

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2023 – 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; Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor- present.

Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer and Molly Taseris, Clerk were not present for the meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Tracy Quayle, Al Harris, Ted Pepin, Lou Ouellette, Shannon Junak, Erin Bertucci, Nels Lindquist, Eric Schoneman and John Reck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to approve the agenda. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lou Ouellette commented on ideas of how to keep Jeremy Laakso from leaving his position as Supervisor next year as there is no interest from other parties for the position at the present time.

Ted Pepin questioned the maintenance and monthly cost of the solar panels. Mr. Pepin also asked about the cleaning and if the solar provides backup during a power outage.

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

BUDGET REVIEW

Supervisor Laakso noted that there were several budget adjustments.

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to approve the Supervisor's budget adjustments. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

SOLAR PROJECT PRESENTATION

The board approved the proposal from Peninsula Solar of \$42,396.80 to install solar panels at Ely Township Hall with contingent conditional use. Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to accept proposal from Peninsula Solar. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Wing, Carr, Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

GEI PROPOSAL

John Reck from GEI Consultants presented proposal for Preliminary Engineering Services for Ely Township Drinking Water Sate Revolving Fund (SRF) Project Plan Submission. Proposal fees are not to exceed \$18,500, to be taken from the American Rescue Grant fund. Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Carr to accept proposal from GEI Consultants. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Wing, Carr, Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

Erin Bertucci updated the board:

a) GRAHAM REZONE

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, Supported by Wing, to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to rezone the Graham property. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

b) ELY COUNTY ROAD 496 PROPERTY – DRIVEWAY/PARKING AREA

Motion by Wing, supported by Supervisor Laakso, to rezone Ely County Road 496 property to public land and do request for bids on installing Driveway/Parking area. All – Ayes. Motion Carried.

c) **PC REQUESTING MORE LARGE ZONING MAPS**

Motion by Wing, supported by Supervisor Laakso, to purchase more Large Zoning Maps for Ely Township Hall. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

STATE DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESOLUTION

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing to approve State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution for road and culvert damage due to the rapid snowmelt and flooding. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Wing, Carr, Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

ZBA ONLINE CERTIFICATE COURSE

The Board has decided to table this until next month's meeting.

ATTORNEY BILL

- a) Motion by Supervisor Laakso, Supported by Wing to pay the Attorney bill in the amount of \$1,150.00. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- b) Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing to move forward with the Dangerous Building Ordinance for the old Diorite School property with Attorney Zappa. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING LOCATION

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr, to approve the Resolution Establishing Early Voting Location to determine Tilden Township Hall as the location for Ely Townships 9-day early voting for upcoming elections. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Wing, Carr, Laakso. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

TWO FIRST RESPONDERS OUTSIDE COVERAGE AREA

Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to approve two new First Responders, from Republic, to join Ely Township First Responders. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

Not Needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Carr brought up the need for possible Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings to be held at the Ely Township Hall. Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Wing to allow use of Ely Township Hall for NA and AA meetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Laakso will follow up on brushing needed on County Road CJ.

Supervisor Laakso advised the Board that a sign will go up by the Steel Bridge Road warning people if their trash is not in a closed container, they will need to bring it to the Ely Township dumpster.

Supervisor Laakso is looking into getting a total of six Ely Township signs from the Marquette County Road Commission.

Supervisor Laakso was in contact with Mary Ann St. Antoinette regarding the fuel oil spill at the former school and she has not been able to contact the property owner.

Supervisor Laakso lastly informed the Board that the Carello property will going up because of nonpayment of taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Quayle, Deputy Clerk