

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2020 – 6pm

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Jeremy Laakso called the meeting to order at 6pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor; Kim Wing, Clerk; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; Carl Hosang, Trustee; Art Gischia, Trustee – Present.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Ted Pepin, Molly Taseris, Kevin Nancarrow, Al Harris, Glenn Wing, Tom Flaminio, Matthew Treado

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Laakso recommended the Board approve the presented Agenda with the following additions: 8.5. UPEA, 15. Assessor Overlay Update, 16. Miscellaneous Debris Update. Motion by Gischia, supported by Hosang to approve the Agenda with the above-mentioned changes. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve the items listed in the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Supervisor Laakso noted there was one internal budget adjustment required this month. Trustee Gischia asked that the Board be provided with a listing of all internal adjustments.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Gischia updated the Board on various activities which the Planning Commission has been dealing with including the Fowl Ordinance (tabled), SAIL project finishing up, Corridor Meetings (wrapping up construction projects), and noted the Zoning Administrator is continuing to research solar panels.

UPEA

Matt Treado of UPEA updated the Board on a series of nine grants that will be upcoming. The first in the series is the only one that he had information on and includes Planning reimbursement (Drinking Water Asset Management Grant (DWAM)). There is a webinar on this grant on November 18, 2020 that UPEA is registered for. A number of the upcoming grants won't be applicable for Ely Township, but Tom Flaminio of EGLE stated his opinion that Ely Township has a good shot here for grant money. Motion by Wing, supported by Hosang to approve UPEA applying for the DWAM Grant with UPEA updating the Board at its December Meeting before final submittal. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wing, Hosang, Schuhknecht, Gischia, Laakso

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: GREENWOOD BUSINESS AND TRAILER PARK WATER RATES

Supervisor Laakso presented the Board with various options on a rate increase for the Greenwood Water System businesses and trailer parks. Motion by Laakso, supported by Hosang to establish the business water rate at \$64 per month; Greenwood Investment (Moore) Trailer Park at \$50 per trailer, home and one unit of the motel (currently not occupied), and MIIS Sunnyside Trailer Park at \$50 per trailer effective January 1, 2021. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wing, Gischia, Schuhknecht, Laakso Hosang

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Treasurer Schuhknecht recommended the Board adjust the Lundin rental home to a \$20 line maintenance fee as there is no one living there and won't be until they sell the property. Motion by Laakso, supported by Hosang to set the Lundin rental property water rate at \$20 per month. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

WATER RATE RESOLUTION AND REPEAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Supervisor Laakso noted the previous amendment to the Water Rate Ordinance that was approved by the Board in September needed to be repealed and replaced with the presented Resolution to Amend Water Rates and Charges per the Township Attorney. Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Gischia to approve repealing of the amendment to the Water Rate Ordinance as well as approving the presented Resolution to Amend Water Rates and Charges. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hosang, Gischia, Schuhknecht, Wing, Laakso

Nays: None

Motion carried.

CORRPRO MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Supervisor Laakso recommended the Board approve contracting with Corrpro for cathodic protection services in the amount of \$665 (Plan C). Mr. Harris indicated the 15 point tank review was not needed at this time. Motion by Gischia, supported by Wing to contract with Corrpro in the amount of \$665. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

A. CORRPRO REPAIRS

Supervisor Laakso presented the Board with the recent repair report from Corrpro. Mr. Harris indicated we can live with the needed tank repairs until we get an estimate and plan in place.

UPSET AGREEMENT

UPSET has approached the Township with a request for funding. Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Gischia to approve a contribution of \$100 for UPSET. Ayes – 5, Nays – 1 (Hosang). Motion carried.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Supervisor Laakso updated the Board on upcoming requirements by the State regarding a rig. Various options were discussed including an EMT millage.

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve removal of Dave Barry from the First Responder Team. It was noted he had not performed any runs or participated in any way and has returned his equipment. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schuhknecht, Wing, Gischia, Hosang, Laakso

Nays: None

Motion carried.

RECYCLE CART UPDATE

Clerk Wing updated the Board on research into two potential recycling cart grants. EGLE has indicated they will be opening up grant funding in the new year.

PHILIP KOSKI FIRE SERVICE CLAIM

Motion by Hosang, supported by Wing to approve dropping the Philip Koski fire service claim. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR OVERLAY UPDATE

Supervisor Laakso recommended the Board approve current overlay maps for the Assessor at a cost of \$650. Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve purchase of overlay maps at a cost of \$650. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS DEBRIS UPDATE

Treasurer Schuhknecht updated the Board on current debris complaints (Harsila, Carello, Webb, Koski). Trustee Gischia noted the Ordinance should possibly be amended to include for delivery of citations by the Sheriff.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Harris indicated that Ely Township won't qualify for most of the water grant money but possibly one would allow for a heated garage which would potentially also help with the First Responder rig problem. Mr. Pepin stated any water funds shouldn't pay for a heated garage for the First Responders.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Laakso indicated the Greenwood water repair is currently on hold due to COVID. Mr. Laakso is planning on taking two citizen planner courses working towards the Zoning Administrator certificate. The Board and possibly the Planning Commission may be going to zoom meetings.

Treasurer Schuhknecht noted ACH forms have been coming back, she has set up credit card payments through the website and the office and the Financial Report is now on the website. Ms. Schuhknecht indicated the recent cost of the server breakdown and stated Compudyne quoted \$750 for backup equipment plus \$294 per month. She was directed to investigate options.

Trustee Gischia noted it was Veteran's Day and thanked Trustee Hosang and Clerk Wing for their service on behalf of the Township.

Trustee Hosang noted recent Landfill Minutes which dealt with increases due to COVID (loss of tonnage/revenue).

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hosang, supported by Schuhknecht to adjourn the Meeting at 7:48pm. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim D. Wing Clerk