ELY TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2022 – 6pm

MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Jeremy Laakso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

Aaron Carr, Trustee; Glenn Wing, Trustee; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; Molly Taseris, Clerk; Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor- all present

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Al Harris, Ted Pepin, Bill Terres

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Laakso recommended the Board approve the Agenda with the following additions: adding Assessor Rate and Hours to number 17, and Stove to number 18.

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to accept agenda with the additions. All Ayes, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ted Pepin asked who the Assessor was, Supervisor Laakso stated that Sue Bovan is working on training in Erin Bertucci.

Bill Terres stated that he would like to see Ely Township work with other Townships to do our own garbage collection. He also asked about work being done on County Road CD. Supervisor Laakso stated that if the Budget passes, that road will be done.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Previous Minutes
2. Treasurer’s Report
3. Clerk’s Report
4. Pay Bills
5. Assessor Report-no Assessor’s report due to Assessor on Vacation and sick
6. First Responders
7. Supervisor Report
8. Water System Operator Report
9. Planning Commission Minutes-no Planning Commission minutes due to no May meeting

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes, Motion Carried

**BUDGET REVIEW**

Supervisor Laakso noted there was a few internal budget adjustments, and that he has listed them in his Supervisor’s report.

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to accept the Budget Adjustments (a-m) listed on the Supervisor’s May-June 2022 report. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to move $2164.00 from General Fund Parks Capital Outlay to Garbage (for May). Also to pay Garbage out of General Fund Parks Capital Outlay for June. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Trustee Carr updated the Board on recent Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission would like to purchase 2 Handicap Picnic Tables and gravel.

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to allow the Planning Commission to purchase the 2 picnic tables and the gravel needed, up to $5,000.00 All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Carr also stated that the Planning Commission is looking into the Heritage Trail.

**PAUSE MEETING**

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to pause the Regular Board Meeting at this time to start the Annual Budget Hearing. (6:30 p.m.) All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to get back to the Regular Board Meeting. (6:46 p.m.) All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**RESCIND OF SEALED BIDS RESOLUTION OF 1995**

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Carr to Rescind the Sealed Bids Resolution of 1995. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso

Nays: None Motion Carried.

**RISK REDUCTION RESOLUTION**

Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to accept the Risk Reduction Resolution as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso Nays: None Motion Carried.

Treasurer Schuhknecht will apply for Risk Reduction Grant this coming Fall, to get money for next Spring.

**CORRPRO CONTRACT**

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to accept the Contract with Corrpro for $680.00 if this is not included in the Authorized Repairs. Supervisor Laakso to check with Corrpro. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**SOUTH DIORITE LOT 25 PURCHASE**

Supervisor Laakso is going to talk to the DNR about purchasing this property.

**WATER SYSTEMS**

Supervisor Laakso presented to the Board a letter from Tom Flaminio, from EGLE. The letter is pertaining to EGLE COVID/Federal Infrastructure Grant Funding.

Al Harris, Water Operator said we need to have a detailed plan before applying for these Grants.

Supervisor Laakso stated to the Board that he thought we had to provide another Gravel Pit if we use the one in Diorite, but was told that we did not have too. Laakso is following up with Jim Iwanicki.

**TOWNSHIP HALL GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Supervisor Laakso stated to the Board that the Garbage cans at the Hall are overflowing each week.

Treasurer Schuhknecht suggested getting a dumpster with a lock.

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to order the 2-yard weekly pick-up dumpster for $90.00/Month from North Country Disposal. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON UPDATED MISCELLANEOUS DEBRIS ORDINANCE**

Supervisor Laakso opened the Public Hearing for the Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance at 7:12 p.m. Trustee Wing pointed out a typing error, which will be fixed. Supervisor Laakso asked the public if there were any comments, either in support or against the ordinance. There were none.

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays: none Motion Carried.

**MTA DUES**

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to pay the MTA Dues in the amount of $1380.16. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**ASSESSOR RATE AND HOURS**

Supervisor Laakso let the Board know that he has spoken with Sue Bovan (current Assessor) and Erin Bertucci (future Assessor) regarding the pay and hours for each of them. The plan is that we pay Erin Bertucci $16.05 per hour for the month of July 2022. Then the pay changes in August 2022 to 20% of Sue’s pay going to Erin, 80% to Sue. September 2022, 40% to Erin, 60% to Sue, October 60% to Erin, 40% to Sue, November 80% to Erin, 20% to Sue, and 100% to Erin for the month of December.

**STOVE**

Schuhknecht stated that she would like us look at getting a new stove for the kitchen at the hall. There has been complaints about smelling gas.

Supervisor Laakso is going to call and have someone come and look at the stove.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ted Pepin stated that we may be smelling gas when the stove is turned due to the additive that is put in the gas.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Not needed.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Carr asked the Board if a Community Support Group would be able to use the hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk