

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 20, 2025 – 6:00pm
MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Laakso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Glenn Wing, Clerk, Trustee Andy Andrews, Julie Hosang Trustee, Treasurer Dawn Schuhknecht, Supervisor Jeremy Laakso -present Absent- None

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Patrick Scanlon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Hosang to approve the amended agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Pat Scanlon voiced interest and concerns about the short-term rental ordinance

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 (Removed from Consent agenda)
- H. Water System Operator Report
- I. Planning Commission Minutes

Motion by Wing, supported by Hosang to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

No adjustments needed.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

NMU asked if they could do a fund raising study on the 40 acre parcel as part of a class assignment and discussion. Permission was granted.

Iron Ore Heritage Trail hoping to put down aggregate on the Ely part of the trail this year.

Short-term rental, Fence and Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinances discussed and sent back to the Planning Commission for public hearings at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Greenwood Water System

1. Grant finalization nearly done.
2. GEI study on existing building is proceeding.
3. Utility Plus was awarded the contract to replace water line and curb stop to WR building (Old Mullin's gas station) for \$24560 Motion: Laakso Support Andrews Ayes 5 Nays 0
4. Approved Carey invoice for emergency leak shut off (\$6000) Motion: Wing Support: Andrews Ayes 5 Nays 0

Barnes Hecker Land Purchase Discussion

Discussed and approved purchasing the Barnes Hecker site for \$6000 for the creation of a memorial park Motion: Laakso Support Wing Roll Call Vote Andrews: aye Hosang: aye Schuhknecht: Aye Wing: Aye Laakso: aye Motion carried

Pole Building Addition Drawing Discussion

Discussed and approved the addition drawings for future use.
Motion: Laakso Support: Andrews Ayes 5 Nays 0

Office Copier Replacement

Discussed copier choices and decided on the Canon Image runner DX4920I at a cost of \$6488
Motion: Laakso Support: Hosang Ayes 5 Nays 0

Clerk Printer Salvage

Approved giving the old printer to whoever wanted it.
Motion: Schuhknecht Support: Wing Ayes 5 Nays 0

Supervisor's Report

Discussed ongoing issues of personal concern to the supervisor
Approved Report Motion: Wing Support: Hosang Ayes 5 Nays 0

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Andrews:

None

Hosang:

Julie asked about the state of the planning commission as it is down to 3 members.

Schuhknecht:

Asked the board to approve investing fund balances with Michigan CLASS

Motion: Laakso to approve Support: Andrews Ayes 5 Nays 0

Wing:

None

Laakso:

1. Jerzi's taking care missing fencing and curbing required by the conditional use permit.
2. Informed Board the County Road Commission is totally responsible for repairs to County Road CL per a 1986 agreement with Ely Township
3. Presented Board with an updated road report on needed road repairs in the Township. Total cost of repairs was estimated at \$7.2 million.
4. Informed the Board that Andrew Slawski (Diorite School Owner) approached the Marquette County Land Bank inquiring about planning and funding help to upgrade or replace school building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Wing, Clerk