

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 20, 2022 – 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; present. Art Gischia, Trustee; absent. Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; absent-excused.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Al Harris, Aaron Carr, Sue Bovan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to approve the Agenda. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

TRUSTEE RESIGNATION LETTER

Supervisor Laakso read the Trustee Resignation Letter from Art Gischia.

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to accept the Resignation Letter from Art Gischia. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Wing, Taseris and Laakso, Nays-none. Motion Carried.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Laakso stated that he was recommending Aaron Carr for the Trustee Position.

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to accept the recommendation, and appoint Aaron Carr to the Ely Township Board as a Trustee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Wing, Taseris and Laakso, Nays-none. Motion Carried.

Clerk Taseris gave Aaron Carr the Oath of Office for the Trustee Position.

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

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to accept the Consent Agenda. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (MARCH 16, 2022)

Clerk Taseris handed out the minutes from the Closed Session to the Board members. The Board members read the minutes and gave them back to Taseris. They will be put in a file and kept for 1 year and 1 day, and then destroyed. They are not for the public.

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to accept the Closed Session minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF OFFICE ASSISTANT

Supervisor Laakso read the Resignation letter from Erin Bertucci, Office Assistant.

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to accept the Resignation letter from Erin Bertucci. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

RESIGNATION OF OFFICE MANAGER

Supervisor Laakso read the Resignation letter from Dawn Schuhknecht, Office Manager.

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to accept the Resignation letter from Dawn Schuhknecht. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to accept the Budget adjustments as stated in the Supervisors Report dated March-April 2022. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Carr updated the Board on the Planning Commission meeting. The PC is reviewing the Zoning Ordinance, reviewing the Master Plan and have had some discussion on the DNR Grants.

Supervisor Laakso read a Zoning Administrator Proposal from Erin Bertucci. She would like to apply for the Zoning Administrator position at Ely Township.

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to hire Erin Bertucci for the Zoning Administrator Position beginning July 1, 2022. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Carr, Wing, Taseris and Laakso, Nays-none. Motion Carried.

WATER SYSTEMS

Water Operator Al Harris went to a DEQ meeting. He stated to the Board, that he found out at the meeting that Ishpeming Township does not want to Tie up with Ely's Greenwood water system and also that UPEA had applied for loans for Ely Township. Supervisor Laakso stated that the Board is going to have a Work Session to discuss Water Systems.

A) PPE

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to buy Personal Protection Equipment for the Water Department, from OK Industrial in the amount of \$708.33. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

B) HYDRANTS (GREENWOOD)

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to order 6 new Hydrants for Greenwood at the price of \$2,900.00 per hydrant. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

HANNULA INSURANCE

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to pay the invoice for Hannula Insurance in the amount of \$12,183.00. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Carr, Wing, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

ROADS

A) COUNTY ROAD CD REPAIRS

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to accept the Bid for County Road CD Repairs as presented, dependent on Budget Approval. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Carr, Wing, Taseris and Laakso, Nays- none. Motion Carried.

B) 2022 ROAD DUST CONTROL

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to accept the estimated bid for \$2,275.48 from the Marquette County Road Commission for Road Dust Control for 2022, adding County Road CVV to the list. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Carr, Wing, Laakso, Nays- Taseris. Motion Carried.

C) CHIP SEAL BIDS

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to accept the Bid from Pitlick and Wick, Inc. to do the Chip Seal for Ely Township Roads listed on the bid in the amount of \$32,233.00, dependent on the new Budget Approval. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Wing, Taseris and Laakso, Nays- none. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2022-2023

Supervisor Laakso gave the Board a copy of the proposed Budget for 2022-2023 to look over and let him know if there are any changes or issues any Board member would like to discuss with him.

ASSESSOR APPLICANTS

Supervisor Laakso presented the Board with 2 applicants, and stated that Erin Bertucci is taking the Assessor classes and would be interested in working with Sue Bovan to eventually take over as Ely Townships Assessor.

MISCELLANEOUS DEBRIS ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to put the Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance on the same Public Hearing notice as the new Budget Hearing. Ayes- 4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

SESQUICENTENNIAL RAFFLE APPLICATION

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to approve the Sesquicentennial Raffle Application. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Carr, Wing, Taseris and Laakso, Nays-none. Motion Carried.

INTEGRIS FIREWALL UPGRADE

Motion by Taseris, supported by Wing to accept the bid for \$2,300.00 from Integris Firewall. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

FIRST RESPONDER APPLICANT, ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

Supervisor Laakso stated that Nick Tomasi would like to join the Ely Township 1st Responders.

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to accept Nick Tomasi to the Ely Township 1st Responders team. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Bovin stated that she received an email from a Realtor that the Zoning Ordinance was not on Ely Townships Website. Laakso replied that the Planning Commission was looking it over and it will be put on the Website now that they have looked it over.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Carr asked what a Work Session is, Supervisor Laakso stated that it is a discussion with the Board, open to the public, to try to come up with recommendations and discuss options. No decisions are to be made.

Trustee Wing welcomed Aaron Carr to the Board.

Supervisor Laakso also welcomed Carr to the Board. He also stated that he is meeting with Ken Ohman from Waste Management for lunch tomorrow (April 21, 2022) to discuss the garbage proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. by Supervisor Laakso.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly A. Taseris
Clerk