

**ELK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

The meeting 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 7:32 PM.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read. The Salute to the Flag and the Lord's Prayer were recited in unison.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Rainey, Mr. Swanson, Mayor Barbaro, Mr. Duffield, Solicitor, Mr. Gaskill, Engineer, Mr. Fralinger, Engineer, Mr. Considine, CFO, Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk, Mr. Alexander, Public Works and Chief DeFalco. Mr. Creta was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
JANUARY 19, 2010, WORKSESSION**

Motion by Mr. Swanson to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 Work Session, and seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, motion carried with Mr. Rainey abstaining.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Swanson reported the construction department issued 6 permits and 25 certificates of approval in January.

The Agriculture Committee had Suzanne McCarthy from the DVRPC as a guest speaker. She reported the Planning Incentive Grant was submitted to the State Ag Board. The state did not approve the farmland incentive program the township submitted and this may be holding up the grant. Her recommendation is to rescind the incentive portion of the ordinance.

Residents that are walking in Elephant Swamp have reported seeing hunters on adjacent property.

They would like to see warning signs posted warning the walkers.

The next Ag meeting is March 15th.

The 911 committee met. Tom Mason from the county attended. A map of Laux Lakeview Park is complete and all residents now have individual addresses. They are now working on getting cluster mail boxes. The committee will be working on making the corrections to the remainder of street names and house numbers throughout the township.

It was reported Old Mans Creek Campground has named the streets in the campground. There is a concern that some street names are duplicated with current streets in the township. Mr. Duffield said all street names need to go through the county 911 office for approval. There is a procedure that should be followed. A letter will need to be sent to the campground.

The next 911 meeting will be March 3rd.

Mr. Pantaleo reported Joe Cardona Public Relations Director for Rowan University was the guest speaker at the Economic Development Committee meeting. He explained what is happening at Rowan University. They are looking into the possibility of an Olympic swimming facility and a hockey arena. They are in partnership with Cooper Hospital with a medical school. He did not see any carry over of development into Elk Township.

The committee further discussed a liquor license, county owned land on Buck Road, brown fields, abandoned properties and solar farms.

The next Economic meeting will be held March 1st and the scheduled speaker is Hardy Metcalf.

Mr. Rainey stated the MUA will meet Monday, February 8th, and will then meet quarterly for 2010.

Mayor Barbaro attended the Environmental meeting. They are looking at having a township/community wide cleanup some time in the fall. They hope to have all the township committees, boards and commissions and other groups participate.

The mayor has sworn in all appointees to the various committees.

The census bureau is looking for people to work part time. They will be conducting testing here in the municipal building February 11th and 24th. Information is available in the clerk's office.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief DeFalco gave his year ending report for 2009. The department responded to 7,752 calls for service, made 240 arrests, issued 2,585 motor vehicle summons, responded to 186 motor vehicle crashes, with 70 injuries and no fatalities.

For the month of January 2010 the department responded to 605 calls for service, made 22 arrests, responded to 18 motor vehicle crashes with 1 injury and issued 223 motor vehicle summons.

The department received a grant for \$23,000 for the purchase of a LiveScan System which will allow for the electronic transmission of digital criminal fingerprint cards and mug photos 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The department is looking into starting a K-9 Unit. Deptford has offered to sell a vehicle to the township for \$1 for transporting the unit. They are also looking for donations to fund the purchase of the dog. The dog will be a tracking dog and then work on a drugs. It will not be an attack dog.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT:

Mr. Gaskill stated that he heard some news on the Hampton Hills permit for the basin. The application has been reviewed and is awaiting approval signature.

A letter was received from CVS acknowledging the work that needs to be completed on the stormwater basin before the performance bond can be released. They hope to begin work in the spring.

Mr. Chuck Fralinger reported on the drainage issues on Carl Avenue. There is additional work that will be completed when the weather breaks.

Mr. Pantaleo asked if there is a set distance at which street lights are placed. Mr. Gaskill stated there is not a set distance. The RSIS (Residential Site Improvement Standards) requires that lights be placed where they indicate to drivers something is happening ahead, such as an intersection, sharp bend, cul-de-sac or dead end.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Ferrell Fire Department responded to 22 fire calls.

Lawns Fire Department responded to 4 alarms.

Ferrell Ambulance Squad had 14 calls for service. There are 6 new people starting EMT classes.

The Ferrell Fire Department will be receiving a grant of \$58,000 from FEMA.

Aura Fire Department responded to 13 calls of service. They also received a grant in the amount of \$40,000, to purchase equipment.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Mr. Alexander reported January was a busy month with the weather. There was damage to 2 of the township buildings, the shingles were pulled off. The estimates were below our deductible.

The solid waste report, in January there was 137 tons of trash and 56 tons of recycles. The cost of disposal was approximately \$10,000 and there was a \$4,000 savings because of the recycling.

NJ has launched a refrigerator recycling program. They will give a voucher to the resident. The refrigerator must be in working condition.

The signs are in for the school crosswalk.

Elk Township is up for renewal in the JIF in 2011. An inspection was conducted on the buildings that are over 50 years old and everything is in good shape.

The HVAC engineer looked at the current duct work and is working up a proposal. He did state the duct work is a mess.

**RESOLUTION R-33-2010
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK**

RE: SHARED SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER IN REGARDS TO PUBLIC ARCHIVES and RECORDS INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT (PARIS) GRANT

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

**RESOLUTION R-34-2010
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK**

RE: REAPPOINTING ANNA FOLEY AS DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

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

**RESOLUTION R-35-2010
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK**

RE: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR 2009 RECYCLING

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

**RESOLUTION R-36-2010
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK**

**RE: RESOLUTION ELEVATING CLASS RANK OF POLICE OFFICER
UPON ANNIVERSARY DATE OF HIRE – JEFFREY FRANKLIN**

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

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

**RESOLUTION R-37-2010
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK**

**RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WITH WASTE
MANAGEMENT**

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

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

TOPICS:

Block 153 Lot 3 – Land Sale – Mr. Duffield explained the situation and during the process of updating the tax maps, some of the lot lines disappeared, causing there to be errors in ownership. A subdivision was conducted without a title search. When the search was conducted it was discovered there are 2 lots owned by the township. A request was made by the adjoining land owner to purchase the properties. The tax assessor recommends a price of \$1000.00 for each property, should the committee desire to sell the properties. There is no use for the properties owned by the township, the properties will be sold in a land sale.

Letters will need to be sent to each of the adjoining land owners notifying them of the time, date and place of the land sale. The land will be sold to the highest bidder.

ORDINANCE O – 1 – 2010
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK
RE: AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP LAND
DESIGNATED AS FORMER BLOCK 167, LOT 16, AND CURRENTLY
IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 153, P/O LOT 3.01
TITLE ONLY

Motion by Mr. Rainey, seconded by Mr. Swanson, to adopt Ordinance O-1-2010, upon roll call motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE O – 2 – 2010
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK
RE: AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP LAND
DESIGNATED AS FORMER BLOCK 167, LOT 6, AND CURRENTLY
IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 153, P/O LOT 3
TITLE ONLY

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mr. Rainey, to adopt Ordinance O-2-2010, upon roll call motion carried.

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

Mr. Duffield updated committee on the Solid Waste/Recycling Contract. A 90 day extension to the current solid waste contract was approved by resolution earlier in the meeting. Currently there are 6 different options to bid in the new contract. Mr. Duffield is 85% done with the bid and will meet with Mr. Alexander before it is advertised.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Mayor Barbaro asked if anyone had any issues they would like to bring to the township committees attention to come forward at this time.

Mr. Lou Schomber, 457 Ewan Road, has a drainage problem with the development (Valle Del Sol) across the street from his house. He attended a planning board meeting and was told to come committee. There is a pipe that goes under Ewan Road from the development to his front yard that was put in by a farmer to stop the water from running off the street on to the farm. The water from the pipe drains onto his property and has not been a problem until the development started. Mr. Gaskill stated the developer has planning board approval to use the pipe for drainage, it is on the design plan. Mr. Gaskill had the site inspected and a portion of the overflow control was vandalized or had fallen over on the development side and the portion on Mr. Schomber's side has been plugged. Mr. Schomber stated he put the plug in the pipe. Water is filling up in the basin. Mr. Schomber stated the pipe does not belong to the township. With committee approval, Mr. Gaskill will reach out to the former engineer and the developers engineer to coordinate a meeting, to come up with an alternate plan, at the solicitor's office. After the meeting Mr. Gaskill and Mr. Duffield will make a recommendation.

David Lubelski, Assistant County Engineer was present as a liaison for the county. He or Mr. William Bain will be attending committee meetings for the year to take back any issues or problems the township may have. They will be at the 1st meeting of the month.

Some areas of concern in the township are the drainage problems on Clayton-Aura Road and Fairview Road, Hardingville Road and Elk Road. Mr. Lubelski stated the county is aware of the problems and is working with the home owner to correct the problem on Clayton-Aura Road. The problem on Hardingville and Elk Road is a civil issue.

Lori Ann Eck, 289 Clayton-Aura Road, expressed her concern with the Railroad crossings at Fairview Road and also on Clayton-Aura Road in Clayton.

Dan Haynicz, Elk Road, would like committee to consider paving Silverlake Road.

He also expressed his concern, when the county paved CR538 they removed the culvert on both sides of the road and did not replace it. When it rains, water lays on the north side of the road and is going to cause damage to the trees.

Mr. Rainey also mentioned when CR538 was paved, the road was raised 4 to 5 inches and the property at 498 Elk Road has water sitting for 4 or 5 days.

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

PAY BILLS:

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

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

Motion by Mr. Rainey to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk