

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 21, 2025 – 6:00pm
MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Laakso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Glenn Wing, Clerk; Trustee Andy Andrews, Trustee, Julie Hosang Trustee, Treasurer Dawn Schuhknecht Present, Supervisor Jeremy Laakso -present

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Ed Young, Carl Hosang, Keith Holmgren, Matt Annala, Alyse Annala

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Hosang to approve the Agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Keith Holmgren informed the Board that he was here regarding the blocking of County Road CL

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 by Wing, supported by Andrews to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

There were some adjustments and they are listed in the supervisor's report. Motion by Wing, supported by Andrews to approve the discussed budget adjustments. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

Planning commission discussed if there was a need for Air BnB regulations in the township, CUPPAD/Master Plan, and complaint statuses

1. ZBA/PC applicant Bruce Laakso

Tabled for now, waiting for additional information

Tractor/Loader Purchase for Township

Supervisor Laakso tabled any further discussion until the township has a building to park it in.

Barnes-Hecker Update

Clerk Wing informed the Board that the owners of the property were asking \$115,000 for the 20 acre mine site and that the township was going to attempt to negotiate a purchase.

Resolution to Establish Contract Rate for Hourly Employees Fiscal Year 2025-26

Motion by Laakso, Support by Schuhknecht to approve a COLA increase of 2.5% .

Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Andrews, Hosang, Schuhknecht, Wing, and Laakso. Nays None

Motion Carried

Resolution to Establish Salary for the Supervisor Fiscal Year 2025-26

Motion by Wing, support by Schuhknecht to approve no changes to current salary

Roll Call Vote; Ayes; Andrews, Hosang, Schuhknecht, and Wing. Nays None, Abstain Laakso

Motion Carried

Resolution to Establish Salary for the Deputy Supervisor Fiscal Year 2025-26

Motion by Schuhknecht, support by Wing to meet minimum wage requirements for the salary.

Roll Call Vote; Ayes; Andrews, Hosang, Schuhknecht, Wing, Laakso. Nays: None. Motion

Carried

Resolution to Establish Salary for the Deputy Clerk Fiscal Year 2025-26

. Motion by Andrews, support by Laakso to set the salary at \$40 per month for 2 hours and then minimum wage to meet requirements.

Roll Call Vote; Ayes; Andrews, Hosang, Schuhknecht, and Wing. Nays None,

Motion Carried

Resolution to Establish Salary for the Clerk Fiscal Year 2025-26

Motion by Laakso, support by Andrews to approve no changes to current salary

Roll Call Vote; Ayes; Andrews, Hosang, Schuhknecht, Laakso and Wing. Nays None,

Motion Carried.

Resolution to Establish Salary for the Treasurer Fiscal Year 2025-26

A Motion by Wing Supported by Hosang to increase salary to \$1450 per month and \$55 a month from each water system. Roll Call Vote; Ayes; Andrews, Hosang, Schuhknecht, Laakso and Wing. Nays None,

Motion Carried.

Resolution to Establish Salary for the Deputy Treasurer Fiscal Year 2025-26

Motion by Laakso, support by Schuhknecht to set the salary at \$40 per month for 2 hours and then minimum wage to meet requirements..

Roll Call Vote; Ayes; Andrews, Hosang, Schuhknecht, and Wing. Nays None,
Motion Carried

Resolution to Establish Salary for Trustee Fiscal Year 2025-26

Motion by Laakso, support by Wing to approve no changes to current salary

Roll Call Vote; Ayes; Schuhknecht, Laakso and Wing. Nays None, Abstain: Andrews, Hosang
Motion Carried.

Resolution to Establish Contract for the Assessor Fiscal Year 2025-26

Motion by Laakso with support by Wing to approve the contract salary of \$45,000 a year with a contract length of 5 years. Roll Call Vote; Ayes; Andrews, Hosang, Schuhknecht, Laakso and Wing. Nays None,

Motion Carried.

Resolution to Establish the Salary Rate for Assistant Assessor for the Fiscal Year 2025-26

Motion by Laakso and supported by Wing to set the salary at \$15.00 per hour for up to 220 hours and at \$12.48 and hour for up to 80 hours for CAD drawing not to exceed \$1,000 a year.

Roll Call Vote; Ayes; Andrews, Hosang, Schuhknecht, Laakso and Wing. Nays None,

Resolution to Establish the Contract for Water Operator for the Fiscal Year 2025-26

Motion by Laakso with support by Andrews approve a COLA increase of 2.5% with a new rate of \$48.69 per hour.

Roll Call Vote; Ayes; Andrews, Hosang, Schuhknecht, and Wing. Nays None,
Motion Carried

2025-26 Budget Discussion

\$232,000 added to general fund to pay for County Road CKC paving.

MTA Membership Dues

Motion by Laakso with support by Schuhknecht to pay the dues of \$1608.73. Ayes 5 Nays 0
Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

BOARD COMMENTS

Jeremy:

1. Brought us up to date on the County Road Commission legal efforts to resolve the issue of Carlson home and pond being built on the right away of County Road CL.
2. Motion by Laakso with support by Schuhknecht to send a letter of support approving the MCRC legal approach. Ayes 5 Nays 0
3. Motion by Laakso support by Schuhknecht to continue paying Maintenance worker \$30 per month for the use of his personal cell phone for Township business. Ayes 5 Nays 0
4. There will be an announcement coming in week or so about 1600 acres of land becoming available for sale in the Township.
5. Discussed looking into condemning the Diorite School property.

Hosang: Stated her opposition to any changes to our marijuana ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Wing, Clerk