

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2021 – 6pm

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Jeremy Laakso called the electronic meeting to order at 6:03 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, Erin Stratton, Carl Hosang, John Alabi

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Taseris motioned to accept the agenda with the addition of Line 19, UP Office Service Agreement, Schuhknecht seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Harris stated that the home of Tyson and Lindsey Butorac, County Road 496 South has low water pressure. Later on in the meeting he was informed that they had a clogged filter and it was taken care of. He also stated that he received a letter from EGLE that our Copper Corrosion treatment is working, and EGLE will continue to monitor.

Carl Hosang stated that he would pick up a battery recycle box with Ziploc bags to drop off at the hall for recyclable batteries. Dawn Schuhknecht will alert the public via the website to let them know that the box is here.

Kevin Nancarrow stated that he is waiting to hear something on the Grants. He will keep us informed.

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 Wing, supported by Schuhknecht 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.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no Planning Commission meeting this month.

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

Schuhknecht made the motion to accept the contract with CUPPAD contingent on CUPPAD making the changes to allow us to have an Electronic Editable Document, and change the word City to Township in #4 and #6. Also to review #8, to indemnify and hold the Regional Commission harmless from any legal action resulting from the implementation or enforcement by the Township of the product. Laakso seconded. Roll Call Vote: Laakso-Aye, Taseris-Aye, Schuhknecht-Aye, Gischia-Aye, Wing-Aye. Motion carried.

ANIMAL AND LIVESTOCK ORDINANCE

Motion by Gischia, supported by Taseris to adopt the Animal and Livestock Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Laakso-Aye, Taseris-Aye, Schuhknecht-Aye, Gischia-Aye, Wing-Aye. Motion Carried.

EMPLOYEE PAYROLL POLICY

Motion by Gischia, supported by Wing to accept the change to the Personnel Policies and Procedure book. The change will affect the dates of the pay period. The new pay period will end on 5th and the 20th of the month, instead of the 10th and 25th as previously stated. All Ayes. Motion carried.

ELY TOWNSHIP HALL RESTROOMS

PROPOSED RFP PLAN FOR RESTROOM

Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to accept the Proposal from Klimmek and Associates, Inc. to design the handicap bathroom for the hall. All Ayes. Motion carried

DAWN SCHUHKNECHT RESIGNATION AS HOURLY OFFICE MANAGER

Laakso made the motion to accept the letter of resignation from Dawn Schuhknecht as hourly Office Manager and allow her to stay on as Office Manager without benefits. The benefits excluded are Unemployment, Sick Time and Vacation Time. She will still receive her 457 retirement benefits. Wing seconded. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A. HOURLY OFFICE ASSISTANT DISCUSSION

Laakso discussed hiring an Hourly Office Assistant, and he would like to hire Erin Stratton.

Motion by Wing, supported by Gischia to hire an Hourly Office Assistant. Roll Call Vote: Laakso-Aye, Taseris-Aye, Schuhknecht-Aye, Gischia-Aye, Wing-Aye. Motion carried.

FIRST RESPONDERS RECRUITMENT AND EDUCATION

Laakso updated the Board on his plan to recruit First Responders. He is going to review his plan and get back to the Board with it.

GARBAGE CONTRACT

Laakso stated that our current contract with North Country Disposal will expire in 2022, and that we should probably put it out for bids in the near future.

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA DISCUSSION

The Planning Commission is going to look into allowing Marijuana shops in our Township.

RENEW THE POVERTY EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to renew the Poverty Exemption Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Laakso-Aye, Taseris-Aye, Schuhknecht-Aye, Gischia-Aye, Wing-Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution declared adopted by Supervisor Laakso.

UP OFFICE SERVICE CONTRACT

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Laakso to sign the service contract with UP Office. All Ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Gischia, supported by Schuhknecht to allow Al Harris to purchase 2 pumps for the Diorite Water System. All Ayes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Laakso stated:

That he has currently working on Zoning Administrator Training, and listened to training for Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees.

Clerk Taseris stated:

That she received the Mulch Grant and asked the Planning Commission to decide where to use it.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk