

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2021 – 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; Molly Taseris, Clerk; Art Gischia, Trustee; present. Glenn Wing, Trustee, present via Zoom; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; absent.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Kevin Nancarrow,
Al Harris, present via Zoom

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Taseris motioned to accept the agenda moving H.(Water System Operators Report) under Consent Agenda to #15, Gischia seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

Trustee Wing made the motion, Trustee Gischia seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda, with moving the letter H. Water System Operator Report to Agenda item #15. All Ayes, Motion carried.

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 April 12th, 2021

Gischia updated the Board:

He said that the PC members were supposed to do individual research on the pros and cons of changing the current Marijuana ordinance, and no one has done that yet. Fred VanLuven will bring in ordinance from another Township to the next meeting.

Dotty LaJoye was going to come to the next meeting to discuss the Planning Process and Rec Plan but because of the 6 public hearings for Conditional Use and Rezoning at the May meeting, he would like to see if she would possibly come to the June meeting instead.

WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Kevin Nancarrow stated that we did not qualify for the DWAM grant. The DSMI grant is still out there, and the C2R2 results are expected in May. He has no information on the AP grant yet.

A motion was made by Trustee Gischia, seconded by Clerk Taseris, to pay the invoice from UPEA in the amount of \$9,177.50. All Ayes, motion carried.

ELY TOWNSHIP HALL RESTROOMS

Trustee Gischia presented a new drawing for the proposed Handicap Accessible Restrooms, this one to include 2 toilets in the Women's restroom and also switching the current Women's and Men's restrooms. The new construction would include moving the slop sink into the water heater closet in the kitchen.

Supervisor Laakso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Wing, to move forward with the restrooms, to figure out what the cost would be. All Ayes, motion carried.

HALL RENTAL DISCUSSION

Supervisor Laakso typed up an Ely Township Hall Rental Fee Schedule for the Board to look over and said he would table the discussion until the May meeting where Board members can comment, and make suggestions.

PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT 2021-2022 BUDGETS

Supervisor Laakso stated that he wanted to give the draft to the Board members to have time to look over, comment and make suggestions. The Budget Hearing will be held at the regular Board meeting on June 16th, 2021.

EMS WEEK

Clerk Taseris made a motion, seconded by Trustee Wing, to give each of the 10 First Responders a \$25.00 gift from Lawry's Pastie Shop, to show our appreciation. All Ayes, motion carried.

ELY TOWNSHIP POLICY FOR AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) ARRANGEMENTS AND ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS OF FUNDS

- A. Policy: Supervisor Laakso made the motion, seconded by Trustee Gischia to approve the ACH policy with the addition of an approved by Board members and date line added.
- B. Resolution: Supervisor Laakso made the motion, seconded by Gischia to adopt a Resolution to Authorize Use of Automated Clearing House (ACH) Arrangements and Electronic Transactions of Funds, Roll Call Vote: Laakso-Aye, Taseris-Aye, Gischia-Aye, Wing-Aye. Schuhknecht absent. Motion carried.

WATER OPERATORS REPORT

Discussion on the priority of work to be done on water systems, led to Al Harris stating that after he receives reports from UPEA, he will prioritize work to be done.

Al Harris and Steve Wing will be doing the cleaning on the #2 and #3 flowmeters in Greenwood.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Gischia stated:

That he was wondering if Carello and Harsila tickets have been paid.

That he also wanted to know about Harsila permit, if it was up to date.

Supervisor Laakso stated:

That he will ask Erin Stratton (Office Assistant) to call Court House and ask if Carello and Harsila tickets have been paid.

That he will ask Fred about the Harsila permit.

That he talked with Aaron Carr about the Greenwood Water repair, and Aaron told him that they would be doing the work on the repair as soon as the weight restrictions are off.

The he had a West End 1st Responders Meeting and it went well. Champion was not at the meeting, they are having some Board issues, and have no EMS Director right now. Jim Brennan from Republic is setting up a conference call with Lawyers to discuss all options. After each Township gets support from their respective Boards he will set up the call. Each Township will pay \$100.00 for the conference call.

Trustee Wing stated:

That he went to a meeting on Broadband Expansion in the UP. The UP is receiving an upgrade of 52,000 miles of fiberoptics.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk