

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 21, 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

Aaron Carr, Trustee; Glenn Wing, Trustee; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; Molly Taseris, Clerk; Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor- all present

PUBLIC PRESENT

Tracy Quayle, Al Harris, Erin Bertucci, Nick Taseris, Ted Pepin, Lou Ouellette and Mike Hytinen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the agenda with the addition of #18, Cardinal Street Park. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin asked if paying a bonus is legal. (He was referring to the Bonus offered to Steve Wing, Maintenance Worker) Supervisor Laakso is going to check with the attorney.

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 Taseris to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Supervisor Laakso noted that there were several budget adjustments.

Motion by Taseris, supported by Carr to approve the Supervisor's budget adjustments. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Carr updated the Board on recent Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission is working on the Master Plan and discussing work in the different parks. He also talked about the re-zoning of Hollo and Cohoon.

Motion by Laakso, supported by Taseris to accept the Re-zoning of Hollo and Cohoon. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

WATER SYSTEMS

Supervisor Laakso showed the Board the broken Dry Hydrant from Diorite. He stated that he is going to have Boulders put around it to protect it from being hit. It has been hit and broken in the past.

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to purchase the Leak Detector and Pressure Reducing Valve. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

MI TWP ASSOCIATION DUES

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to pay the Michigan Township Association Dues in the amount of \$1449.17. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

MRWA

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to pay the Michigan Rural Water Association Membership Dues in the amount of \$385.00. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

ATTORNEY BILL

Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to pay the Attorney bill in the amount of \$1718.94. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

APEX SOFTWARE (ASSESSOR SKETCHING)

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to pay the bill for the Apex Software in the amount of \$260.00. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

WOLVERINE WATER WORKS (GREENWOOD WATER CELL SERVICE)

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to pay the bill from Wolverine Water Works, Inc. in the amount of \$525.00. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

WORKMAN'S COMP RENEWAL

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to pay the Workman's Compensation Renewal bill in the amount of \$1934.00. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

ARPA FUNDS

- a. Roofing Quotes-Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to accept the bid from Superior Roofing to have the Township Hall Roof replaced in the amount of \$39,500.00, with the money to come from the ARPA Funds. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.
- b. Solar Proposal-Supervisor Laakso to look for more information on Solar Power and also see if we could get some other estimates.
- c. 20% Water Line Inspections-Motion by Laakso, supported by Taseris to designate \$120,000.00 of the ARPA funds to get 20% of the Water Line Inspections done. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

PAUSE MEETING

Supervisor Laakso paused the Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. to start the Annual Budget Hearing.

The Regular Board Meeting started again at 6:40 p.m.

PARCEL LAYER BILL

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to pay the Parcel Layer Bill in the amount of \$650.00. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

CARDINAL STREET PARK

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to have Supervisor Laakso approach Norman Holmes about Renting and having him maintain the Cardinal Street Park for \$300.00. There would be a rental agreement. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Laakso stated: the North Greenwood Lake Condominiums have contacted North Country Disposal and they are contracting their own garbage pick-up.

MCSWMA- Supervisor Laakso contacted a few other townships and asked if they sent a letter to MTA and he got a few mixed responses. The Board decided to stick with the decision to not send a letter.

Clerk Taseris read a letter from Linda Talsma, Marquette County Clerk, stating the changes that are coming in our election process. The letter stated Proposal 2018-3 and Proposal 2022-2 are the reasons for the changes. She was writing to all Township Boards and City Commissions to alert them of the extra responsibilities that are being put on local Clerks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lou Ouellette asked about County Road CL. She stated that “It is so uneven” Supervisor Laakso has called the County and asked them to take a look at that road. He will call again.

Al Harris asked if there has been any response from Kevin Nancarrow, UPEA on the \$17,000.00. Supervisor Laakso stated that there has been no response and he is going to contact Kevin’s boss at UPEA.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Carr stated that he would like to be done with UPEA.

Treasurer Schuhknecht stated that she would like the Correspondence Letters ahead of time, from the Clerk.

Clerk Taseris stated that she wanted to make it clear to the Board and the public that when she approached the Board for a raise, and attached the reasons for asking, that she stated the truth and would not approach the Board with false information.

Supervisor Laakso stated that the Diorite School hearing was cancelled and rescheduled for July 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

He also stated that the Carello/Beaupied property appears that they are making progress. They have removed some vehicles.

He is having Office Manager, Leah Dompierre, order the Mulch for the Risk Reduction Grant.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk