

**ELK TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 7, 2011**

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 7:33 PM.

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

Present were: Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Rainey, Mrs. Sammons, Mayor Barbaro, Mr. Duffield, Solicitor, Mr. Considine, CFO, Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk and Police Chief DeFalco. Mr. Swanson was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mr. Rainey to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2011 Work Session and Closed Session, all were in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Pantaleo reported economic will be meeting on July 11th. He updated committee on the letter that is being drafted concerning the solar array that is to be sent to the state requesting a legislative change. A request has been sent to Atlantic City Electric and PSEG requesting their support in this matter. A meeting will be held by Carl Gaskill at Fralinger Engineering's main office to bring together several municipalities together to discuss fast tracking solar farms.

Mayor Barbaro reported environmental member Vic Thomas invited master gardeners from Rutgers Cooperative Program to walk the trail in Elephant Swamp Park. They made suggestions on how to improve the trail for some of the viewing stations, improving the signage, expand the trail head and trimming along the trail. The committee is still working on spreading the stone and improving the gates and posts.

Mayor Barbaro attended the 6th grade promotion and high school graduations. There are 51 students being sent to Delsea from Elk and 300 young men and women being sent out into the world from Delsea.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief DeFalco reported the police department responded to 601 calls for service, 11 crashes with 3 injuries, issued 116 motor vehicle summons, made 15 arrests. Ptlm. Pierson attended mandatory recertification.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Gaskill reported the bids results are in for Cedar Bridge Road. Silver Lake Estates and Valle del Sol are moving along as the economy allows. Hampton Hill still has a few items to be completed before the release of the bond. CVS needs to schedule a final inspection. Country Woods is not responsive. This will be turned over to the solicitor. Fralinger Engineering will be hosting a solar/photo voltaic presentation at the home office outside of Bridgeton. Schools and Municipalities would like to be on the cutting edge of solar, but cannot afford the cost. There will be a company from NY to discuss leasing.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Rainey reported the Ferrell Fire Department responded to 24 call for service in the month of June. There was no report from Aura or Lawns.

ORDINANCE O – 9 – 2011

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 96 OF CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK ENTITLED “UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT”
TITLE ONLY**

Motion by Mrs. Sammons, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo to adopt Ordinance O-9-2011, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Rainey	Yes
	Mrs. Sammons	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

RESOLUTION R-64-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS

Mr. Rainey is concerned with the notification of all participants if the township should decide to pull out of the agreement. This could involve hundreds of letters. Mr. Duffield explained notification would only need to notify participating municipalities.

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

Roll Call:	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Rainey	Yes
	Mrs. Sammons	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

RESOLUTION R-67-2011

RESOLUTION TO REFUND MONEY TO NATHAN PINO, BLOCK 24 LOT 4 AND 4 QFARM FOR A DUPLICATE PAYMENT

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

Roll Call:	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Rainey	Yes
	Mrs. Sammons	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

RESOLUTION R-68-2011

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A BASIN MAINTENANCE AND CONSERVATION RESTRICTION/EASEMENT RELATING TO ELK TOWNSHP PLANNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2010-28

Mr. Pantaleo asked if there is any obligation on the township. Mr. Duffield explained that there is no obligation on the township. This just gives the township the right if necessary to conduct work on the basin if necessary.

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

Roll Call:	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Rainey	Yes
	Mrs. Sammons	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-69-2011
RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT TO GERALD A. BARRETT FOR
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CEDAR BRIDGE ROAD**

Mr. Gaskill explained the different options that were bid. The project was broken up into 3 sections. The township received \$200,000 grant for this project. Built into the bid is an adjustment for fuel and asphalt price adjustment. After discussion committee decided to award sections 2 and 3 and if there are remaining funds to begin reconstruction of section 1 starting at the Rte. 55 overpass headed to CR 538. Motion by Mr. Pantaleo, seconded by Mr. Rainey to adopt and approve said resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Rainey	Yes
	Mrs. Sammons	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

**RESOLUTIONS R-70 THROUGH 75-2011
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE STANDARD LETTER OF CREDIT FOR
PERFORMANCE AND REPLACEMENT THEREOF WITH AN IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF
CREDIT FOR:
PHASE I – MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING OF THE SILVERGATE SUBDIVISION, AFFECTING
BLOCK 56.03, LOT 3
PHASE I – RESIDENTIAL OF THE SILVERGATE SUBDIVISION, AFFECTING
BLOCK 56, LOTS 4, 11.02, 12 AND 13
PHASE I – SILVERGATE DROVE OF THE SILVERGATE SUBDIVISION, AFFECTING
BLOCK 56, LOTS 4, 11.02, 12 AND 13
PHASE I – DAYCARE OF THE SILVERGATE SUBDIVISION, AFFECTING
BLOCK 56.03, LOT 1
PHASE III (AREA 2) SITEWORK OF THE SILVERGATE SUBDIVISION, AFFECTING
BLOCK 55, LOT 5
PHASE III (AREA 1) SITEWORK OF THE SILVERGATE SUBDIVISION, AFFECTING
BLOCK 55, LOT 5
ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

Mr. Duffield explained these resolutions are to swap out letters of credit from Susquehanna and replace with new letters of credit from Sovereign Bank. Mr. Duffield confirmed for Mr. Pantaleo that the standby letter of credit provides at least the same level of financial protection for the township as the standard letters of credit that are being replaced.

Motion by Mrs. Sammons, seconded by Mr. Rainey to adopt and approve said resolutions, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Pantaleo	Yes
	Mr. Rainey	Yes
	Mrs. Sammons	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Mr. Pantaleo 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.

Barbara Pearson, 1448 Ferrell Road, is concerned about the former drive through video store that was recently hit by a vehicle. The building is open and she saw some kids coming out of the building. Mr. Duffield stated the construction official needs to be notified.

Mike Keenan, Chief of Ferrell Fire Department, stated the construction official was out on the scene and did place a red sticker on the building. The fire department will usually board up the building, however the opening was tweaked and they could not board up the entrance way.

Crystal Swanson, Stanger Avenue, would like to request weight limit signs placed on the roadway. There are a lot of tractor trailer that come through the area. She is concerned with the safety. The police are aware of the issue. There is a weight limit sign that is too small and faded and needs to be replaced.

Mr. Duffield stated there is a weight limit in the code, signs can be installed.

Frank Goss, 131 Railroad Avenue, has a passion for cleaning litter in the township. He would like to know if "No Littering" sign can be installed around town.

Mrs. Pine will look to see if these signs can be purchased with clean communities money. The committee will discuss further at work session.

Mary Spring, 945 Elk Road, would like to know what services were lost from the 2011 budget.

Mayor Barbaro stated there was one layoff in the construction office, construction officials took a cut in pay and the EMS services have been taken over by the county.

Mrs. Spring asked if there will be a police officer laid off in January.

Mayor Barbaro stated that cannot be determined this year. That will be an issue in 2012.

Mrs. Spring is concerned about the financial troubles in the township. She does not hear anything being done to help reduce taxes. There is no financial planning in the township. There is no talk about bringing business into town. She would like to spend her money in Elk, not in Glassboro or Mullica Hill.

Mr. Pantaleo responded to Mrs. Spring. Speaking as an individual, his belief is government does not create jobs, private industry creates jobs. One problem in Elk Township is there is no water or sewer in town. Silvergate is scheduled to bring commercial into the township. However the cost model they put together years ago is no longer feasible. The budget issues are always on the forefront, even though they do not discuss in public meetings. Another issue is the culture of the township, 25% of the land is in farmland preservation. He invited Mrs. Spring to the next economic development.

Mr. Goss, is a volunteer on several committees in the township. The blame cannot be put on this township committee, it goes much higher than local government. We should be thankful for the people we have in town that volunteer their time as well as township committee. He agrees the finances are terrible at this time.

Motion by Mr. Rainey to close the public portion, seconded by Mrs. Sammons 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
	Mrs. Sammons	Yes
	Mayor Barbaro	Yes

Motion by Mr. Rainey to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pantaleo all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk