

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 18, 2023 – 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

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Russell and Glenda Mock, Ted Pepin, Erin Bertucci, Shannon Junak, Leah Dompierre and Mike Hytinen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the agenda as written. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin asked if we only have 1 proposal for a new lawn mower and if we have issued a Recreational Marijuana permit. Supervisor Laakso replied “yes”. Mr. Pepin then stated that we should have had an ordinance in place. After the meeting, Supervisor Laakso realized that he said yes to a Recreational Marijuana permit, instead of a Medical Marijuana permit and called Mr. Pepin to clear this up.

Lou Ouellette asked about the request for the street light on County Road CL and Supervisor Laakso stated that he has called UPPCO and is waiting for a response.

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 by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Supervisor Laakso noted there were a few Budget adjustments as stated in the Supervisor Report. Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to approve the Budget adjustments. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Laakso, Taseris, Schuhknecht, Wing and Carr. Nays- none. Motion Carried.

Trustee Carr asked if we have received a bill for County Road CD yet- Supervisor Laakso stated that we have not yet.

Treasurer Schuhknecht asked about the Animal Control bills, why do we not try to collect from the pet owners to pay these bills. Supervisor Laakso stated that he will look into this, check our ordinances and/or resolutions.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Carr updated the Board on recent Planning Commission activities including ongoing Master Plan work and the need for new maps. They are also working on a survey to send out.

LAWN MOWER DISCUSSION/NEW MOWER?

Supervisor Laakso is going to get more estimates for new lawn mowers and bring them to the Board.

TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL AUDIT

Motion by Taseris, supported by Wing to accept the Anderson Tackman Financial Audit for June 30, 2022. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Schuhknecht is going to ask Anderson Tackman if they would come to the Board Meeting for the next Financial Audit to discuss with the Board. She will also see if that is included in the fees we pay them or if that would be additional.

A. ANDERSON TACKMAN BILL

Motion by Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht to pay the Anderson Tackman bill in the amount of \$2,568.00. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

2023 RISK REDUCTION RESOLUTION

Supervisor Laakso read the Risk Reduction Resolution. The Risk Reduction Resolution offered by member Wing and supported by member Schuhknecht on January 18, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Supervisor Laakso declared this Resolution adopted.

WMCSA PER CAPITA CHARGE

Motion by Laakso, supported by Taseris to pay the Per Capita Charge to the West Marquette County Sanitation Authority in the amount of \$2,928.00. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motions Carried.

FLOW METER FOR DIORITE WATER

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr for our water operator, Al Harris, to order a Flow Meter for the Diorite Water System in the amount of \$645.00. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Laakso read a letter from Brad Austin that stated until June 30, 2023 we will be paying tipping fees of \$63.50 per ton and starting on July 1, 2023 it will go up to \$68.00 per ton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin asked if there were any updates on the Diorite school-Supervisor Laakso said he would be updating during Board Comments.

Mike Hytinen stated that the people from the school are out on Boston Lake on snowmobiles and he is concerned for their safety.

Supervisor Laakso asked the Office Manager, Leah Dompierre to put a notice on the Ely Township Facebook page warning of the dangers of snowmobiling on Boston Lake.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Carr stated that he will not be here for the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting. He will be out of town.

Trustee Wing told the Board of some possible grants for Mental Health Training for 1st Responders and also for training people to go with Law enforcement into homes for Suicide Calls.

Supervisor Laakso stated the we get \$4,810.00 for Summer Tax Collection.

Laakso also asked Trustee Wing if he has been able to talk to the Building Class teacher about building a storage shed for the Township Hall. Wing stated he will do that.

He updated on the Carello property: not really going anywhere, waiting on Courts.

He updated on the Diorite School property: Property owner hauled in snowmobiles, more building materials. Kids are driving snowmobiles around the neighborhood, not being safe. He called the police. CPS is involved as the kids are living in unsafe conditions. Property owner was supposed to have a site plan in January and we still have not seen that. Also, waiting on Court dates.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk