

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 10, 2021 – 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

Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; Glenn Wing, Trustee; Art Gischia, Trustee; Molly Taseris, Clerk present

PUBLIC PRESENT

Susan Bovan, Al Harris, Ted Pepin, Randy Ruppel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Gischia to approve the Agenda. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ted Pepin commented:

1. CNA street sign is missing
2. He would like an update on the Westend First Responders
3. Asked if someone had talked with Mr. Anderson. Supervisor Laakso stated that he has called and Office Manager Schuhknecht has called and have not gotten ahold of him. He has not returned any phone calls.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Previous Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Clerk's Report
- D. Pay Bills
- E. Assessor Report
- F. First Responders

- G. Supervisor Report
- H. Water System Operator Report
- I. Planning Commission Minutes

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

BUDGET REVIEW

Supervisor Laakso stated that he made a few internal adjustments. He explained that there has been lots of adjustments to make because of the Direct Hauler Tipping Fees. He explained how the Direct Hauler Permits work. Residents come into the office and get a Direct Hauler Permit. They take their load to the Landfill. Waste Management will send Ely Township the bill. Ely Township in turn sends the bill to the Resident. Supervisor Laakso is going to look into what the benefits of this is to the township.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Gischia updated the Board on the Planning Commission Meeting, November 8, 2021.

Some of the things discussed were the Ely Ball Field, Disc Golf Course, Gold Mine Lake Beach, Zoning maps being modified, and Dotty from CUPPAD to put together a proposal for the Rec Plan and Master Plan.

WATER SYSTEMS

A. Greenwood Corrpro service

Al Harris stated that we should wait for a new estimate that is coming, that will include Repairing and Remounting the Electrode in the tank and testing the system after the repair is complete.

B. Diorite Tank Repair bids

Motion by Gischia, supported by Schuhknecht to accept the bid from St. Germain Sandblasting to do the Tank Repairs for \$24,250.00 Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gischia, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Nays: None, Motion carried

BOARD OF REVIEW PAY SCHEDULE

Motion by Wing, supported Schuhknecht to change the Board of Review Pay Schedule from 1 time per year, to 3 times per year. The pay will be divided as follows: March \$300.00, July \$25.00, and December \$25.00, to be payable at the Ely Township Board Meeting following the BOR meetings. Ayes-5, Nays-0 Motion carried

SOLAR ORDINANCE

Motion by Gischia, supported by Wing to approve an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance dealing with Solar Power. Ayes-5, Nays-0 Motion carried

ELY TOWNSHIP HALL RESTROOM UPDATE

Gischia stated that the restrooms are complete. The final payment is to be sent to A & F Construction.

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Motion by Gischia, supported by Schuhknecht to send a \$50.00 donation to the Ishpeming Township Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week. Ayes-5, Nays-0 Motion carried

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Laakso is making an appointment to the Planning Commission. He is appointing Steve Bertucci Jr.

Motion by Wing, supported by Gischia to accept the appointment made by Laakso. Ayes-5, Nays-0 Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING RFP

Schuhknecht is going to change the dates to January on the RFP, to give the Board members more time to review and look at it again at the December meeting.

JEREMY LAAKSO RENTAL PROPERTY: LINE MAINTENANCE FEE

Laakso removed himself from this discussion.

Board members discussed this, and decided that we need to see what we have in writing about Line Maintenance Fees, pertaining to Duplexes.

WEST END RESPONDERS BOARD DISCUSSION/Q&A

Supervisor Laakso presented an Overview and Recommendations letter from Steven L. Koski, Municipal Attorney on the West End Responders. This letter went over the Benefits, the Legal Options, Organizational Decisions, Financing Options, Cost Allocation Options, Joint Board Property, Personnel and Administration, and some Miscellaneous recommendations.

SWICK 5-YEAR PM CONTRACT

Motion by Wing, supported by Gischia to accept the agreement from Swick. Ayes-5, Nays-0
Motion carried

1995 RESOLUTION

The board decided to not take action on this at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ted Pepin stated that the Direct Haulers Permits are a benefit to Residents. It is cheaper for them. He also stated that if the resident doesn't pay the bill, it can be added to their taxes.

Mr. Pepin also stated that in the past Ely Township has always donated \$100-\$200 to the Ishpeming Township Fire Department for Fire Prevention week.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Gischia stated that he would like someone to go out and talk with Mr. Anderson about plowing out the hydrant. Laakso said that he would.

Schuhknecht stated that she received a call from Jim Nankervis, asking if anyone would be interested in serving on the Marq. Tran Board.

Laakso asked if the Board had any reservations about him purchasing a lock box for the hall. It would hold a key to the Office.

Laakso also stated that FEMA sent a letter informing us of the meeting for the new flood maps. The meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. He will send the invitation to the Zoom meeting to all Board members and PC members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm by Supervisor Laakso.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly A. Taseris
Clerk