

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 19, 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; Aaron Carr, Trustee; Molly Taseris, Clerk; and Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer-all present

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Ted Pepin, Tracy Quayle (Deputy Clerk), Al Harris, Erin Bertucci, Randy Ruppel and Nick Taseris

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve the agenda as written. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

BUDGET REVIEW

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Carr stated that the Planning Commission has finalized the survey and discussed where to put the new picnic tables.

WATER SYSTEMS

- A. UPEA UPDATE: Supervisor Laakso talked with Jason Laney about the Income Survey.

Al Harris is going to write up a plan as to what to do with our Greenwood Water System.

- B. DIORITE WELL REHAB PROPOSAL: Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to do the rehab on well #1 in Diorite in the amount of \$11,680.00. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

- C. GREENWOOD WELL REHAB PROPOSAL: Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to do the rehab on well #3 in Greenwood in the amount of \$19,730.00. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried

NEGAUNEE/ISHPEMING WATER AUTHORITY REQUEST

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to pay the \$1,000.00 as requested by the Negaunee/Ishpeming Water Authority, out of the Greenwood Water fund. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

CLERK PRESENTATION

Supervisor Laakso read a letter from Clerk Taseris. In the letter she is asking for a raise, and states the reasons. The Board will vote on the Resolutions to Establish Salaries at next months meeting.

Also, Treasurer Schuhknecht brought up at this time that she would like to see the Deputy's pay be increased.

JULY 2023-JUNE 2024 DRAFT BUDGET

Supervisor Laakso presented the Board with a Draft Budget to review.

GARBAGE PICKUP REQUEST AT GREENWOOD LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Supervisor Laakso presented the Board with a letter from Roger Crimmins, from North Greenwood Lake Condominium Association, asking for garbage pick-up. Ely Township's contract with North Country Disposal does not allow for pick up on a private road. It was suggested that the residents bring their garbage out to 496 and have it picked up there.

ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to pay the invoice in the amount of \$13,242.00 to Hannula Insurance. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

ATTORNEY BILL

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to pay the Attorney bill in the amount of \$3,160.45. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

ASSESSOR ASSISTANT PROPOSAL

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to hire an Assistant Assessor at minimum wage, \$10.10, not to exceed \$1,000.00 per year. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

WATER RATE SURVEY

Supervisor Laakso presented the Board with a Water Rate Survey from EGLE to look over.

INTEGRIS ASSESSOR COMPUTER

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to purchase a computer for the Assessor in the amount of \$894.00, with the expected amount of between \$175.00-\$525.00 to install. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

INTEGRIS CONTRACT

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Taseris to pay the amount of \$132.00 per month and the \$700.00 Install Fee.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin asked about hooking up to Ishpeming Township for water in Greenwood. He was told that Ishpeming Township did not want to do that.

Lou Ouellette stated that the Ely Township Scholarship Committee is having a Craft Show at Ely Township Hall on May 6, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Wing stated that the High School Class is starting on the Storage Shed.

Treasurer Schuhknecht asked if the Culvert on County Road CD will be fixed after the flooding.

Supervisor Laakso stated that the new lawn mower will be delivered at the end of the month and that the old storage shed has been removed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk