

EL SINBORO TOWNSHIP
November 7, 2022

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Elwell as advertised. The requirements of the Sunshine Law were met by notifying the South Jersey Times and Elmer Times within the time prescribed by law. Notice was also posted on the bulletin board at the Elsinboro Municipal Building and posted on the Township website.

Present were: Mayor Elwell, Deputy Mayor McAllister, Committeeman Hogate, CFO Willadsen, Clerk Uzdakovics, Solicitor Arbittier

Mayor Elwell called this November 7, 2022 township committee meeting to order.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and to approve as submitted

Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 Ayes

CFO gave Committee treasurer's report and list of bills

Motion to pay bills **Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 RCV yes**

RESOLUTION 2022-43

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE REASSIGNMENT BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF ALL MUNICIPALITIES CURRENTLY DESIGNATED TIER B UNDER THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM PERMIT PROGRAM TO TIER A DESIGNATION AND EXPANSION OF TIER A PERMIT CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has undertaken efforts to reassign to 'Tier A' designation under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Program (MS4 Permit Program) all New Jersey Municipalities currently designated 'Tier B'; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the MS4 Permit Program for a Municipality designated Tier A is far more costly and more onerous than compliance for a Municipality designated Tier B; and

WHEREAS, under the existing designation system, the Tier B designation was specifically created for Municipalities that are located in more rural areas and non-coastal regions, while Tier A designation was created for Municipalities that are located within the more densely populated regions of the State or along or near the coast; and

WHEREAS, many Municipalities designated Tier B under the existing designation system simply do not have the resources to comply with Tier A designation; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP, while attempting to reassign all Municipalities to Tier A, is simultaneously proposing to renew the Tier A MS4 General Permit to include additional conditions on municipal permit holders; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP is asking current Tier B Municipalities to come into compliance with both existing Tier A requirements and a set of still unfinalized Tier A renewal requirements on practically the same schedule as existing Tier A Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the State, however well intended in its actions, continues to saddle Municipalities with additional responsibilities through unfunded and underfunded mandates, putting additional burdens on property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the reassignment by the NJDEP to Tier A designation for all New Jersey Municipalities currently designated Tier B will result in a redistribution of these municipalities' limited resources, away from their crucial government functions; and

WHEREAS, Elsinboro Township supports taking action to better protect and improve the quality of its own waterways, as well as waterways throughout the State but efforts to do so must be balanced against other critical needs with consideration for the limited resources of Municipal Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Elsinboro Township, in the County of Salem, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of Elsinboro hereby urges the members of the New Jersey Assembly and Senate to support, co-sponsor, and adopt legislation that would prevent the NJDEP from reassignment Tier A designation under the MS4 Permit Program for NEW Jersey Municipalities that are currently designated Tier B, and also prevent the NJDEP from expanding conditions of the Tier A permit until a full analysis of the fiscal impact these changes will have on these Municipalities can be completed, and State funding is made available.
2. The Township of Elsinboro hereby urges Governor of the State of New Jersey to sign any legislation adopted by the State Assembly and Senate that would prevent the NJDEP from reassignment Tier A designation under the MS4 Permit Program for NEW Jersey Municipalities that are currently designated Tier B, and also prevent the NJDEP from expanding conditions of the Tier A permit until a full analysis of the fiscal impact these changes will have on these Municipalities can be completed, and State funding is made available.
3. A certified copy of this resolution upon its adoption shall be furnished to the Salem County Assembly Representative and State Senator, Governor Phil Murphy, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Motion McAllister

Second Hogate

3 RCV yes

Motion to approve Best Practices

Motion McAllister

Second Hogate

3 RCV yes

Police Report, Building Inspectors report, CO report, and Tax Collector to be kept on file

Township Solicitor Arbittier explained the state is now requiring business owners or owners of rental units to maintain certain limits of liability Insurance and Municipalities are to keep an annual registration for these properties.

Committee Reports

Emergency Management- Deputy Mayor McAllister informed us of the county wide drill that will take place on 11/30/22.

Community Development- Mayor Elwell shared that the Shrier Avenue, Shad Roe Lane and Yerkees Lane road project bid opening will be on November 15, 2022.

Township Roads-Committeeman Hogate is working on getting tires for the truck.

Insurance- Committeeman Hogate attended all meetings for the JIF.

Open to Public Comment

Mr. Hart asked about the beach replenishment. Mayor Elwell had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Grant asked about the Beach Project and if there was a deadline. Mayor Elwell explained the project went to bid one came back and I was too costly. The township does not well informed on this and we do not have funding. Mr. Grant then asked about the 9% and Mayor Elwell said no one knows at this time. The Army Corp is very receptive to all ideas and looking at all options.

Mr. Grant asked about the correspondence from the last 2 years in regards to the Beach Replenishment. Mayor Elwell explained the agreement we have with the state and it is up to them as to what can be released.

Date of Next Meeting: December 5, 2022

Motion for Adjournment made at 7:25pm by **McAllister** **Second Hogate**
3 RCV yes