

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 15, 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; Glenn Wing, Trustee; Molly Taseris, Clerk; and Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer-all present. Aaron Carr, Trustee-absent, excused.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Ted Pepin, Kevin Nancarrow and Ashley Roberts

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Taseris, supported by Wing to approve the agenda with the following changes, Take out the Treasurer's report and add it to item # 18, also add Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging to item # 17. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin asked if the Board issued the Marijuana licenses. Supervisor Laakso stated yes.

Lou Ouellette thanked the Board for the streetlight on County Road CL.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report (pulled and moved to #18)
- 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 Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Laakso updated the Board: the Planning Commission is continuing to work on the Masterplan, they have been talking about the Heritage Trail and we still need a person on the Planning Commission.

Laakso also stated that Ely Township needs an alternate for the BOR and 2 positions are open for the ZBA.

ISHPEMING MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER PRESENTATION

Ashley Roberts, the Director of the Ishpeming Senior Center, came and gave a presentation talking all about the programs that the Senior Center has available for Ely Township Seniors. Clerk Taseris is going to look into getting her a list of the Seniors in Ely Township that are 60 years and older, so she can reach out to them with a newsletter about all of their programs.

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE

Kevin Nancarrow updated the Board on the Water Systems.

He stated that they are looking for Grants to consolidate Greenwood and Diorite Water Systems.

If the Grants don't come through, they are looking at Rural Development Loans.

He mentioned that we need to get the Income Study done and schedule a Public Hearing Informational Session-it is required by Project Plan.

OFFICE PLANNING GROUP CONTRACT

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to pay the bill to Office Planning Group in the amount of \$567.00. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

UPAWS CONTRACT FOLLOW UP

Supervisor Laakso advised the Board that he looked into the contract from UPAWS and found out that they will bill the resident (the owner of the pet) if they know whose animal it is. He is going to pay closer attention to the bills and act accordingly.

COUNTY ROAD CL RAILROAD BRIDGE FOLLOW UP

Supervisor Laakso called Clint Jones from Mineral Range and asked about getting the Bridge painted. He was told that he would put it on the list.

LIBRARY CONTRACT

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to pay the Library Service Fee in the amount of \$2512.20. Ayes-4, Nays-0 Motion Carried.

DUST CONTROL

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to sign the Letter of Understanding with the Marquette County Road Commission, agreeing to the list of roads to be Dust controlled in the amount of \$2661.12, with the additional 8.5% overheard charge of \$226.20. Ayes-4, Nays-0 Motion Carried.

UPSET FUNDING AND AGREEMENT

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to send UPSET a donation in the amount of \$500.00 Ayes-4, Nays-0 Motion Carried.

GREATER ISHPERING COMMISSION ON AGING

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to send a donation in the amount of \$1000.00 to the Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Schuhknecht stated: that she cashed in a CD to cover the Road Work bill on County Road CD. She left the balance from the CD in the ICS account.

She is looking into Money Market options for Ely Township.

She has switched the Garbage, Greenwood and Diorite accounts to Money Market Funds.

She balanced with the County for the taxes to the penny.

She is going to move to Direct Deposit for the payroll checks.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lou Ouellette asked about the Shed, have we gotten anywhere with that. Trustee Wing is going to talk to the High School Building Class Teacher.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Wing stated that Gerine Jaykka passed away, and could we pitch in on Flowers and a card for her.

Clerk Taseris introduced her new Deputy Clerk, Tracy Quayle.

Supervisor Laakso stated: The Carello property on 581 has been sold to Jamie Carello's son and that Ely Township will now have to start over with the Citations.

The Diorite school property hearing is coming up on March 23, 2023 at 10 a.m.

He was asked to be put on the ballot for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors. He declined.

The Board of Review met and they handled 19 petitions.

Realtor Brad Argall asked if Ely Township would be willing to sell 40 acres. Supervisor Laakso made a motion to not sell the 40 Acres, supported by Schuhknecht. Roll Call Vote: Ayes, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays- none. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk