

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 16, 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, Steve and Erika Wing, Erin Bertucci, Ben Schimpf, Eric Schoneman and John Reck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the agenda with the addition of #17 Chip Seal. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lou Ouellette commented on the brushing of County Road CJ. Supervisor Laasko responded that this will be worked on soon.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Clerk's Report
- D. Pay Bills
- E. Assessor Report
- F. First Responders
- G. West End Townships Emergency Services Authority (WATESA)
- H. Supervisor Report

- I. Water System Operator Report
- J. 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 Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve the Supervisor's budget adjustments. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

WATER SYSTEMS ENGINEERING UPDATE (WATER OPERATOR/GEI TO UPDATE)

Kleiman will be repairing rusted caps in Greenwood and Diorite at the cost of \$3,925.00

Al Harris contacted 3 Engineering Companies for Water Systems. GEI responded immediately to start a plan and will file the ITA at no cost. Motion by Supervisor Laakso, Seconded by Taseris to go with GEI. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing, to Move ahead with the Income Study for Ely Township.

WATER SYSTEMS WELL REHABILITATION ADDITIONAL COSTS

Supervisor Laakso approved \$3,600.00 in additional costs for Water System Rehabilitation.

SOLAR PROJECT PRESENTATION

Ben Schimpf from Peninsula Solar discussed a proposal for the addition of solar panels at Ely Township Hall. The board has decided to table this until next month's meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

Aaron Carr updated the board: the PC is continuing with the Master Plan, that Mr. Michael Anderson attended his first meeting and there was some discussion on parks.

Supervisor Laakso will contact the MCRC to see who is responsible for the addition of a sign on 482 showing the beginning of Ely Township.

a) DUSTIN KENNEDY PC RESIGNATION

Motion by Wing, Supported by Supervisor Laakso to accept the resignation of Dustin Kennedy from the Planning Commission. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

b) **MCNEELY REZONE**

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, Supported by Taseris to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to rezone the McNeely property from Timber Production to Residential – 10. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ATTORNEY BILL

Motion by Taseris, Supported by Wing to pay the Attorney bill in the amount of \$1,500.00. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

METRO ACT PERMIT

Motion by Wing, Supported by Schuhknecht to extend the existing METRO Act Permit issued by Ely Township to AT&T for a term to end on December 31, 2028. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ISHPEMING LIBRARY OUTREACH

Clerk Taseris read a letter from Nicole Johnson of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library. Nicole would like to do an outreach program in Ely Township to allow people to learn more about library services. Clerk Taseris will be working with Nicole on this.

ZBA SPEICAL MEETING, SIGN AT JERZI'S

Digital sign at Jerzi's 41 was approved by the ZBA.

WETESA ARTICLES AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

Supervisor Laakso read the resolution to the Board. A Motion was made by Wing, Supported by Schuhknecht to adopt the Resolution. Roll Call Vote - Ayes - Carr, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris, and Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

DEXTER MINE KILN SIGNS ON COUNTY ROAD 496

Motion by Schuhknecht, Supported by Wing to place a sign on County Road 496 at the Dexter Mine Kiln with a cost limit of \$250. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CHIP SEAL

MCRC requested an estimate of how many miles will need chip seal in Ely Township. Motion was made by Supervisor Laakso, Supported by Schuhknecht to approve 2 miles of chip seal, at \$18,000 per mile, for Ely Township. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

Not Needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Laakso has applied for a Risk Reduction Grant for cameras for Ely Township Hall.

Motion was made by Wing, Supported by Schuhknecht to have Lingberg's repair the dry hydrant located in Diorite. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Laakso, Supported by Taseris to pay Steve Wing his end of month bonus for August. Ayes – Carr, Schuhknecht, Taseris, and Laakso. Abstained – Wing. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Wing, Supported by Schuhknecht to buy Kindle Fire HD10 with cases for any board member that needs them for electronic communications and board packets. The cost will be \$135 for each tablet and \$40 for each case. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Steve Wings final day will be on August 24th. The Board would like to thank Steve for all the hard work he has done for Ely Township.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Quayle, Deputy Clerk