

Eldred Township Supervisors

Regular Meeting

August 9, 2023

This meeting was held at the Eldred Township Building.

Call to order at 4:28 PM by Chairman Greeley.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Supervisors Lawrence Ross, Jr., and Gordon Greeley in attendance. Supervisor John MacBeth was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

None.

A motion to approve the July 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ross. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ross. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Total Receipts (July 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023): \$23,631.57

Total Expenditures (July 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023): \$32,872.74

Total Balance (all accounts) on July 31, 2023: \$330,725.02

A motion to approve payment of the invoices for July 2023, in the amount of \$21,309.50 was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ross. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve payment of the payroll expenses for July 2023, in the amount of \$11,563.24 was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ross. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

Supervisor/Roadmaster Ross said that the road crew has been working on the dirt and gravel grant projects installing underdrains. A dozer is scheduled for use next week on the projects. The guys are also getting things ready for tar and chip. Chairman Greeley said that he received a call from a resident of Sharp Road about drainage.

Supervisor/Roadmaster Ross said that he also received a call from the resident and that he and Supervisor MacBeth met with the resident and were able to come to an agreement about a lead-off.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The Secretary is still waiting for EADS Group to send information and a cost estimate for language for a solar ordinance. Chairman Greeley said that a County Commissioner gave him the name of a professor who may be able to help. He said that he called several times but was unable to talk with the professor.

2. The bid packet for the new building extension has not yet been returned by the solicitor. The Secretary was asked to contact him to see if it can be sent out as is. There is a possible grant opportunity through the Department of Community and Economic Development's Local Share Account Program. The Secretary will get information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Mill Run bridge on Bottom Road was closed on August 3, 2023. The Township and PennDOT were notified by the bridge inspector that closure was recommended due to an increase in deterioration to several steel I-beams since the last inspection. Chairman Greeley talked to the inspector and was told that the weight limit was lowered below the three tons that is required.

2. A discussion was held about possibly ordering a new hand-held radio through the Jefferson Area Council of Governments (COG). The COG was quoted a price of \$684.00 for Kennwood portable re-chargeable radios for a minimum order of 10 radios. After discussion, it was decided not to order a new radio, but to ask about ordering two re-chargeable batteries for the Township's existing radios. The Secretary will ask if the batteries count toward the COG's minimum requirement.

3. Windstream notified the Township of its intent to apply for funding from the Pennsylvania Broadband Infrastructure Program. It is intending to use the funds for the expansion of fiber broadband in Jefferson County. The proposed project map includes areas in Eldred Township.
4. The Jefferson County Area Agency on Aging sent a letter to the Township asking for a donation. After discussion, it was decided not to donate because the agency is already being funded in part by tax dollars.
5. The Jefferson County Commissioners sent a letter inviting municipal representatives to attend another EMS meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 1:00 PM. Karen Lupone requested an R.S.V.P. by phone or email on or before August 21st. Chairman Greeley said that he'll go to the meeting. He said that the County wants municipalities to be responsible for EMS in their jurisdiction.

OTHER SUPERVISOR COMMENTS OR CONCERNS

1. Supervisor Ross said that there's a possibility that he may not be working for the Township next year. He said that he will finish this year, but that there's a good chance the Township may have to hire another employee and train a new Roadmaster.
2. Chairman Greeley asked what "hot mix" would cost. He said that since the Township has the use of Warsaw Township's moon paver, that maybe a couple of loads of hot mix could help fix some of the berms. Supervisor Ross said that Warsaw Township has never ran hot mix or cold patch through their moon paver, and he would need to check with them to see if it was okay. He said that he thinks the Township should invest in its own moon paver and a belt so that things like that could be run through it. The Township's belt unit is worn out and a moon paver and belt would hook onto the Township's existing equipment. After discussion, Chairman Greeley made a motion to purchase a moon paver and belt if the total price will be under \$20,000 and the equipment budget allows for it. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ross. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.
The Secretary will verify the equipment fund balance.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:03 PM by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Ross.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Eldred Township Building on September 13, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

Lisa Kelso
Secretary