

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 20, 2021 – 6pm

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Jeremy Laakso called the electronic meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor; Molly Taseris, Clerk; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; Glenn Wing, Trustee; Art Gischia, Trustee – Present.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Kevin Nancarrow, Al Harris, Matthew Treado, Lucy Wilcox (SAIL)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wing motioned to accept the agenda, Gischia seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Harris stated that Kleiman did a rehab at Diorite, and they are working on Greenwood well, should be back on line by Monday.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion by Taseris, supported by Wing to approve the items listed in 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.

WATER SYSTEM ENGINEERING STUDY (UPEA UPDATE)

Supervisor Laakso stated that he would like to table this until Friday, January 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at a special Zoom meeting to give all the Board members time to review the report sent from UPEA.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Gischia updated the board on the Planning Commission. He stated that they are working on the Rec Plan and the Master Plan. Also worked on the Livestock ordinance.

Supervisor Laakso made the following appointments to the Planning Commission:

Art Gischia as Ex-Officio member expiring November 2024

Randy Rupel (2-Year Term)

Dustin Kennedy (3-Year Term)

Laakso motioned to appoint these 3 people to the Planning Commission, Schuhknecht seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Supervisor Laakso made the following appointments to the Board of Review (all 2-Year Terms)

Shelley Ovink

Debra Palomaki

Guy Murray

Gischia motioned to appoint these 3 people to the Board of Review, Wing seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Supervisor Laakso made the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Gary Haney (3-Year Term)

Erin Stratton (3-Year Term)

Glenn Wing as Ex-Officio Member expiring November 2024

Taseris motioned to appoint these 3 people to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Gischia seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL AUDIT APPROVAL

Wing motioned to approve the Financial Audit Report, Gischia seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

SAIL DISABILITY NETWORK REPORT

Lucy Wilcox (from SAIL) updated the Board on the study that she did on our public restrooms. Our restroom at the hall and also our restrooms at our local parks are not ADA compliant. She explained the guidelines that we need to be compliant. Gischia to work on this.

ANIMAL AND LIVESTOCK ORDINANCE

Supervisor Laakso motioned to accept the Ordinance with the following changes: Section 1.2, part B, the removal of the word Rooster. Section 2.2: That rabbits can be kept as Cuniculture added. Section 3.1, part A, that every person desiring to keep livestock must submit an Application for a permit be eliminated. Roll Call Vote: Laakso Aye, Schuhknecht Aye, Taseris Nay, Wing Nay and Gischia Nay. Motion Failed.

Wing motioned to accept the Ordinance with the changes that Laakso requested, except to add the Permit back into the Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Laakso Nay, Schuhknecht Nay, Taseris Aye, Wing Aye and Gischia Aye. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed

BOARD COMMENTS

Treasurer Schuhknecht noted:

That she ordered a folding machine for the office that is going to be a huge time saver.

She also noted that the Carello Junk Car Citation is going to be delivered.

Supervisor Laakso noted:

That there are MTA books available to the Board Members if they are interested.

He also noted that a local business owner asked him about billing other local businesses in our Township for water.

Trustee Gischia asked if the Board Minutes were on the website and was told yes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk