

**ELK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2010**

The special 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 7:01PM.

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. Considine, CFO and Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk.

R-68-2010 – Resolution Adopting IRC Section 125 Premium Only Plan

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

Mr. McCreery, zoning officer, has followed the procedures to notify a homeowner to clean up their property. There has not been a response.

Motion by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo authorizing the public works department to clean 104 36th Avenue, upon roll call motion carried.

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

A request has been received for baby changing stations to be placed in the park restrooms.

The JIF will be contacted to see if there are special regulations that will need to be followed.

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mr. Rainey to purchase 2 baby changing stations for the Elk Township Recreation Park restrooms, upon roll call motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION

Committee discussed the Trash/Recycling Bid Specs. Mr. Swanson stated Mr. Alexander reviewed the proposal from RecycleBank and his recommendation is to not accept their proposal. They would like the township to purchase the recycle containers that are 4 years old. We can purchase new recycle buckets for approximately \$60 each. Mr. Creta feels the RecycleBank program is a good program and that we should stay with them. Mayor Barbaro would like to go back to RecycleBank and ask them to review their proposal. Mr. Pantaleo agrees with Mayor Barbaro.

Mr. Duffield will be asked to contact RecycleBank and try to renegotiate the proposal and get back to committee.

Mr. Alexander also recommends stopping the collection of yard waste. Committee discussed several different options: having it picked up one time a month from April to November; have residents drop it off here; do away with it all together; keep it in the bid and reject if the cost is too high; and pick it up monthly on a call in basis only.

Committee would like to leave yard waste in the bid as an option: pick up one time a month, with the opportunity to reject the option.

A draft of the 2010 Elk Township Municipal Budget was reviewed by committee. Mr. Considine stated the state is requiring the Elk Township budget be introduced by June 4, 2010. The current increase with the budget as presented is 1.8 cents. The budget meets all the statutory requirements.

If the farmland preservation tax away, and the governor approves the 2.5% Tax Levy CAP on the increase of taxes, and our tax rate goes to 0; $2.5\% \times 0 = 0$; at that point we will not be able to raise taxes unless we go before the Local Finance Board for approval. Something committee needs to keep in mind, that if the 1 cent open space is waived for this year, committee will already be raising taxes that 1 cent next year. Committee would like to waive the 1 cent open space tax for the year 2010.

All raises for non contractual employees (not police) are out of the budget. The employees that receive health benefits through the township will start to pay 1.5% of their pensionable salary effective the next pay.

Mr. Creta feels we need to sit down with the police and negotiate, he does not feel it is right for the rest of the employees to take

a pay cut and the police have not made any cuts to their budget. Mr. Swanson agrees. Mr. Pantaleo stated there are other towns where the police departments have made concessions. Mr. Creta said we are all in this together and need to be fair. Mr. Creta and Mr. Rainey will meet with the police department to discuss their budget.

When we introduce the budget, changes can be made by no more than 10% in either direction, up or down.

Mr. Considine stated the amounts in the budget are based on the amount spent last year and the amount spent so far this year. Health Insurance increase is 25%, and the number is based on what the cost is now, if a person needs to be added, the funds may not be available.

Mr. Pantaleo asked about the funding for the fire departments. It was mentioned that the amount of aid to the fire departments should be divided to each department, based on the number of qualified members in the department.

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

Barbara Pearson, 1448 Ferrell Road, Chairperson of Recreation Committee asked what amount was allotted recreation this year. Mr. Considine stated \$11,000 was put in the budget for the year.

A motion to close the public portion was made by Mr. Rainey, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo all were in favor, motion carried.

Committee would like to appoint David Slack to the Gloucester County Municipal Economic Development Council.

Motion by Mr. Swanson to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rainey, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC