

ELY TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
DISCUSSION ON UPEA WATER SYSTEMS
ENGINEERING STUDY/REPORT AND LONG
RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEM

January 18, 2022, 4:00 pm

Meeting is being recorded

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Gischia called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

PRESENT

Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor (via Zoom, he will not be voting); Molly Taseris, Clerk; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer; Glenn Wing, Trustee; Art Gischia, Trustee – Present.

PUBLIC PRESENT

Al Harris, Ted Pepin, Kevin Nancarrow & Matthew Treado of UPEA.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Shuhknecht to approve the presented Agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

UPEA REPORT PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Matthew Treado, from UPEA updated the Board.

USDA RD FUNDING APPLICATION

1. Submit Map, Budget, Project Description to USDA RD-Complete
2. Perform budget analysis – Jan, 2022
3. Generate Draft RD application for Ely Township Review – Feb, 2022
4. Submit Funding Application to USDA RD – March, 2022

FUNDING UPDATES

1. Federal Infrastructure Package
2. Draft Senate Bill 565

- a. Funding for DWAM Program?
- b. Anticipated to be passed within the next few months

UPEA ACTION ITEMS

1. Finalize and submit USDA RD Funding Application
2. Coordinate with EGLE and other funding agencies regarding additional funding opportunities

ELY TOWNSHIP ACTION ITEMS

1. Provide as-needed information to UPEA to complete USDA RD Funding Application

Matthew Treado stated that they have been working diligently with McBroom's office and the State on funding opportunities. He is waiting to hear about the Senate Bill 565. He said they are "keeping their eyes open for funding".

He stated to finish the Financial Analysis he needs the Board to release the Water System Revenue and Expenditures for 2021 and the proposed Water System Revenue and Expenditures for 2022.

He feels the process is going well and he is optimistic that construction can start in 2023.

He stated that we have to do the 20% Service Line Investigation Requirement.

The total estimated cost for the Service Line Investigation is \$40,000.00. Ely Township must complete this by the end of 2024, whether or not we are successful with grant funding.

Trustee Gischia asked about the timeline of March, 2022, if UPEA submits the Funding Application to USDA RD in March, how long until we hear something? Treado replied that he will submit the Funding Application in March and he is "cautiously optimistic" about construction is 2023.

Trustee Wing asked about replacing galvanized water lines-Treado stated that it depends on what they find in the 20% Service Line Investigation.

Supervisor Laakso asked for a rough estimate on the cost of the Service Line Investigation and Treado said roughly \$1,000 per line.

Al Harris concerned with the cost for Diorite customers. Stated that he can't see how the residents will not have to have rate increases. Matthew Treado and Kevin Nancarrow both telling the Board to wait until they come to the Board next month with the Report, a plan with cost analysis.

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to release the Water Revenue and Expenditures Report for 2021 and the proposed Water Revenue and Expenditures Report for 2022 to UPEA. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

BOARD COMMENTS - None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly A. Taseris, Clerk