

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 17, 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

Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor; Glenn Wing, Clerk; Al Harris, Trustee; Lance Miller, Trustee - Present

Absent excused; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Ted Pepin, Carl Hosang, Kim Wing

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Harris, supported by Wing to approve the Agenda with the addition of 17. Street Light Request. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Carl Hosang asked how the solar panels are working. Supervisor Laakso stated that the most recent bill was half of what it normally was.

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 Harris to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Motion made by Wing, Supported by Harris to approve the Budget Review with current adjustments to the report. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

Trustee Harris updated the Board on recent Planning Commission activities including road work, Master Plan, and a safety plan for the solar panel.

WATER RATE RESOLUTION

Motion made by Laakso, supported by Wing to approve the presented Water Rate Resolution (located at the end of these Minutes).

Ayes: Miller, Harris, Wing, Laakso

Nays: None

Absent: Schuhknecht

Supervisor Laakso declared this Resolution approved.

POLE BARN ENTRY DOOR REPLACEMENT

Motion by Wing, supported by Miller to replace the pole barn entry door and purchasing at Menards at a cost of approximately \$700. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY BILL

Motion was made by Laakso, supported by Wing to approve payment of the attorney bill of \$1237.50. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

FRAILING ELECTRIC BUILDING LIGHT ESTIMATE

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to approve contracting with Frailing Electric for replacement of the Hall lights at a cost of \$7934.00 as well as exploring the cost of new windows, blinds, paint and improved storage in closets using ARPA funds. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

LOWMOOR LAKE ROAD DUST SUPPRESSION REQUEST

Motion made by Laakso, supported by Wing approve Pete Lawry's request for dust control on his private road. Ely will need to add this to the County Road Commission's dust control list. A signed agreement will be needed and \$10 Administration Fee added to the bill. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

GEI BILL

Motion was made by Laakso, supported by Harris to approve payment of the GEI invoice of \$6322.52. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion Carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

The current Zoning Administrator has turned in her resignation with her last day being July 24, 2024. The Township has advertised for a replacement but there has been no response.

Motion made by Wing, supported by Harris to approve allowing Supervisor Laakso to also serve as temporary Zoning Administrator at the current Zoning Administrator salary. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

Motion by Wing, Supported by Laakso to approve changing the October Board Meeting date to October 9, 2024 as the Clerk will be out of town and also to approve payment to Tracy Quayle for election coverage the week of October 13th in the amount of \$14 per hour not to exceed ten hours. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.

STREET LIGHT REQUEST

This item is tabled until an estimate of costs is received by the Supervisor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Laakso read the Treasurer's wishes regarding dust control and Hall improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Lou Ouellette inquired about the basketball courts (all completed). Clerk Wing noted the new sign for the Diorite Park and will be following up on kiln signage.

CLOSED SESSION – Not Applicable

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Harris discussed the need for an income study, soil/perk test, and hydrant replacement due to a recent accident. Supervisor Laakso to investigate how to submit a bill for costs incurred due to that accident. The Treasurer is working on getting 30% back from the solar panel.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Wing, Clerk