

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 21, 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; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; Al Harris, Trustee; Lance Miller, Trustee - Present

PUBLIC PRESENT

Eric Carlson, Carl Hosang, Julie Hosang, Lou Ouellette

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Harris to approve the Agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0.
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

None.

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

BUDGET REVIEW

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

Trustee Harris updated the Board on recent Planning Commission activities including Master Plan work and land use recommendations on Township land by the American Legion.

RALLY RACE ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

Motion to approve temporary closure of 3.4 miles on Flat Rock Road into County Road CAA (3.1 miles) for the 2024 Lake Superior Performance Rally Event October 11-12, 2024 by Schuhknecht and supported by Wing. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried. LSPR to provide proof of liability insurance and repair any road damage due to the Race.

GREENWOOD WATER

- A. Backwash Pond: Motion to approve contracting with GEI and Utility Plus for engineering work and excavation for a test pit in the amount of \$3500 total. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- B. Propane Price Control Contract: Motion by Laakso, supported by Miller to approve Option 1 Pre-Buy Program of \$1263.26 by Laakso, supported by Miller. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- C. Income Study: Motion by Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht to approve moving forward with GLCAP for an income study. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ITFD NEIGHBOR NIGHT OUT DONATION REQUEST

Tabled until next year. Supervisor will contact Ishpeming Township requesting they submit a donation request a month prior to the event.

STREET LIGHT REQUEST 482/CM

Motion was made by Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht to approve adding a street light to the intersection of 482 and County Road CM at a cost of \$8 per month with no installation charge. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER POSITION ATTORNEY ADVISE

No action taken. Will revisit this issue when the current Treasurer has a move out date.

DUST CONTROL BILL

Motion made by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the MCRC dust control bill in the amount of \$3424.78. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

WATER ALARM CLOUD SERVICE

Motion was made by Schuhknecht, supported by Laakso to contracting with Wolverine Water Works for a two year alarm service in the amount of \$825 for each water system. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY BILL

Motion made by Schuhknecht, supported by Harris to approve payment of the Township Attorney invoice in the amount of \$1162.50. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

HALL RENTAL REQUEST

Motion by Wing, Supported by Harris to approve Allison Kennedy's request for Hall use for an adult dance/exercise class one to two nights per week at no charge. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried. Any money collected by participants will be donated to WETESA.

HYDRANT REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL GREENWOOD WATER

Motion by Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht to replace a hydrant that was recently damaged by a car accident at a cost of \$15,250. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried. Cost of replacement is covered by the Township insurance policy less \$1000 deductible. The Township will attempt to recover any costs through the involved drivers insurance.

PORTABLE GENERATOR REPLACEMENT

Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to approve purchase a 2000 watt generator from Harbor Freight at a cost of \$650 and declare the old generator as salvage. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Laakso to contact the Westwood Small Engine Class teacher if they would like it or if not to sell it. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PAR PLAN GRANT RESOLUTION

Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to approve the presented Par Plan Grant Resolution requesting a \$4000 grant for the Township Fall Safe Program. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Laakso, Harris, Schuhknecht, Wing, Miller

Nays: None

Motion carried.

WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Miller to approve contracting with JL Builders LLC in the amount of \$6150 for replacement of seven windows in the Township Hall. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Laakso). Motion carried.

DIORITE PUMPHOUSE GENERATOR

Motion by Harris, supported by Schuhknecht to approve contracting with Frailing Electric for a backup generator for the Diorite Water System pumphouse at a cost of \$10774.00. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried. This project funded using ARAPA funds as well as \$2000 from the Diorite Water Fund.

LOWMOOR LAKE DUST SUPPRESSION

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve allowing residents to add private roads to the Township Dust Control Contract with the resident paying the actual cost plus a \$10 administration fee. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

None.

CLOSED SESSION – Not Applicable

BOARD COMMENTS

Treasurer Schuhknecht will be changing her Deputy from Leah Dompierre to Allison Kennedy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Wing, Clerk