

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 19, 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, Ted Pepin, Lou Ouellette and Kim Wing.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to approve the agenda as is. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Supervisor Laakso noted that there were several budget adjustments.

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve the Supervisor's budget adjustments. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays-none. Motion Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No meeting due to lack of Quorum.

- a. Motion by Carr, supported by Wing to recommend Michael Anderson as new member of the Planning Commission. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to also recommend Cheryl Grove to the Planning Commission upon receipt of resignation letter from Dustin Kennedy for removal from Planning Commission. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b. Mcneely Rezoning to be held off until next meeting.

WATER SYSTEMS

Supervisor Laakso updated the Board on the following. The issue of the oil leak at the Diorite School being taken care of by EGLE.

Also, the cost of new residents to join the existing water line on County Road 496 was discussed. Galvanized Pipe would need to be removed by residents and they would have to run private line from the main.

Motion made by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing to appoint Al Harris to make proposal to move forward with green sand filter for Greenwood water system to deal with Manganese and Arsenic. Mr. Harris will also contact engineering firms for bids. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing to ask Lindberg and Sons to make proposal to complete 20% Lead Line Inspection for each system. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris, and Laakso. Carr – Refrained. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Al Harris stated that the Greenwood Water System had a plant tap sample port added coming out of the common header which will save yearly sampling and costs.

ATTORNEY BILL

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to pay the Attorney bill in the amount of \$1362.50. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

PROPANE CONTRACT (GREENWOOD WATER)

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to accept the Price Insurance Program (Option #2) from UP Propane in the amount of \$70.22.

ZBA TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing to reimburse Steve Bertucci \$300 for ZBA Training. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW ALTERNATE MEMBER RECOMMENDATION

Motion made by Wing, supported by Supervisor Laakso to recommend Shelley Paavo as a Board of Review Alternate Member. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

UPDATE ON WETESA (WHERE ARE WE?)

Supervisor Laakso updated the board on WETESA. Stating that they have insurance and Quick books in place and Allison Kennedy is working on licenses of vehicles and equipment to be under WETESA. The best location, according to CUPPAD, would be the Evergreen stretch on US41 to keep the vehicle.

MAINTENANCE WORKER UPDATE

Supervisor Laakso updated the board that an offer was made to Daniel Adkins for the Maintenance Worker position starting at \$14.50 per hour. Daniel will train with current Maintenance worker, Steve Wing. Daniel will need to complete a physical and drug screening.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Wing commented: that during the court case with Andrew Slawski, Slawski stated that he was concerned about the security at the property. Wing also stated that the Judge is going to verify Zoning Ordinances.

Supervisor Laakso stated that Ely will be paying \$300 per year to Mrs. Holmes for the use of Cardinal Street Park. Ely Township will be responsible for cutting the grass in the park.

Supervisor Laakso also stated that Governor Whitmer has asked for funds for road repair and Tony Williams from the MCRC said they will be doing some repairs to smooth the roads on County Road 496 and County Road CL while waiting for federal funds.

Supervisor Laakso also has decided not to run for reelection during the next election.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Quayle, Deputy Clerk