

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2025 – 6:00pm
MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Laakso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Glenn Wing, Clerk; Trustee Andy Andrews, Trustee, Julie Hosang Trustee, Treasurer Dawn Schuhknecht Present, Supervisor Jeremy Laakso -present

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Ed Young, Shelley Paavo, Dean Rushford

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Andrews to approve the Agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Lou Ouellette says the new culvert on her road is working well

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 – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

There were some adjustments and they are listed in the supervisor's report. Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the discussed budget adjustments. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

No Meeting because of lack of a quorum.

Surveys were mailed out again last week

1.Planning Commission Applicant Mark Burns

Motion made by Wing to Remove Ken Hill From PC and appoint Mark Burns. Supported

By Andrews. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carries

2. ZBA/PC applicant Bruce Laakso

Tabled for now, waiting for additional information

Attorney Invoice (\$1302)

Motion by Laakso Support by Andrews to Pay the invoice. Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 Motion Carried

Integris SubscriptionPaid by Supervisor 04/10/25 (\$620)

Motion by Wing support by Hosang to approve the payment Ayes- 4 Nays- 0 Motion Carried

Hannula Insurance Invoice (\$16,498)

Motion by Schuhknecht supported by Wing to pay the bill of \$16,498. Ayes Nays 0 Motion Carried

LSPR RallyRace Correspondence

Dean Rushford presented an update on last years race and informed us the race didn't use our roads because the route was changed last year but would like approval to use County road CA and COO this year. A motion was made by Wing and supported Andrews to approve the use, pending confirmation of insurance coverage and road repairs if needed.

Ayes -5 Nays- 0

Assessor Pay Increase

Assessor Dylan Jurasin requested a pay increase of \$10,500 for the assessor and \$3300 for his assistant citing the large workload. We will vote on this issue next month.

Battery Recycling Discussion

The cost of the recycling (which was previously free) was discussed and was tabled with Clerk Wing to look at the options available.

Barnes-Hecker Memorial Park Discussion

Discussion on the purchase of the Barnes-Hecker Site and the creation of a memorial park on the site. A motion was made by Laakso and supported by Wing to approve purchasing the land and creating the park, contingent on raising funding. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carries.

Paving County Road CKC .92 miles at a cost of \$231,665.40

A discussion was held and a motion was made by Laakso and supported by Schuhknecht to pay for the paving from the current fund balance. Ayes -5 Nays-0 Motion Carries

Discussion on Purchasing a Small Loader with Snowblower and Backhoe Attachment.

Supervisor Laakso presented a list of 4 options and the board discussed the advantages and possible cost saving from purchasing this equipment. The purchase was tabled pending further research and information.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Shelly Paavo volunteered to help with the Barnes-Hecker Park creation

BOARD COMMENTS

Clerk Wing made a motion to send a letter of support for Highland Internet to pursue further grant funding in the next funding cycle to install additional fiber optic internet in the Upper Peninsula. Supported by Laakso. Ayes -5 Nays-0

Supervisor Laakso discussed the following

1. Applied for federal flood funding for road repairs on a number of culverts that had failed from high water.
2. Ely received a grant to look at converting Mullins Auto Repair building into the new pumphouse for the Greenwood water system
3. Diorite School: Owner is supposed to remove the fencing and discuss installing a approved fence. Has not contacted the township

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Wing, Clerk