

**Eldred Township Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
September 13, 2023**

This meeting was held at the Eldred Township Building.

Call to order at 4:29 PM by Chairman Greeley.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Ed Yoas voiced concern about the trees that are hanging over Miller Road and about rocks in the ditch.

Mrs. Mock also voiced concern about the trees hanging over Miller Road.

Laird Raybuck asked how it's decided which roads get tarred and chipped. Chairman Greeley said that there is supposed to be a rotation.

Bonnie Shaffer voiced concern about the ditches on Greeley Road and the damage to the road edges. She has a big dip at the end of her driveway caused by the storm water.

Sue Boring voiced concern about a big branch over Beers Road.

A motion to approve the August 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. 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 MacBeth. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

**Total Receipts** (August 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023): \$36,663.04

**Total Expenditures** (August 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023): \$34,512.76

**Total Balance (all accounts) on August 31, 2023:** \$332,875.30

A motion to approve payment of the invoices for August 2023, in the amount of \$23,704.28 was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve payment of the payroll expenses for August 2023, in the amount of \$10,808.48 was made by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

**ROADMASTER REPORT:**

The Roadmaster was absent. Chairman Greeley said that the road crew has been working on the Dirt Gravel Low Volume Road (DGLVR) grant projects.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Chairman Greeley attended the reconvened EMS meeting held by the Jefferson County Commissioners on August 24, 2023. He said that he is opposed to the real estate tax that the Commissioners suggested to help pay for EMS and ambulance service and feels that in order to make progress on the issue, the Commissioners should invite Senator Cris Dush and Representative Brian Smith to the next meeting.

2. Advertising for the October 4, 2023 joint public meeting was discussed. The meeting will be held jointly by the Eldred Township Supervisors and the Barnett Township Supervisors at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at the Sigel Volunteer Fire Department's firehall to give the public information about the proposed merger between the two townships. It is required that the Township place an ad in the legal section of the newspaper. A small article on ExploreJeffersonPA.com was discussed and was decided against due to the cost. Posters at the Sigel Post Office and the Sigel Firehall were also discussed, as well as, asking the Sigel Volunteer Fire Department to post the date and time on the big sign in front of the firehall. Chairman Greeley made a motion to reach out to the radio stations for a public service announcement for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

3. Supervisor MacBeth is checking into a business in Punxsutawney that does websites.

4. A discussion was reopened about the purchase of a safe. It was approved in a previous meeting to purchase a safe. Supervisor MacBeth said that he offered several times to go with another Supervisor and get one. Supervisor MacBeth and Chairman Greeley agreed to go together to look at safes and purchase one.

5. The highest bidder from the Municibid auction of the 2001 Mack Tandem dump truck did not follow through with the purchase. The second highest bidder did not respond. Chairman Greeley said that the truck has been auctioned two or three times on Municibid and that the high bidders never follow through with the sale. Ryan Park is the third highest bidder with a bid of \$6,300.00. Chairman Greeley made a motion to accept the bid from Ryan Park for \$6,300.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Lisa Kelso presented the Supervisors with a Transmittal Memo advising of the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the pension plan with Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. The amount of the MMO for 2024 was \$6,596.00 and was based on the estimated 2023 payroll for employees covered by the plan. The MMO is Eldred Township's 2024 bill for the pension plan. Chairman Greeley made a motion to approve the 2024 MMO Worksheet. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth. Vote: 2 ayes. Motion carried.

2. A resident on Ferguson Road had asked the Roadmaster about getting a "bridge closed" sign put up on Ferguson Rd to signal that the Bottom Road bridge was closed. Chairman Greeley said that a sign can be put up if the Township has one.

3. A brief discussion was held about the policy for sick days: whether there should be a cap and when a doctor's excuse should be required. No action was taken. Chairman Greeley said that before January, the Supervisors need to review and set a policy for the employee handbook for personal days, sick days, and vacation days.

4. An employment ad for a road worker was advertised in the Courier Express and the Jeffersonian Democrat. One application was received. Chairman Greeley made a motion to hire the applicant. There was no second. Supervisor MacBeth said that for complete transparency, the applicant needs to be interviewed. Chairman Greeley said that the Supervisors could have an executive meeting within the next week to interview the applicant. Supervisor MacBeth questioned the sustainability of paying wages and benefits for four full-time employees if Lawrence Ross doesn't resign from employment at the Township. Chairman Greeley suggested using the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds and said that the township used to have four people.

**OTHER SUPERVISOR COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

1. Supervisor MacBeth asked if the Township is going to purchase a timeclock for employees. Chairman Greeley said yes.

2. Chairman Greeley went to the Jefferson Conservation District to complete the application for a permit to replace the damaged pipe on McManigle Road. He said that he asked Paul Ross to get quotes for a new pipe.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:22 PM by Chairman Greeley. The motion was seconded by Supervisor MacBeth.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Eldred Township Building on October 11, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

Lisa Kelso  
Secretary