

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2021 – 6pm
MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

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, Ted Pepin, Sue Bovan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin asked to speak on 6f, 11 and 16 from the Agenda.

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 Schuhknecht supported by Wing to approve the items listed in the Consent Agenda, pulling the First Responders Report, until it is discussed. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Laakso stated that there are 2 changes on the Water System Operator Report. Change #1: The cost of the Greenwood Well #3 Rehab is \$13 365.00 not \$7500.00 and change #2: The cost of the Diorite Well #2 Rehab \$12,400.00 not \$7000.00

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

Met on March 8th, 2021

Gischia updated the Board:

The PC recommended the order of importance for the Mulch Grant for the parks be placed at 1. Clarksburg, 2. Kielinen Pocket Park, 3. Park on CD. Then use the rest of the Mulch until is gone on the various pocket parks.

The PC will be doing individual research on the pros and cons of changing the current Marijuana ordinance and discuss findings at the next meeting.

He talked about Grants for Generators and is looking into this. He will bring any information that he finds to the Board.

WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Kevin Nancarrow stated that he expects to hear something on the Grants in April.

He also asked Al Harris to let him know when they can get the Hydrants open to do testing and do Hydraulic flow testing.

ELY TOWNSHIP HALL RESTROOMS

Trustee Gischia presented a drawing for the proposed Handicap Accessible Restrooms.

The Board had some questions/concerns about there not being 2 toilets in the women's restroom and if there was some way to accommodate them.

Supervisor Laakso made a motion to table the bathroom design and have Art go back to Klimmek and ask if there are other options for the restrooms. Laakso also added to the motion that he will look into options for renting out the hall for wedding receptions. Taseris seconded the motion, all Ayes. Motion Carried.

FIRST RESPONDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Motion by Wing supported by Schuhknecht to accept the Ely Township Medical First Responder Education Program, with an addition under Qualifying Individual: part c. to read: Must be in good standing with Ely Township or the Township they reside in. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pepin asked how long we are going to support Humboldt Township, stating that we are not being reimbursed. Supervisor Laakso stated that we are being reimbursed from Humboldt.

MCRC DUST CONTROL AGREEMENT

Motion by Wing, supported by Gischia to accept the Letter of Understanding with the MCRC regarding the Dust Control Agreement with the understanding that Supervisor Laakso will look into the roads on the current list, and do a study for next year, to decide which roads can be added/deleted on the list. Roll Call Vote: Laakso-Aye, Taseris-Aye, Schuhknecht-Aye, Gischia-Aye, Wing-Aye. Motion Carried.

ISHPEMING LIBRARY CONTRACT

Motion by Laakso supported by Taseris to accept and pay the Library Service Fee to the City of Ishpeming. Roll Call Vote: Laakso-Aye, Taseris-Aye, Schuhknecht-Aye, Gischia-Aye, Wing-Aye. Motion Carried.

INSURANCE RENEWAL(HANNULA)

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Taseris to renew the Insurance with Hannula. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Wing asked for future Insurance Policies to have any changes highlighted.

MARQUETTE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to send a letter to MCRC to show that we are not in support of abandoning County Roads CCV and AAW. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CRACK, CHIP, FOG RECOMMENDATION FROM PC

Motion by Laakso, supported by Gischia to use the list from the PC with recommended roads to be sent to Kurt Taavola to be put out for bids. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ZBA APPOINTMENT

Motion by Gischia, supported by Schuhknecht to Appoint Steven Bertucci Jr. to the ZBA. Schuhknecht said she was supporting with the comment that Mr. Bertucci is very qualified. Taseris-Aye, Schuhknecht-Aye, Gischia-Aye, Wing-Aye, Supervisor Laakso abstained due to the other applicant being a relative. Motion Carried.

HALL RENTAL DISCUSSION

The Board had discussion about possibly renting the Hall out for wedding receptions and other parties that may include alcohol and dancing, which is not allowed at the present time. Supervisor Laakso will look into costs and options for possibly allowing these rentals.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Laakso stated: he attended the West Marquette County Sanitation Authority Meeting, and gave an update from that meeting.

Motion by Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht to pay the fee for any Board member that wants to attend the MTA Conference. The cost is \$159.00 by April 1, 2021. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Treasurer Schuhknecht stated that Harsila and Carello will be issued new citations, as they are not cleaning up their properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin asked about the basketball backboard not being up yet, and Laakso stated that Ted's son-in-law was going to put it up. Mr. Pepin said he will talk to his son-in-law.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Laakso stated:

That he has finished the Zoning Administrator Training.

Treasure Schuhknecht stated:

That Erin Stratton, our new Office Assistant, is doing well. She has been working on re-typing the ordinances to be put on the website as well as learning office procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk