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 27th 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 10th 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 13th 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.

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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