

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 17, 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; Aaron Carr, Trustee; Molly Taseris, Clerk; and Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer-all present: Glenn Wing, Trustee, absent-excused.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Al Harris, Erin Bertucci and Kevin Nancarrow

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Taseris, supported by Carr to approve the agenda with the addition of #26, Garbage Fund Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lou Ouellette asked if the culverts on her road will be fixed. Supervisor Laakso told her that he would talk to the County about it.

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 Schuhknecht, supported by Carr to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Carr stated that the Planning Commission has finalized the survey. The PC had Zoning Public Hearings, and they are now sent to the County.

WATER SYSTEMS

A. WATER PROJECT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Laakso opened the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. and closed it at 6:08 p.m. due to not having the Plan from UPEA that we were going to discuss.

Supervisor Laakso is going to schedule a Work Study with himself, Aaron Carr, EGLE, Al Harris and UPEA.

JULY 2023-2024 DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION (NO DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME)

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

ZONING FEE SCHEDULE REVIEW

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Laakso to adjust the Zoning Fees as proposed by the Zoning Administrator, and to have them in effect starting July 1,2023. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Schuhknecht, Taseris, and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

ATTORNEY BILL

Motion by Taseris, supported by Schuhknecht to pay the attorney bill in the amount of \$687.50. All Ayes-Motion Carried.

HOURLY TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE COLA

Motion by Carr, supported by Schuhknecht to give the hourly employees a Cost-of-Living increase of 5%. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Schuhknecht and Laakso. Nays-Taseris. Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Taseris to adopt the Supervisor Salary Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Carr to adopt the Deputy Supervisor Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Schuhknecht and Laakso. Nays-Taseris. Motion Carried.

CLERK SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion by Carr, supported by Laakso to adopt the Clerk Salary Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

DEPUTY CLERK SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion by Laakso, supported by Taseris to adopt the Deputy Clerk Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

TREASURER SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Carr to adopt the Treasurer Salary Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Schuhknecht and Laakso. Nays-Taseris. Motion Carried.

DEPUTY TREASURER SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Laakso to adopt the Deputy Treasurer Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Schuhknecht and Laakso. Nays-Taseris. Motion Carried.

TRUSTEE SALARY RESOLUTION

Motion by Carr, supported by Schuhknecht to adopt the Trustee Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

ASSESSOR ASSISTANT RESOLUTION

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Taseris to adopt the Assessor Assistant Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

WATER OPERATOR CONTRACT

Motion by Laakso, supported by Carr to approve the Water Operator Contract. Ayes-Carr, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-Schuhknecht. Motion Carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Motion by Laakso, supported by Taseris to approve the Zoning Administrator Contract. All Ayes-Motion Carried.

WMCSA UPDATES

Supervisor Laakso updated the Board: Tire Collection at the Transfer Station- July 19,2023. Hazardous Waste Collection at the Transfer Station-June7, August 9, and October 14, 2023.

Increase from \$90 to \$100 for Municipalities per 100 lbs. for tipping fees.

New employees: Kurt Schultz and Keith Rombach. Frank Rand resigned.

MCSWMA REQUEST

Supervisor Laakso shared a letter from Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority asking the Township to write letters of support. Laakso is going to talk with other Townships to get their input.

GARBAGE FUND

Motion by Carr, supported by Schuhknecht to pay the Garbage fees out of Capital Improvements Fund for May and June 2023 to cover Garbage bills. All Ayes-Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Laakso stated that at the Former Diorite School there was a fuel spill. EGLE was called and Andrew Slawski was ordered to dig up the spill, dispose of it properly and fill the hole with clean fill. He is also to take pictures to prove the proper steps were taken. This is to be done by July 15, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Laakso stated:

The court case with Andrew Slawski is not finished and there is another court date, June 6th, 2023.

Carello/Beaupied property: The son has been notified to clean up the property.

Dumpster at the hall: GFL would charge \$145.00, we pay \$170.00. Laakso called Ken at North Country and explained to him that we could get it for \$145.00 and Ken agreed to drop the price.

Brad Austin at the Landfill is resigning.

He is going to look into Solar Panels for the Township Hall.

Fall protection needs to be bought and put out at the parks.

Candles in the Hall for rentals, if a problem arises, we should address it at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk