in the court office. This will no longer be a shared service. Applications were received and there were 2 qualified applicants, one applicant was employed in the Elk Township Court office several years ago. There is one other person that will be interviewed. The position will be a part-time position at 25 to 30 hours a week. There will be no benefits involved. Committee authorized the Mayor to offer \$11.00 per hour.

Superior Barrel, Thomas Toy would like to set up a payment plan for the back taxes. He owes back taxes for many years and the township holds the tax sale liens on the property. Mr. Swanson stated he saw people struggling to pay their taxes and this is a businessman and he has not paid his taxes for many years. After discussion committee is not prepared to set up a payment plan at this time. He is taking advantage of the township in not paying the taxes. Is it worth foreclosing, will the township recoup money if the property is foreclosed upon and eventually sold, is it a brownfield site and is there money to clean it up are just some of the question committee has. The issue will be discussed at the March 4th meeting with Mr. Duffield present.

Campground Ordinance was briefly discussed. There were some areas of concern with the ordinance. One item that committee would like to see added is that before the license fee is paid the taxes must be current. Also, the mention of children attending School should be addressed. Committee will review the ordinance and discuss at the March meeting with Mr. Duffield.

The application for the CDBG Grant for 2010 is due March 31st, 2010. The area that is now covered has been corrected and the area is along the Route 55 corridor and the proposed Latham Park and The Grande at Elk developments. We can apply for the replacement of the entrance ways to the building to make them more easily accessible for the handicapped. It was also mentioned completing the curb and sidewalks from the school to the park.

Mr. Pantaleo would like to have committee consider getting a junk car ordinance on the books. Mayor Barbaro stated this issue has been brought up before and the township has adopted the International

Property Maintenance Code. Committee will ask Mr. Duffield if an ordinance is something that can be considered.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Ed Pearson, 1448 Ferrell Road, stated the issue of the antique cars is something that needs to be taken up with the state. When you register for QQ tags the state automatically renews the vehicle registration. He also stated there are several abandoned vehicle all over the township.

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

Mayor Barbaro received correspondence from the NJ DOT, stating that he was contacted by David Lubelski, Assistant County Engineer, concerning the railroad crossings.

A letter was also received from the County Freeholders concerning the agreement with the shared service with the Tax Assessor. Mr. Duffield had a few questions and a letter was sent to the Freeholder Board.

PAY BILLS:

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

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

Mr. Swanson would like to have the bill list emailed the day before the meeting to have more time to review.

Motion by Mr. Swanson to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC