

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 17, 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 present, Treasurer Dawn Schuhknecht absent, Supervisor Laakso present Trustee Andrews present, Trustee Hosang absent

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Al Harris, John Reck, Don Larson, Tegan Breen, Ken Junak, Shannon Junak, Randy Ruppel, Ted Pepin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Andrews to approve the agenda. Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report (remove from consent agenda)
- 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 Laakso, supported by Wing to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

There were some adjustments, and they are listed in the supervisor's report. Motion by Wing, supported by Andrews to approve the discussed budget adjustments. Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

The Planning Commission is down to 2 members and they are unable to meet. Supervisor Laakso has been advertising for members with no success and is waiting to hear back from the attorney on legal options for the Township to seat a board.

Tabled Iron Ore Heritage trail representative appointment.

Michael Anderson tendered a letter of resignation, and a motion was made by Wing with support by Laakso to accept the resignation. Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion Carried.

Greenwood Water System

John Reck, from GEI, presented a preliminary study on re-use of the Mullin's building for the water system enhancement and reported it was quickly apparent that the re-use was not feasible and recommended not finishing the study. A motion was made by Laakso and supported by Andrews to suspend the study and pay the preliminary study cost of \$2277. Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Supervisor Laakso informed the Board that Utility Plus had repaired and replaced the broken water line that ran under County Road 496 and the pavement will be repaired this week.

ATTORNEY BILL \$1862.50

Bill payment approved on a motion by Wing with support by Laakso Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion Carried

JASPER STREET ZONING ISSUE DISCUSSION

A discussion was held with the landowners involved in the building of a garage on the land platted as Jasper Street. Options were discussed on gaining access to the lots owned by Don Larson. The violation was caused by Township error and the Township and Larson are attempting to find an acceptable solution. Mr. Larson and Attorney Breen will inform the Board before the next meeting which proposed solution they would like to pursue.

DISCUSSION ON WAYS TO EXTEND NON PRIMARY ROADS

A discussion was held on placing load restrictions on non-primary roads was held. It was decided that further study was needed before making a decision.

REPLACING TIRES ON THE TOWNSHIP TRUCK

Discussion was held on having Mullin's replace the tires at a cost of \$1188. A motion was made by Laakso and supported by Wing to replace the tires as quoted as long as they were American made. (they were) Ayes 3 Nays 0

SNOWBLOWER PURCHASE.

A discussion was held on purchasing a snowblower from OK Rental for \$1449

A motion was made by Anderson and supported by Wing to approve the purchase. Ayes 3 Nays 0

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Clerk Wing updated the board on the Barnes Hecker Land Purchase and informed the Board that donated funds to purchase the land were in the Township account and a survey and land description were to be done this week and then the sale can be finalized.

Trustee Andrews asked Supervisor Laakso to show him on a map which non primary roads would be affected by the load restriction proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Wing, Clerk