

**ELK TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2025**

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 7:00PM.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read. The Salute to the Flag and invocation were recited in unison.

Present were: Mr. Cammarata, Mr. Rambo, Mayor Sammons, Mr. Considine, CFO, Mr. Pine, Acting Township Clerk, Mr. Duffield, Solicitor, Mr. Bach and Mr. Nicholson, Engineers and Chief Hitzelberger. Mrs. Cowan was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of September 16, 2025 Work Session

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mr. Lucas to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Work Session, all were in favor, motion carried. Mr. Cammarata abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Next Environmental Commission meeting is the 14th at 7pm.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Hitzelberger reported the police department for the month of September 2025 received 1,645 calls for service, made 15 arrests, conducted 280 motor vehicle stops, issued 167 motor vehicle summonses, and held 55 radar posts. The department responded to 13 motor vehicle crashes with 3 injuries. There were 7 fire arms applications and 1 permits to carry received.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ferrell Fire received 18 calls and were in service for 13 hours. Aura Fire's report wasn't received yet.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

See Engineer's Report attached.

PUBLIC PORTION on Agenda Items only.

Motion by Mr. Lucas 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, state your name and address, at this time.

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

ORDINANCES:

**O-24-2025 CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A JOHN DEERE BUNKER
AND FIELD RAKE
PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Cammarata to open the public, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons invited the public to speak if they have any questions concerning the Ordinance.

No one came forward.

Motion by Mr. Lucas seconded by Mr. Cammarata to close the public portion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mr. Cammarata to adopt Ordinance O-24-2025, upon roll call motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

R-173-2025 Resolution Establishing Trick or Treat Hours and Curfew for October 30th and October 31st, 2025

Motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Rambo to adopt and approve said Resolution, all were in favor.

R-174-2025 Resolution to Refund Taxes Due to an Assessment Change: Block 31 Lot 5.02; Taxable to Exempt Status

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

Roll Call:	Mr. Cammarata	Yes
	Mr. Lucas	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

R-175-2025 Resolution to Refund Taxes Due to an Assessment Change: Block 31 Lot 6.02; Taxable to Exempt Status

Motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Cammarata to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call, motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Cammarata	Yes
	Mr. Lucas	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

R-176-2025 Resolution Elevating Class Rank of Police Officer Upon Anniversary Date of Hire- Joshua L. Levano

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

Roll Call:	Mr. Cammarata	Yes
	Mr. Lucas	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

R-177-2025 Resolution Appointing Full Time Probationary Police Officer for the Elk Township Police Department- Mark Strang

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

Roll Call:	Mr. Cammarata	Yes
	Mr. Lucas	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

Officer Strang was sworn in by Deputy Mayor Mr. Rambo with Jessica Strang holding the bible.

R-178-2025 Authorizing Execution of a Hydrant Authorization Form with New Jersey American Water for the Silvergate (Phase 3A) of the Silvergate Associates Final Subdivision Plans Project

Motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Cammarata to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call, motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Cammarata	Yes
	Mr. Lucas	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

R-179-2025 Authorizing Execution of a Hydrant Authorization Form with New Jersey American Water for the Silvergate (Phase 3B) of the Silvergate Associates Final Subdivision Plans Project
Motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Rambo to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call, motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Cammarata	Yes
	Mr. Lucas	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

R-180-2025 Resolution Appointing James Prata as the Electric Subcode Official of the Township of Elk
Motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Rambo to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call, motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Cammarata	Yes
	Mr. Lucas	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

R-181-2025 Amending R-167-2025 Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder
Motion by Mr. Rambo, seconded by Mr. Cammarata to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call, motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Cammarata	Yes
	Mr. Lucas	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

GLOUCESTER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE – Mr. Schmidt was present from the County. Residents complained about Union Street and the pot hole on there and asked when it was getting paved. Mr. Schmidt mentioned that it was on the schedule for Quarter 1 for 2026 to be paved, and will inform Public Works of the pot hole. Someone else mentioned that it was dark at times on Route 77, the county will look into the light poles to see if the lights are working or if they will need lights. No other comments at this time.

PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION R-26-2025
THERE IS A TIME LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER PERSON DURING THE PUBLIC PORTION

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Mr. Lucas 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 at this time, state your name and address.

Mr. Wall (131 Stockton Ct) inquired about the Master Plan. Mayor Sammons and Mr. Bach mentioned that they are in the process of starting to form a committee and that it will be done in 2026.

Mr. Lucas mentioned to Mr. Schmidt of the County, that they didn’t taper off the curbs and driveways on Elk Road.

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

PAY BILLS:

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

Roll Call:	Mr. Cammarata	Yes
	Mr. Cammarata	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

Motion by Mr. Rambo to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lucas, all were in favor, the meeting adjourned 7:19PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Pine
Acting Township Clerk