

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 15, 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 present, Supervisor Laakso present Trustee Andrews present, Trustee Hosang present

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Don Larson, Ted Pepin, Carl Hosang, Lou Ouellette

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Andrews, support by Wing to approve the agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Opened: 6:01 Closed 6:06

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

BUDGET REVIEW

There were some adjustments, and they are listed in the supervisor's report. Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Andrews to approve the discussed budget adjustments. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

- A. 3 Applications for the Planning Commission

Motion by Wing with support by Schuhknecht to appoint Tom Tembreull, Lance Miller, and Kenn Junak to the Planning Commission Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

B. Application for the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Representative

Motion by Laakso supported by Schuhknecht to appoint Carl Hosang to be the IOHT representative Ayes 5 Nays 0, Motion Carried

Jasper Street Diorite Discussion

A. Don Larson Price Proposal to Sell 7 Lots to Ely Township for \$4,000 a lot

Motion to purchase by Laakso with Support by Wing

Roll Call Vote: Andrew no, Hosang No, Schuhknecht no, Wing yes, Laakso Yes Motion not carried

Motion by Hosang support by Andrews to offer \$3000 a lot

Roll Call Vote: Andrews yes, Hosang yes, Schuhknecht no, Wing yes, Laakso yes

Motion Carried.

Larson refused offer.

Motion by Andrews supported by Wing to approve the original \$4000.

Roll Call Vote: Andrews yes, Hosang yes, Schuhknecht no, Wing yes , Laakso yes Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ON WAYS TO EXTEND NON PRIMARY ROADS

A. A discussion was held on placing load restrictions on non-primary roads was held. No decisions made

B. A motion was made by Hosang with Support by Laakso to approve the Marquette County Road Commission request for Ely Township to share cost on Ely Township portion of Road CCO At a cost of \$25,200 Ayes 5 Nays 0

Elected Officials Non-Statutory Duties Pay Agreement

Motion by Wing with support by Laakso to set the pay rate for non-statutory duties at the pay rate the current employee receives for that job Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Wing, Laakso and Schuhknecht signed the agreement.

Old Office Printer Salvage

A motion was made by Schuhknecht with support by Hosang to Have supervisor Laakso remove the machine for his use instead of paying the salvage fee to have it disposed of.

Ayes 4 nays 0 abstain Laakso Motion Carried

Discussion on 1 Acre of Land Ely Township Owns on US41 by the Old Evergreen Drive-in

A motion was made by Wing with support by Laakso to lease the land to WETESA for 100 years at a cost of \$1 with the stipulation if the lease is abandoned or not renewed the property and buildings on the property would revert back to Ely Township. Roll Call Vote: Andrews yes, Hosang yes, Schuhknecht yes, Wing yes, Laakso yes. Motion carried

Office Computer Replacement to Handle QuickBooks Upgrade

A motion was made by Laakso with support by Wing to replace the 2 office computers that use QuickBooks at a cost of \$3174 from Integris. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Discussion on Amending the Policy to Accept Payments by Financial Transaction Device

A motion was made by Laakso with Support by Wing to Amend the policy as requested. Ayes 5
Nays 0 Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Opened 7:02

New owner (Jeremy Laakso) of the burned out Bunker House in Diorite requested an extension of the remediation deadlines on the property as he is just now in the process of closing the purchase of the property.

Motion by Wing with Support by Schuknecht to move the deadlines to June 1, 2026

Ayes 4 Nays 0, Abstain Laakso Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS

Andrews:

Hosang:

Schuknecht: Expressed concern with how the Barnes-Hecker donations were to be handled pertaining to the partnership with the Marquette County Regional History Center enabling us to use their Non-profit Status for fund raising.

Wing: Discussed the concerns and made a motion that the agreement would be brought to the Board for approval. Support by Schuknecht. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Laakso: Asked the board to wave the Hall fee for the CPR class being held in the hall October 24
Motion by Wing with Support by Hosang to waive the fee. Aye 4 Nays 0, Laakso Abstained

Supervisor Laakso discussed putting up a glass partition wall in the office to separate the lobby from the office space for safety and security. He will look into design and cost estimates

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Wing, Clerk