

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
MARCH 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 7:34PM.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read.

The Salute to the Flag was recited.

Present were Mr. Creta, Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Rainey, Mr. Swanson, Mayor Barbaro, Mr. Duffield, Solicitor arrived at 7:35p.m., Mr. Considine, CFO and Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk. Mr. Alexander, Superintendent of Public Works was absent.

Approval of March 4, 2010 Regular Meeting

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mr. Rainey to approve the minutes of the March 4th Regular Meeting, all were in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

R-47-2010 – Resolution Authorizing County Community Development Block Grant Project Application for 2010 for the Township of Elk – Sidewalks

There is a 10% match from the township that will need to be included in the budget.

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. Rainey	Yes
	Mr. Swanson	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

R-48-2010 – Resolution Adopting Tax Foreclosure List and Authorizing the Commencement of Tax Foreclosure – Block 30 Lot 4

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. Rainey	Yes
	Mr. Swanson	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

R-50-2010 – Resolution Amending R-25-2010 – Appointing Alt. #1 to Recreation Committee - Lori Anne Eck

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

R-51-2010 – Resolution Awarding and Confirming Sale of Township Land Designated as Former Block 167, Lot 16, and Currently Identified as Block 153, P/O Lot 3.01

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

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

TOPICS:

Suzanne McCarthy was present to discuss a grant opportunity for the Elk Township Open Space and Recreation Plan from ANJEC through the DVRPC. This plan will compliment the Environmental Resource Inventory and the Farmland Preservation Plan that have already been completed. There are also Green Acre grants available to municipalities that have a filed and approved Open Space and Recreation Plan.

This is a reimbursement grant and the township will be responsible for a total of \$5250. This money can come from the Open Space Trust Fund.

Mr. Pantaleo, is concerned with the amount of cost for the township and would like to propose fore going this opportunity. He read that a referendum can be voted on by the residents to transfer funds from the open space account to the general budget to cover expenses so as not to raise taxes.

Mrs. McCarthy stated that the way the Elk township open space trust fund is set up this is a dedicated tax to be used for this purpose.

Mr. Duffield further explained that this is a dedicated expense and if the money is taken out of the account for anything other than the stated purpose that was on the referendum, the money would need to be paid back in full. The grant match is one of the allowable options the money can be used for.

Mrs. McCarthy feels that it could be a real loss to the township not to move forward since the other 2 plans have been submitted. There is a chance the funding from ANJEC may not be available in the future.

Mayor Barbaro said we would not be able to put this to referendum to the voters until November of this year and the fund has approximately \$192,000 available. We are asking to use \$5250 to pay for this plan.

Mr. Rainey feels that the money is dedicated for this and it something we need to do.

Mr. Swanson thinks if we do not take advantage of this opportunity now, it may not be there in the future.

Mr. Pantaleo is concerned there will be additional associated costs to this plan.

R-49-2010 – Resolution Authorizing Application for ANJEC Smart Growth Planning Grants

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

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

County Tax Assessor Agreement has been received from the county. Mr. Duffield sent a letter to the county expressing concerns and asking several questions and he has not yet heard back from them. Mr. Duffield would like to know if the county is going to reimburse the township for the revaluation that has been completed. There is also a concern that the county is going to charge the township for services during the year, with an amount that has not been determined. He also would like to know who is going to represent the township at the appeal hearings and how are they being paid for.

Ordinances O-5-2010 through O-11-2010 concerning Master Plan changes recommended by the combined planning/zoning board were introduced by Title Only at the March 4th meeting. Committee discussed the ordinances.

O-5-2010 Campgrounds – this ordinance will regulate campgrounds going forward. The old campgrounds are pre-existing/non-conforming uses that will stay with the land. If the campgrounds change anything they will have to follow the new ordinance. This is basic framework that does not currently exist in the code of the township now. There may be a permanent resident of the campground now (which makes that a pre-existing, non-conforming use), but they will not be allowed to carry forward with another permanent resident when that one moves out.

Mayor Barbaro compared the state campground rules and regulations to this ordinance and noted much of the ordinance is based on the states regulations.

Part of the application process is the need for a site plan. The site plan will not need to be an official document with a raised seal. The site plan means a map of the campground that shows all the campsites and buildings. They will need to submit the map once and then certify if there were any changes in the past year that were made. Aerial maps will also be acceptable.

O-6 & 7-2010 concerning Body Art Studios and Adult Book Stores – there currently is nothing in the Code of the Township for this and this will give the township some guidelines to follow.

O-9 & 10-2010 concerning Small Wind and Solar Energy systems – again currently there is nothing in the Code of the Township and this will give the township guidelines.

Ordinances O-12-2010 through O-23-2010 concerning Editorial Analysis that was conducted by General Code Publishers and are updating and correcting areas that show inconsistencies and outdated regulations.

O-17-2010 concerning the Police Department, section 28-2 Composition, this limits the number of officers. It was decided the number of Chiefs and Lieutenants will remain the same and the number of Detective Corporals, Corporals and Patrolmen will be removed to allow for more or less officers.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Bob Clark, 805 Whig Lane Road, would like to congratulate Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Swanson on their successful election. He thanked them for the respectful campaign they ran as agreed upon. He also thanked Mr. Alexander on the great job he and his men did during the snow storms.

Vic Morella, 110 24th Ave., would like committee to consider making the switch to compressed natural gas as a requirement in the request for solid waste bid specs. This is an environmentally friendly way to run the trucks.

Mr. Duffield stated the township has requested a 90 day extension to the contract. He is concerned with making this a requirement, it may reduce the amount of bidders and raise the price of the contract. He can add it as an option if committee desires.

Mr. Morella would also like to know where committee stands on the leasing of the closed land fill for a solar farm.

Mr. Rainey stated he was waiting for a proposal that was not received in time for the meeting.

Mr. Swanson stated he personally is in favor of solar.

Mr. Pantaleo stated he spoke to Mr. Slack of the Economic Development Committee concerning the proposal from Mr. Metcalf. He is concerned with the costs that can be associated with a solar farm, such as, permits, site preparation, insurance, security and maintenance. He asked Mr. Metcalf to include those costs in the estimate. Another cost will be the location of the dump to the site of tying into the grid.

Also there may only be 4 acres available on the 5 acre site.

Mr. Morella stated the State of NJ supports this type of development on capped land fills.

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

PAY BILLS:

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

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

Mr. Considine received a request from Mr. Borelli, Superintendent of Delsea and Aura Schools. He would like to hold a meeting to explain to committee the school budgets on March 24th, 2010 at Delsea Middle School with the time to be announced.

The meeting notice will be given to the newspapers and no action will be taken.

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rainey, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC