

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 18, 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

Julie Hosang, Lou Ouellette

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Ms. Hosang noted there has been a lot of use on the Heritage Trail.

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 contacting NMU regarding trail or disk golf use on Township property by the American Legion.

GREENWOOD WATER

- A. Leak at 496/CKM: Motion by Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht to approve payment of repair work by Utility Plus Excavating at a cost of \$1160. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- B. Water Main Repair 496/492 (Gravedoni): Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve proceeding with repair at an estimate of \$1700. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- C. Diorite Valve Repair (\$12,140): Tabled

PERCH LAKE ROAD LINE MARKING

Tabled

WINDOW INVOICE \$6150

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve payment of \$6150 to JL Builders for window replacement in the Township Hall. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Laakso). Motion carried.

ATTORNEY BILL

Motion made by Laakso, supported by Wing to approve payment of the Township Attorney invoice in the amount of \$975.00. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION (MDOT)

Motion by Laakso, supported by Harris to approve the presented Performance Resolution For Municipalities. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Laakso, Wing, Schuhknecht, Harris, Miller

Nays: None

Motion carried.

POLICIES TO ADD TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to add the presented Concealed Carry Policy and Application Agreement to the Township Personnel Policies & Procedures. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

LIGHTING QUOTE FRAILING IN STORAGE AREAS

Tabled

RURAL AND NON-METRO ELECTION GRANT

Motion by Wing, supported by Laakso to approve the Rural and Non-Metro Grant for \$5000 to improve storage and security of voting equipment and files. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve appointing Ken Hill to the Planning Commission. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Ms. Ouellette asked if the Township pays a retainer to the Township Attorney (no).

CLOSED SESSION – Not Applicable

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Harris noted the permit EGLE required for the Diorite generator has been submitted. Treasurer Schuhknecht noted she would be training the new office manager and requested a pay

rate of \$20.25 per hour. Motion by Laakso, supported by Harris to approve the pay rate. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Laakso noted he had met with a Twin Pines resident who had received complaints regarding the upkeep of his property and said a violation letter would be forth coming. It was not well received. Mr. Laakso noted there is a hearing on January 25, 2025 regarding non payment of taxes on the Diorite School property. The property owner is still in violation of the court order regarding the fence. Regarding the hydrant repair from the accident on US41, the Township insurance company will pay a maximum of \$3500 and they will pursue the remainder from the insurance of those at fault in the accident. Mr. Laakso also met with Rep. Jenn Hill regarding upgrade and equipment needs of the WETSA program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Wing, Clerk