

**ELK TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
April 4, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Elk Township Committee was held on the above date in the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sammons at 7:21PM.

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

Present were: Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Rambo, Mayor Sammons, Mr. Considine, CFO, Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk, Mr. Duffield, Solicitor, Mr. Bitgood and Chief Hughes. Mr. Hollywood and Mr. Poisker were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of March 19, 2019 Work Session

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Rambo to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 Work Session, all were in favor, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Nicholson stated the Environmental Commission will be holding Arbor Day on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM in the Recreation Park. They will be planting a new tree and the Girl Scouts will be dedicating a new sign for Elephant Swamp Park. The next meeting will be April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

Mrs. Nicholson read the report for Economic Development. The committee is willing to help get more information for the website. Mr. Ted Schmidt would like to help with the website. They plan to reach out to the local media sources to promote local businesses.

Mayor Sammons announced the Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9AM in the Recreation Park.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Chief Hughes reported the police department received 1257 calls for service, responded to 8 motor vehicle crashes with 6 injuries, issued 265 motor vehicle summons and 5 warnings and made 14 arrests. Ptl. Franklin attended radar instructor training and Cpl. Hitzelberger attended recertification class.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mr. Rambo read the reports submitted by the fire companies for the month of March 2019. Aura responded to 8 calls for service, all vehicles are in service and training has begun on the new truck. Ferrell responded to 7 calls for service and Lawn's responded to 1 call.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bitgood reported Fifth Avenue project is now complete. Documents will be sent to the NJ DOT for reimbursement.

Railroad Avenue has also been completed. The documents have been sent to the NJ DOT for reimbursement.

Valle del Sol has some final items to be completed toward completion the Bond work.

Stanger Avenue phase 1 design is almost finished. The award letter for phase 2 has just been received, design work will now begin on the new portion.

**PUBLIC PORTION** on Agenda Items only.

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions on agenda items to come forward at this time.

No one came forward.

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, motion carried.

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE O – 1 – 2019  
ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK,  
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 95, ENTITLED  
“TOWING” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK  
PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson to open the public portion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons invited the public to come forward if they have any questions concerning the Ordinance. No one came forward.

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Rambo to close the public portion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson to adopt Ordinance O-1-2019, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**ORDINANCE O – 2 – 2019  
ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK,  
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING 2019 TOWING RATES AND  
FEES PURSUANT TO §95-13B. OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK  
PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Rambo to open the public portion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons invited the public to come forward if they have any questions concerning the Ordinance. No one came forward.

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Rambo to close the public portion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Rambo to adopt Ordinance O-2-2019, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION R-53-2019  
RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC  
TRUST FUND TAX FOR ONE YEAR**

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Rambo to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-54-2019  
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SIGNATORY ON ELK JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT REGULAR ACCOUNT**

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-55-2019**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SIGNATORY ON ELK JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT BAIL ACCOUNT**

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-56-2019**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FORM OF MAINTENANCE BOND SUBMITTED BY SOUTH STATE, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO RAILROAD AVENUE**

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-57-2019**

**RESOLUTION ELEVATING CLASS RANK OF POLICE OFFICER UPON ANNIVERSARY DATE OF HIRE- JOHN HENNELLY**

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-58-2019**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND REQUIRING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE BY GERALD A. BARRETT, LLC FOR THE RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO FIFTH AVENUE (BUCK ROAD TO DUNBAR BOULEVARD)**

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-59-2019**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER No. 1 – FINAL AND APPROVING FINAL PAYMENT TO GERALD A. BARRETT, LLC FOR THE RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO FIFTH AVENUE**

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-60-2019**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING DISABLED VETERAN STATUS TO HECTOR SAAVEDRA**

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

Mayor Sammons thanked Mr. Saavedra for his service.

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE**, James Schmidt was present to assist with any issues for the county.

Mrs. Nicholson inquired about the progress of the Bike Trail.

Bob Clark thanked the county for paving Whig Lane. He asked if there is any plan to improve the right hand turn on the north bound side from Aura Road onto Whig Lane. He would like to see Union Street put on the list for paving in 2020, it is getting bad.

A resident expressed his concern about the passing lane on Whig Lane at Fairview Road.

John Snively asked who will make the determination of putting a traffic light at the corner of SR 77 (Bridgeton Pike) and Fislerville Road.

Mr. Schmidt will contact the appropriate county agencies with all the questions and concerns and report back to the township clerk.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions or comments or an issue they would like to bring to the township committee's attention to come forward, state your name and address, at this time.

Salvatore and Jamie Polimeni, property owner of 222 Solar Court, want to live in Elk Township. They purchased land in Valle del Sol, with a plan to build. They are concerned about the development not being complete. Mr. Polimeni asked if the township has ever considered offering a tax abatement on the undeveloped lots in the development. He would like to see the development completed. Mr. Polimeni feels the township is missing out on a lot of tax revenue.

Prem Tacker, Plazma Liquor, would like to see some tax relief for the new portion of their building. They have put a lot of money into the building and property since the purchase of the liquor license and would appreciate any help as it is difficult as a business in Elk Township.

Mr. Duffield explained that normally a tax abatement program is approved during the development approval phase or the properties need to be in an area that has been deemed in need of rehabilitation/redevelopment. The governing body adopts a resolution declaring an area of redevelopment/rehabilitation and sends it to the planning/zoning board for them to conduct a study to make the determination.

Anthony Myklich, 215 Union Street, stated he thought a tax abatement was approved pre-development.

John Snivley, 317 Bridgeton Pike, gave an update on the drainage issue on Bridgeton Pike and Ewan Road. The NJ DOT had a crew out. They made a berm cut and trenched to and inlet, they fixed a driveway apron, cut the shoulder of the road and repaved. He thinks this may be the fix. He will keep the committee informed.

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, motion carried.

**PAY BILLS:**

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to Pay the Bills, seconded by Mr. Rambo, upon roll call motion was carried.

Roll Call:	Mrs. Nicholson	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rambo, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC  
Township Clerk