

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 9, 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

Carl & Julie Hosang, Kim Wing – Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Ms. Hosang thanked the Board for the street light addition by her property.

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 Harris to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

There were some adjustments due to election expenses, park wages and supplies as well as repairs that are to be covered through ARMA funds. Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the discussed budget adjustments. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

Trustee Harris noted that the Planning Commission wouldn't be meeting until next week.

GREENWOOD WATER

- A. OPEN MARKET FUNDING PAPERWORK: Supervisor Laakso noted he had been approached about the possibility of purchasing a Bond for repairs. He noted the expense to the residents would be \$72.50 per month on top of their normal water payment making this option too costly.
- B. Supervisor Laakso noted he had contacted our State Representative and a few others about why all the recent grant money is going to Kalamazoo.

DIORITE WATER

- A. WATER SHUTOFF LOCATING & REPAIR 25725 CR 496: Supervisor Laakso noted Lindberg had repaired this at no cost to the Township.

RURAL AND NON-METRO ELECTION GRANT MONEY DEPOSITED

Motion by Laakso, supported by Harris to approve acceptance of the \$5,000 grant for election storage in the Township Hall. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

Motion made by Wing, supported by Miller to approve the appointment of John Jessen to the Planning Commission. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried. Supervisor Laakso will verify if Mr. Jessen can remain on the Zoning Board of Appeals at the same time.

DIORITE FLOOD PREVENTION – REPAIR TRENCHING

Motion by Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht to approve contracting with Utility Plus Excavating for no more than five hours of work on a ditch near 1885 County Road CKK in Diorite. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE DRIVING POLICY

Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to add the presented addition of the Employee Driving Policy to the Employee Policy & Procedure Manual. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

GRAVEDONI WATER LINE

Motion by Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht to approve payment of \$1700 to Utilities Plus Excavating for curb stop blockage at the Gravedoni property. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK REQUEST

Motion by Laakso, supported by Harris to approve a donation to the Ishpeming Township Fire Department for supplies handed out to Aspen Ridge students during Fire Prevention Week. The amount will match last years donation. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BUSINESS CARD AD IN PLAT BOOK

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Laakso to deny purchase of a business ad in the County Plat Book. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

GREENWOOD INVESTMENTS WATER BILL DISCUSSION

It was the Board consensus that the Treasurer add the overdue water bill to the property owners' taxes as is the normal procedure and there will not be a waiver of late fees allowed.

ORDINANCE 1-1982 AMBULANCE SERVICES

Discussion was had on charging non-residents on ambulance/fire calls and noted the Township Ordinance is no longer enforceable. Supervisor Laakso will contact MTA regarding the proper procedure for rescinding Ordinances.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

None.

CLOSED SESSION – Not Applicable**BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Harris noted there may be interest from NMU in the Township 40 acres by the American Legion.

Treasurer Schuhknecht noted the Office Manager is working out well.

Supervisor Laakso noted he had to suspend a responder for thirty days for reckless driving.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Wing, Clerk