

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 15, 2024 – 6:00pm
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

Glenn Wing, Trustee; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor- present.

Absent excused; Molly Taseris, Clerk; Aaron Carr – Turned in Resignation Letter as of May 13, 2024

PUBLIC PRESENT

Tracy Quayle, Lou Ouellette, Al Harris, Ted Pepin, Carl and Julie Hosang, Tom Flaminio, John Reck, and Danielle and Robert LaForest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

- Ted Pepin commented on the percentage of the salary increases and the closure on County Road CCR, both to be covered later in meeting.
- Carl Hosang stated that County Road CM is currently a mess right now. Mr. Hosang also informed the Board that the Veteran Flags will be put out at the Ishpeming Cemetery on May 23rd at 3:00.
- Danielle LaForest inquired if Ely Township has a noise ordinance as there has been loud music in their neighborhood.

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

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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

- a) Basketball Rims, backboards, nets - QTY 4 (\$2965.10)
- b) Co Rd CD Bench – QTY 1 (\$787.72)
- c) Picnic Tables Round Coated Steel – QTY 4 (Approximately \$4000 after shipping)

Motion made by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing, to approve the purchase of the items listed above using ARPA Funds. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

UTILITY TRAILER (ARPA FUNDS)

Motion made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to use ARPA Funds for the purchase of a Utility Trailer from Ride North at a cost of \$3579.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

GEI PUBLIC HEARING GREENWOOD WATER SYSTEM

John Reck from GEI Consultants made a presentation about the future of the Greenwood Water System.

The Board voted to adopt a Resolution Adopting a Final Project Planning Document for Drinking Water System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative. The Motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Trustee Wing, supported by Treasurer Schuhknecht. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

HOURLY TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES' COLA (3.2%)

Motion was made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to approve the COLA (3.2%) raises for hourly employees. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR SALARY RESOLUTION

After some discussion a motion was made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to adopt the Supervisor Salary Resolution. Ayes – Wing, Schuhknecht, and Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to adopt the Deputy Supervisor Salary Resolution. Ayes – Wing, Schuhknecht, and Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

CLERK SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion made by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing, to adopt the Clerk Salary Resolution. Ayes – Wing, Schuhknecht, and Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

DEPUTY CLERK SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to adopt the Deputy Clerk Salary Resolution. Ayes – Wing, Schuhknecht, and Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to adopt the Treasurer Salary Resolution. Ayes – Wing, Schuhknecht, and Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

DEPUTY TREASURER SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to adopt the Deputy Treasurer Salary Resolution. Ayes – Wing, Schuhknecht, and Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

TRUSTEE SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion made by Schuhknecht, supported by Supervisor Laakso, to adopt the Trustee Salary Resolution. Ayes – Wing, Schuhknecht, and Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

ASSESSOR ASSISTANT RESOLUTION

Motion made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to adopt the Assessor Assistant Salary Resolution. Ayes – Wing, Schuhknecht, and Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

WATER OPERATOR CONTRACT

Motion made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to approve the salary of the Ely Township Water Operator. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MCSWMA BOND DISCUSSION

The current Landfill needs a new Water Treatment Plant which will increase the tipping fees steadily. Marquette County is offering 7 million to be paid back in 7 years.

Supervisor Laakso suggested Ely Township write a letter to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners asking for the possibility of a 30 year pay-off to help with the tipping fee costs.

Motion was made by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing, to approve a letter from Ely Township to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CO RD CCR ABANDONMENT

A landowner on County Road CCR is trying to have .17 miles of the road that passes through their land closed to the public. County Road CCR also goes through State Land that is open to public use.

Supervisor Laakso suggested the Ely Township Board write a letter to MCRC opposing this closure on County Road CCR.

Motion made by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht, to approve a letter from Ely Township to MCRC opposing this closure. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

LINDBERGS INVOICE \$20,705.00 (GREENWOOD H2O LINE SURVEY)

Motion by Wing, Supported by Schuhknecht, to approve payment in the amount of \$20,705.00 to Lindbergs for the Greenwood Water Line Survey. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

TRUSTEE RESIGNATION LETTER

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht, to accept the Resignation Letter of Trustee Aaron Carr as of May 13, 2024. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht, to appoint Al Harris as a Board Trustee to fill the remaining term of Aaron Carr. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht, to approve the Amended Flood Plain Ordinance. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

GENERATOR INTERCONNECT AND OPERATING AGREEMENT

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve the Generator Interconnect and Operating Agreement from UPPCO. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MARQUETTE COUNTY ORV

Motion by Wing, supported by Supervisor Laakso, to adopt the Marquette County ORV Ordinance instead of Ely Township developing its own ordinance. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

- Carl Hosang inquired about Ely Township solar being part of Net Metering with UPPCO. Mr. Hosang also asked about the possibility of the Supervisor salary coming from other sources. He also stated that maybe there should have been a notice to the public for people interested in the open Trustee position.
- Lou Ouellette commented on a possible sign near the old kilns.

CLOSED SESSION

Not Needed

BOARD COMMENTS (ROUND TABLE)

Supervisor Laakso commented to the Board:

- There will be a Show Cause Hearing on May 29th for the owner of the old Diorite School.
- He also stated that MIOSHA has been in contact with him about this property.
- Supervisor Laakso informed the Board that there have been some animal complaints in Diorite recently.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Quayle, Deputy Clerk