

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 18, 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; Molly Taseris, Clerk; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; Glenn Wing, Trustee; Present. Aaron Carr, Trustee; absent-excused.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Ted Pepin, Al Harris and Ken Ohman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the Agenda. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin stated that he was disappointed that the Board has had the Garbage proposal since September and waited until just recently to get ahold of the attorney to get rid of the resolution.

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 Schuhknecht to accept the Consent Agenda. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Taseris to accept the Budget adjustments as stated in the Supervisor's Report, dated April-May 2022. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no meeting on May 9, 2022, due to lack of attendance. There was no quorum.

GARBAGE

Supervisor Laakso stated that Ken Ohman from North Country Disposal called him with another offer for our Garbage collection. \$14,000.00 per month with Recycling carts, and \$9,200.00 per month without Recycling carts.

Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to continue with the contract from North Country Disposal for an extended 5 years, at \$9,200.00 per month, without the Recycling carts. The extended contract will be the same as the current Garbage collection. Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Laakso, Taseris and Wing, Nays; Schuhknecht. Motion Carried.

WATER SYSTEMS

Al Harris, Water Operator stated that at the end of June-first part of July, the Diorite tank will be recoated. Also at the same time, the inspection of the Greenwood tank will be done.

Supervisor Laakso stated that he will be scheduling a "Work Study" to discuss options for the water systems.

OFFICE MANAGER APPLICANT

Supervisor Laakso stated that he has received one application for the Office Manager position.

Office Manager Schuhknecht is going to run an ad for the Office Manager position.

RESOLUTION FOR SALARIES

- A. TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR: Motion by Wing supported by Schuhknecht to establish the salary for the Township Supervisor at \$1270 per month. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- B. TOWNSHIP CLERK: Motion by Wing supported by Schuhknecht to establish the salary for the Township Clerk at \$1110 per month, plus \$35 per month for each water system. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso Nays: None. Motion Carried.
- C. TOWNSHIP TREASURER: Motion by Taseris supported by Wing to establish the salary for the Township Treasurer at \$1200 per month, plus \$55 per month for each water system. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wing, Schuhknecht, and Taseris Nays: Laakso Motion Carried.
- D. TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE: Motion by Laakso supported by Taseris to establish the salary for the Township Trustees at \$405 per month. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso Nays: None. Motion Carried.

HOURLY EMPLOYEE COLA (FEDERAL RATE IS 5.9%)

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to give the hourly employees a 5.9% raise. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to set the Office Manager pay rate at \$17.55-\$20.00/ per hour. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to accept the Zoning Administrator Contract. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

WATER OPERATOR CONTRACT

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to accept the Water Operator Contract. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

BOR PAY ADJUSTMENT

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to raise the Board of Review pay to \$600.00 per year. \$500.00 for the 2-day meetings, and \$50.00 for each of the 2 shorter meetings. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

OFFICE HOUR ADJUSTMENT

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to adjust the office hours to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday effective June 1, 2022. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. will be office prep time. The Office will officially open at 11 a.m. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

FIRST RESPONDER APPLICANT

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to appoint Joseph Ogea to the First Responders. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

ZBA APPLICANT

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to appoint William Derocha to the ZBA Board. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Harris stated that he had heard a complaint from a member of the public about the Wood Stand on the corner of U.S. 41 and County Road CN. Schuhknecht said that there was a formal complaint signed in the office and that the Zoning Administrator was looking in to it.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed

BOARD COMMENTS

Schuhknecht stated that the hall is in need of a few more tables for hall rentals, and also a couple new garbage cans. Laakso stated that he would like to wait for the new Budget to come out before we order anything.

Laakso stated that he would like Clerk Taseris to prepare the Risk Reduction Grant Resolution for the next Board meeting. Also that he would like to review Statutory Duties for all employees.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. by Supervisor Laakso.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly A. Taseris
Clerk