

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2022 – 6pm

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; Aaron Carr, Trustee; Glenn Wing, Trustee present. Molly Taseris, Clerk; absent-excused. Kim Wing, Deputy Clerk present.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, Russell and Glenda Mock.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Laakso recommended the addition of 13. WETESA Treasurer to the Agenda. Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the agenda as modified. Ayes – 4, 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 Report
- G. Supervisor Report
- H. Water System Operator Report
- I. Planning Commission Minutes

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Supervisor Laakso noted there were a few Budget adjustments as stated in the Supervisor Report but noted the proposed adjustment in the Garbage Fund ended up being a correction of flipped accounts so no adjustment necessary.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Carr updated the Board on recent Planning Commission activities. The Planning Commission recommended approval for two rezoning requests for Ken Quinnell from Timber Production to Residential 10. Supervisor Laakso will ensure that this recommendation is forwarded to the County Planning Commission for their review.

There was a Public Hearing held on the proposed Conditional Use Permit at the present Jerzi location by the potential new owners. This item is on hold as proof of sale has not been secured as of yet. There was considerable negative public comment dealing with the current ATV/snowmobile traffic for this property. A recommendation of fencing was made.

CATHODIC PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Motion by Laakso supported by Wing to approve contracting with AEGION/Corrpro for cathodic protection in the amount of \$695 (Plan C). Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

SUMMER TAX COLLECTION RATE

The Township Treasurer received a letter from MARESA indicating that there wasn't a collection agreement in place for the collection of summer taxes and requested a fee of \$2.50 per parcel. Trustee Wing noted the need for the cost to the Township be verified. Motion by Laakso, supported by Wing to set the collection agreement for summer taxes at a rate of \$2.50 per parcel and verify the true cost to the Township as well as get input from other local jurisdictions for the next year. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Laakso, Wing, Carr, Schuhknecht

Nays: None

Motion carried.

WEST END RESPONDER BUDGET RESOLUTION

Supervisor Laakso presented the Board with a Resolution authorizing 2022-2023 West End Townships Emergency Services Authority dealing with expenditures. Mr. Laakso noted Ely Township must make an expenditure of \$30,900 but had already incurred expenditures of almost \$5000.

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to amend the presented Resolution adding the phrase “less expenditures to date” on point 2 after \$30,900.00 (on page 2). Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wing, Schuhknecht, Carr, Laakso

Nays: None

Motion carried.

DIORITE SCHOOL PROPERTY UPDATE

Supervisor Laakso updated the Board on various infractions going on at the Diorite School property as well as conversations with the Township lawyer. Mr. Laakso noted he is verifying that the Township’s attorney fees can be recouped by adding a lien to the property. Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Laakso to direct the attorney to issue an injunction to stop work at the property and proceed with removing the non-confirming structures. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schuhknecht, Laakso, Carr, Wing

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to shut off the water at the Diorite School property as soon as possible. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wing, Schuhknecht, Carr, Laakso

Nays: None

Motion carried. Mr. Laakso will talk to the attorney about any other potential violations.

WETESA TREASURER

Supervisor Laakso recommended the Board approve a motion to allow the Ely Township Treasurer to be the WETESA Treasurer and not to rotate the office of Treasurer annually. Motion by Wing, supported by Carr to approve allowing the Ely Township Treasurer to be the WETESA Treasurer and not rotate annually. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lou Ouellette asked what is happening with the recreational transport for marijuana issue. She was informed the Attorney is working on it.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Carr noted his wife would be requesting permission for the West End Parent Group to hold a youth Christmas event at the Hall. It was determined that this would be an allowable great experience and for Andrea to contact the Office Manager to set up a date.

Treasurer Schuhknecht requested approval to purchase a new Christmas tree for the Hall and declare the present tree as salvage and to be disposed of. Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Laakso to approve a budget of \$300 for a new Christmas tree and to dispose of the current tree. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Laakso updated the Board on the Jamie Carello issue. Mr. Carello failed to appear at the scheduled hearing and the court issued a default judgment. The attorney is waiting for the signed judgment before proceeding.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Wing, Deputy Clerk