

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2024 – 6:09pm

MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Jeremy Laakso called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Aaron Carr, Trustee; Glenn Wing, Trustee; Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor- present.

Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer, Absent excused; Molly Taseris, Clerk, Absent excused

PUBLIC PRESENT

Tracy Quayle, Lou Ouellette, Julie Hosang, Al Harris, Rudy Tembreull, and Tom Tembreull

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr, to approve the Agenda. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Harris discussed three topics that will need to be addressed in future meetings. Addition of a galvanized line, Egle additions to the water system, and the Greenwood Plan.

Lou Ouellette inquired if Jeremy Laakso would be running again for Ely Township Supervisor, and he said he has decided to run.

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 made by Wing, Supported by Carr, to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REVIEW (SEE SUPERVISOR REPORT FOR DETAILS) (VOTE)

Motion made by Carr, Supported by Wing, to approve the Budget Review with current adjustments to the report. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

Trustee Carr advised the Board that they are working to finalize the Master Plan. There was also discussion about access/location to Ely Townships open 40-acre parcel and if they could use the existing pea gravel to make the entrance.

PUBLIC HEARING (FLOOD PLAIN)

Motion by Wing, Supported by Carr, to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-1, Amendment to Ordinance No. 2016-1, Amendment to Ordinance No. 1981-2. Ely Township Ordinance addressing floodplain management provisions of state construction code. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PENINSULA SOLAR BILL (\$21,200)

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, Supported by Carr, to approve the payment to Peninsula Solar in the amount of \$21,200. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

STEVE'S FILL IN PAY FROM \$16.85 TO AT LEAST \$18.00

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, Supported by Carr, to approve the increase in fill in pay for Steve Wing from \$16.85 to \$18.00. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2024 DUST CONTROL

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, Supported by Wing, to approve the approximate payment of \$3578.88, plus 8.5% additional overhead charge, to the MCRC for Dust Control on roads. The Township will be billed for the project upon job completion, adjusted for actual cost. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

GEI BILL \$1926.25

Discussed the payment of GEI, bill in the amount of \$1926.25, which is already in the budget and has been previously approved. No vote needed.

DIORITE WATER SYSTEM CHEMICAL PUMP \$1104.57

Motion by Wing, Supported by Carr, to approve the purchase of a chemical pump for the Diorite Water System in the amount of \$1104.57. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY SERVICE FEE \$2577.51

Motion by Wing, Supported by Carr, to approve the payment for Library Service Fee in the amount of \$2577.51. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PAR PLAN RENEWAL \$14,693

Motion made by Wing, Supported by Carr, to approve the payment for the Par Plan Renewal in the amount of \$14,963.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Reviewed the Retainer for continuing service from the Ishpeming Township Fire Department. The rates for their service will go up gradually over the coming years.
- Ely Township is still in the running for possible purchase of the Carello property which is going up for sale on taxes.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

None

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

BOARD COMMENTS (ROUND TABLE)

Trustee Carr advised the Board that he feels they should investigate the condition of the Carello property before deciding to purchase it.

Trustee Wing inquired about the cause of the water leak in Diorite. It has been determined that it was probably caused by ATV/4Wheeler traffic.

Supervisor Laakso advised the Board:

- It is the responsibility of the Township to pay for repair to the Diorite water leak.
- The Township has received \$1,000, \$500 for each of the two citations given to the resident, from the approval of Ely Townships Petition to Tax Costs regarding the Slawski matter.
- A letter has been sent by Erin Bertucci to the owner of the Harsila property with no response. The next step will be to have the Attorney send a letter to the owner.
- With the Budget for the year coming soon, notices of possible raises will need to be submitted.
- There has been discussion with the WMCSA about a possible dog park on the old landfill and possible garbage pick-up for Ely Township.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Quayle, Deputy Clerk