

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 18, 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; Molly Taseris, Clerk; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor-present.

Glen Wing, Trustee – absent/excused.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Tracy Quayle, Lou Ouellette, Erin Bertucci, Robert LaMora, Leah Dompierre.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

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

BUDGET REVIEW

Supervisor Laakso noted that there were several budget adjustments.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

Aaron Carr updated the board on Master Plan – chapters, notes, and maps. Planning Commission approved the Conditional Use Permit for WR Construction. Mr. Carr commented on joining the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. A letter from the Board requesting to join would be required, along with one member from the Board acting as a representative. The cost to join would be .197 mils, with the board looking to add to the ballot in 2024.

- a) Public hearing was not posted correctly for Old Legion Property from RP to R-2.

ZBA ONLINE CERTIFICATE COURSE

Motion was made by Supervisor Laakso, supported by, Taseris, to approve the payment of \$50 per hour, with each course being 6 hours, for required courses taken by Glen Wing and Mike Nardi.

WELCOME TO ELY TOWNSHIP SIGNS – 6 SIGNS AT \$75 EACH – INCLUDES INSTALLATION OF \$450

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Carr to approve purchase of Ely Township signs. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

ASSESSOR RESIGNATION LETTER

Motion by Supervisor Laakso, supported by Carr to accept the resignation letter of Erin Bertucci, Township Assessor. Mrs. Bertucci will resign in 30 days but will continue as the Zoning Administrator for the Township. The position will be posted and if no interest is shown the Board will contact the County for rates.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lou Ouelette inquired about the bridge on County Road CL. Supervisor Laakso informed her that we are waiting to hear about funding from Governor Whitmer.

CLOSED SESSION

Not Needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Treasurer Schuhknecht updated the Board about the BSA meeting and the possibility of switching to I-Cloud in the future. The cost of switching would be \$8,000 for the first year and \$3,000 for additional years.

Clerk Taseris informed the board that she will be absent from the November 15, 2023 meeting. Clerk Taseris updated the board about the developments being made for the 9-day early voting for elections starting in 2024. The board will be receiving packets and updates from Clerk Taseris as they become available.

Clerk Taseris also reminded the board that the Ishpeming Public Library will be holding an event at Ely Township Hall on Monday, October 23 from 12-2. At the event you will be able to check out books, get your library card, and learn about the programs that the library offers.

Supervisor Laakso updated the board on:

- The Intent to Imply has been sent for Greenwood.
- No news on the oil leak at the Diorite School.
- Nothing has been received about the court hearing for the Diorite School.
- Dry hydrant by Boston Lake will be taken care of during the beginning of November.
- Daniel Adkins, the Ely Township Maintenance person has been terminated as of October 13, 2023. Al Morris will be taking over the position with training by Steve Wing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Quayle, Deputy Clerk