

May 23, 2024

Office of the County of Elk Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Elk County, Ridgway, PA

The County of Elk Commissioners met on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM, Johnsonburg Public Library. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners M. Fritz Lecker and Matthew G. Quesenberry. Also present were Rick Brown, Solicitor; Patrick Straub, Chief Clerk; Emily Anders, Office Administrator; Calvin Moore, IT Director; Melinda Lewis, Johnsonburg Public Library Director; Al Maletto, Johnsonburg Borough Manager; Rich Warmbrodt, Guest; and Marilyn Secco, Press. Excused was Commissioner Gregory J. Gebauer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS –

1. Melinda Lewis, Johnsonburg Public Library Director spoke of the history of the Library Building and the renovations done to create the meeting room upstairs. She stated the room was used by Domtar for meetings and the public for events such as the Big Foot Talk on June 6. M. Fritz Lecker and Matthew J. Quesenberry presented the library a ARPA Grant in the amount of \$45,000 to be used for the second story renovations.

RESOLUTIONS –N/A

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request by Veterans Affairs, approval of benefits for 5 Veteran burials, 2 Widow burial, and 4 Veteran headstones. **Motion made by M. Fritz Lecker, second Matthew G. Quesenberry, carried unanimously.**
2. *Request by CYS, new agreement with Families United Network (FUN) from July 1, 2023 till June 30, 2024
3. *Request by CYS, renewal agreement with Project Point of Light from July 1, 2023 till June 30, 2024.
4. *Request by CYS, renewal agreement with Cornell Abraxas from July 1, 2024 till June 30, 2025.

***New Business 2, 3, and 4 were voted on together. Motion made by Matthew G. Quesenberry, second by M. Fritz Lecker and carried unanimously.**

CORRESPONDENCE – (The following correspondence, if any, is available in the Commissioner's office for further review.)

1. PA Dept of Transportation (PennDOT) (rec'd May 15th) regarding development of engineering plans for the SR120, Section C02 St. Marys Connector which will provide roadway between SR255/ SR120 (State St.) and SR120 (Brusselles St.) A Public Plans display will be held on May 22nd at St. Marys City Hall 6- 8PM.
2. Beran Environmental Services (rec'd May 14th) regarding intent to apply to the PA DEP for a Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment General Permit for a GP-08 Temporary Road Crossing, and GOP-11 Maintenance, Testing, Repair, Rehabilitation or Replacement of Water Obstructions and Encroachments. The Project Name is Hick's Run Pipeline Riser Site. This notice is provided pursuant to PA Administrative Code Section 1905-A, as amended by Act 14, which requires a 30-day public comment period.
3. Stiffler McGraw (rec'd May 8th) regarding Ridgway Twp Municipal Authority's intent to apply to the PA DEP for a minor amendment to their public water supply permit. The purpose is to perform tank maintenance activities and painting of the interior on the Boot Jack Tank #2 adjacent to Route 219 in Ridgway Twp.
4. PA Dept of Environmental Resources (DEP) (rec'd May 9th) regarding receipt of a Water Allocation application #WA24-1000A from Fox Twp Toby Water System, Fox Twp. Applicant is requesting to purchase 67,500 gallons per day on Peak Day basis through the Toby Rd. interconnection from St. Marys Water Authority per terms of the May 8, 2021 Permanent Backup Supply Interconnection Agmt. A 30-day public comment period has been issued.
5. US Dept of Agriculture (USDA) (rec'd May 6th) regarding an environmental analysis for the Upper Mill project on the Marienville Ranger Station. The purpose is to manage the project area to achieve a healthy and resilient forest ecosystem.
6. Allegheny Coatings, Inc. d/b/a Allegheny Coatings (rec'd April 29th) regarding intent to submit to PA DEP for the proposed permitting of the existing surface coating facility at 224 River Rd. in Ridgway Twp. This notice is provided pursuant to PA Administrative Code Section 1905-A, as amended by Act 14, which requires a 30-day public comment period.

GOOD OF THE COUNTY

- National Police Week is the week of May 15th. M. Fritz Lecker commended the County of Elk Sheriff Department and local police forces for their professional and meritorious service to our County.
- We welcome and encourage the public to attend our meetings.
- Please continue to pray for our military personnel, our families and our children, their teachers, all elected officials and peace in the world.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

1. Marilyn Secco asked if the grant funds from the County of Elk was already spent on the renovations. Melinda Lewis and M. Fritz Lecker confirmed that the money was a reimbursable grant.
2. Marilyn Secco asked Melinda Lewis if Domtar funded a portion of the renovations. Melinda Lewis confirmed that they had donated \$25,000 of her \$170,000 cost.

QUESTIONS FROM TAXPAYERS –

1. Rich Warmbrodt raised questions about the registration fee, transfer fee, and the reassessment of the County.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM on a motion by Matthew G. Quesenberry.

Next Meeting:

10:00 A.M. Thursday, June 6, 2024

Thomas G. Wagner Conference Room, Courthouse Annex

Attest: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. S.", written over a horizontal line.