

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2024 – 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; Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor-present.

Molly Taseris, Clerk; absent excused

PUBLIC PRESENT

Tracy Quayle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Clerk's Report
- D. Pay Bills
- E. Assessor Report
- F. First Responders Report
- G. Supervisor Report
- H. Water System Operator Report
- I. Planning Commission Minutes

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

BUDGET REVIEW (SEE SUPERVISORS REPORT FOR DETAILS) (VOTE)

Supervisor Laakso noted that there were budget adjustments.

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to approve the Supervisor's budget adjustments. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW 2 REZONES

Trustee Carr updated the board on Heritage Trail progress and Public Hearing that will be held in February.

Motion made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to approve 2 new rezones as presented by the Planning Commission. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing, to approve the Financial Audit as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

LINDBERG BILL FOR DIORITE H2O LINE VERIFICATION \$15,630

A. BROKEN INTO THREE CATEGORIES. SUPERVISOR TO EXPLAIN

- a. Repair of Water Leak in Diorite \$5080.00 to be paid out of the Diorite Water System Fund.
- b. Dry Hydrant/Guard repair \$1,630.00 to paid out of the Ely Township Road Fund.
- c. Waterline Inspection \$8,920.00 to be paid out of the ARPA Fund.

Motion made by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Carr to pay the total bill of \$15,630 to A. Lingberg and Sons, Inc. All Ayes. Motion Carried

CUPPAD MEMBERSHIP DUES \$380

Motion made by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing, to pay the CUPPAD Membership dues in the amount of \$380.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ELECTION SOURCE ANNUAL FEES \$615

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Carr, to pay the Election Source Annual Fee in the amount of \$615.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CARELLO PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Supervisor Laakso suggested Ely Township pursue the purchase of the Carello Property that will be going up for auction for delinquent tax payments.

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, that Ely Township pursue the purchase of Carello Property. Roll Call Vote – Supervisor Laakso, Trustee Wing, Trustee Carr, and Treasurer Schuhknecht all voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

GARBAGE BUDGET DISCUSSION

a. OLD LANDFILL EXPENSE \$743.42

b. WMCSA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/CAPITA \$3,904.00

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to pay the Old Landfill Expense of \$743.42 and the WMCSA Capital Improvement/Capita of \$3904.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ely Township cashed in an existing CD in the amount of \$96,790.44 to the General Fund.

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing, to move \$100,000 from General Fund to the Garbage Fund to cover expenses. Roll Call Vote - Supervisor Laakso, Trustee Wing, Trustee Carr, and Treasurer Schuhknecht all voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

ARPA FUNDS FOR SOLAR?

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing to use ARPA Funds for the Solar Panels. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

WETESA BUDGET

a. CONTRIBUTION BILL

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to pay Ely Townships part of the WETESA budget of \$35,150.00 contingent on the final approval of the WETESA budget by all townships involved. Roll Call Vote - Supervisor Laakso, Trustee Wing, Trustee Carr, and Treasurer Schuhknecht all voted Aye. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr, to approve the WETESA 2024 Budget of \$100,000 as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

GEI BILL \$3,594.48

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to pay the GEI bill in the amount of \$3,594.48. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

OPG BILL/CONTRACT \$606.69

Motion by Wing, supported by Supervisor Laakso, to pay the annual OPG bill/contract in the amount of \$606.69. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ZBA APPLICANT

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to approve Jon Jessen as a member on the ZBA Board. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DIORITE H2O ORTHO PUMP \$1107.65

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to approve the purchase of a H2O Ortho Pump in the amount of \$1,107.65. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

BOARD COMMENTS (ROUND TABLE)

Trustee Carr advised the board that he has completed 75% of the plans/drawings for the new park driveway and parking lot.

Trustee Wing advised the board that the new Ely Township sign, that is being painted by Dead River Coatings, will be completed within the next 7-10 days.

Treasurer Schuhknecht advised the board that she has put in a request to raise the limit on the Ely Township Credit Card.

Supervisor Laakso advised the board that Attorney Zappa has sent letters out to Mr. Carello and Mr. Beaupied regarding the clean-up of their property. Attorney Zappa also had a meeting with the judge regarding the old Diorite School and we are waiting for the final statements from the judge on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Quayle, Deputy Clerk