

**ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2025 – 6:00pm
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; Glenn Wing, Clerk; Andy Andrews, Trustee , Julie Hosang Trustee present
Dawn Schuhknecht- Absent

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Ed Young

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Hosang, supported by Wing to approve the Agenda. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

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 by Wing, supported by Hosang to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

There were some adjustments and they are listed in the supervisor's report. Motion by Wing, supported by Hosang to approve the discussed budget adjustments. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

Trustee Hosang reported CUPPAD attended the meeting and discussed need for the Planning Commission to set priorities so CUPPAD could create a plan. NMU attended the meeting and presented a number of development options for the Planning Commission to consider. Also presented was an update on the Iron Ore Heritage Trail and Onboarding Ely Township into the process.

Annual WETESA Bill (\$34,247.41)

Motion by Laakso, support by Andrews to pay invoice of \$34,247.41 Ayes- 4 Nays- 0 Motion Carried

2025 Library Service Fee (\$2652.27)

Motion by Laakso support by Andrews to pay the fee of \$2652.27 Ayes- 4 Nays- 0 Motion Carried

County Road CCR Abandonment Letter

Motion by Laakso supported by Wing to accept the letter from the Marquette County road Commission acknowledging Ely Township declining to retain any of the above referenced property Ayes 4 Nays 0 Carried

444 County Road CKK Dangerous Building Violations

Supervisor Laakso reported on the dangerous building situation with the burned house. Jim Nankervis presided as hearing officer. Agreement was made with the Bunkers to decide whether to remove, repair or sell the house and property by August 25, 2025.

UPSET Donation .

Motion by Laakso , support by Wing to donate \$500. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Carried

Greenwood Water emergency Repair \$641.19

Supervisor Laakso informed the Board he approved the emergency repair

Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging Donation Request

Motion by Laakso supported by Wing to donate \$1000 Ayes 3 Nays1 (Andrews) Carried

WAMAR Policies and Procedures and Resolutions

- a. **2025 Ely Township Annual Property Canvass**
- b. **2025 Ely Township Policy for Audit Procedures for Granting Removal of Real Property Exemptions**
- c. **2025 Ely Township Poverty Resolution**
- d. **Ely Township Income Asset Test Guidelines**
- e. **2025 Ely Township Exempt Property Procedures**
- f. **2025 Ely Township Accessibility Policy**
- g. **2025 Ely Township Resolution for Written Appeals to the Board of Review**
- h. **2025 Ely Township Policy Regarding Public Inspection of Assessing Records**

Motion by Wing supported by Laakso to approve items a,b,d,e,f,h Ayes 4 Nays 0 Carried

Motion Laakso supported by Hosang to approve 2025 Ely Township Poverty Resolution Roll Call Vote Andrews aye, Wing aye, Hosang aye Laakso aye Motion carries 4-0

Motion by Wing with support by Laakso to approve the 2025 Ely Township Resolution for Written Appeals to the Board of Review. Roll Call Vote Andrews aye, Wing aye, Hosang aye Laakso aye Motion carries 4-0

Planning Commission Resignation

The Board received a letter from John Jesson resigning from the Planning Commission. Board discussed the need for one ZBA member to be on the Planning Commission. Motion by Wing supported by Laakso to accept the resignation. Ayes 4 Nays 0 Carried

Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance (CREO)

Supervisor Laakso informed the Board that a draft CREO Ordinance was sent to the Planning Commission for consideration

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Laakso reported that the hall windows had been replaced and that only one of the expanded metal screens was deemed necessary and the others were not re-installed.

Daryl Mackey was fired, for cause, as maintenance person and Lance Miller was hired to replace him. Also brought up looking into the price of a small tractor with attachments for Township projects.

Trustee Andrews made a motion to raise the emergency repair cost approval limit for the supervisor from \$500 to \$1000. Supported by Wing Ayes 4 Nays 0 Carried

Andrews asked how ordinances are updated and a discussion took place.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Wing, Clerk