

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2022 – 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

Ted Pepin, Erin Bertucci and Lou Ouellette

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Laakso recommended that the Board approve the agenda with the following changes: Strike #5, Supervisor Authorization dollar amount.

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the agenda with the above mentioned change. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin stated: He would like to see the current Ely Township stove be donated to the American Legion. He also noted that he recommends the Board purchase a stainless steel stove to replace the old one.

Lou Ouellette asked what happened to the road repairs that were supposed to happen on Monday on County Road CL? Supervisor Laakso to call the County and ask.

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

BUDGET REVIEW

Supervisor Laakso noted there were no Budget Adjustments this month.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Carr was not able to attend the last meeting.

Erin Bertucci updated the Board: There was discussion on 2 re-zoning parcels on County Road CH. She stated that there was discussion on the Quinell property on County Road CH.

ELECTION WORKER APRON DONATION

Clerk Taseris asked the Board if she could donate the Election Worker aprons, that she no longer uses, to the American Legion.

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Laakso to donate the Election Worker aprons to the American Legion. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

TOWNSHIP HALL STOVE DISCUSSION/DECISION

Supervisor Laakso stated that the American Legion does not want the stove. He is going to call around and see if the stove can be donated to a non-profit organization.

REVENUE SHARING REDUCED BY 4.9%

Supervisor Laakso stated: For informational purposes, that Ely Township's Revenue Sharing has been reduced by 4.9%, due to the Census.

GREENWOOD FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT COST ESTIMATE

Supervisor Laakso presented the Board with the estimate to replace the 6 Fire Hydrants. The cost per hydrant is \$1,854.00.

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to accept the bid from A. Lindberg & Sons to have the Hydrants installed. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays: none Motion Carried.

Aaron Carr refrained from discussion and voting on this as he is an employee of A. Lindberg & Sons.

HIGH MANGANESE/HIGH ARSENIC GREENWOOD WATER DISCUSSION

Supervisor Laakso stated that he has contacted Kevin Nancarrow and Matt Treado from UPEA asking for updates for improving our Greenwood Water System. He heard back from Kevin stating that he would send updated cost opinions tomorrow (August 18, 2022).

Laakso also stated that we are not currently using the well with the high Arsenic in Greenwood.

SESSUICENTENNIAL PLUS 1 DONATION

Erin Bertucci updated that Board on the Sesquicentennial. She explained the list of events for the upcoming weekend, August 26th and 27th. She asked if the Board would make a donation to the Sesquicentennial.

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to donate \$1000.00 to the Sesquicentennial in memory of Rosemary Junak. Ayes-4, Nays-1. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin stated that there is a Line Item in the Budget for donations.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Treasurer Schuhknecht mentioned to the Board that she will be setting up Auto Pay for the utilities for the office.

Clerk Taseris stated that the August 2,2022 election went well. The 2 millages passed.

Trustee Wing asked if the Heritage Trail was being looked at again. Supervisor Laakso stated that the Planning Commission is looking into that and will update the Board.

Supervisor Laakso stated:

There is a meeting at the Marquette Township Fire Department at @ 2:00 p.m on Thursday August 18, 2022 for the Emergency Management Act if anyone would like to attend.

We are still waiting on a response from the State as to the status of the West End First Responders. He will contact the attorney who is helping with this.

He has made a few trips to the West End Transfer Station to check on how things are going there. He is the Chairperson for the Transfer Station.

He asked each Board Member to ride by the Diorite School. He has asked Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator to send a letter to Andrew Slawski, owner of the school, on the Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance. Laakso also sent an email to Bertucci and attorney Zappa asking how to move on the Dangerous Building Ordinance.

Carello property: Nothing has been done to clean up the property. Zoning Administrator Bertucci is not acting on this, as she is a neighbor to Carello. Supervisor Laakso is going to write a \$500.00 Citation this month, and a \$500.00 citation every other week for the next month, and weekly for the following month, if no clean-up is done on the property. If the property is still not cleaned up, Ely Township will have it cleaned up and put a lein on the property to collect the fees for the clean-up. Laakso stated for safety reasons, he will have the police deliver the citations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk