

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 16, 2020 – 6pm

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Jeremy Laakso called the electronic meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

Kevin Nancarrow, Al Harris, Matthew Treado

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Schuhknecht recommended the Board approve the presented Agenda with the following additions: 12. Ely Township COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan 13. Marquette County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor 14. Noting in the minutes, the change for Molly Taseris from Deputy Clerk to Clerk and Kim Wing from Clerk to Deputy Clerk. Also, Adding Dawn Schuhknecht's name to the CD's. Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to approve the Agenda with the above-mentioned changes. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Harris stated that he was asked by someone in the public if we could post the monthly board minutes on the website. Treasurer Schuhknecht said that she would do that.

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 Gischia, 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 a few internal budget adjustments, and that he has listed them in his Supervisor's report.

Treasurer Schuhknecht noted that we will have a big budget adjustment next month for Mullins Drive.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no Planning Commission meeting this month due to COVID-19.

WATER SYSTEM STUDY (UPEA UPDATE)

Matt Treado updated the Board on their preparation for the DWAM and C2R2 grants that they are applying for and how they pertain to Ely Township. They plan to come to the next Board meeting with a formal recommendation for our water systems.

ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS, RESOLUTION

Motion by Laakso, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the Resolution For The Acceptance of Payments By Financial Transaction Device. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Laakso, Taseris, Schuhknecht, Gischia and Wing

Supervisor Laakso declared the motion approved.

APPROVE 2021 BOARD MEETING DATES

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to approve the Board Meeting Dates as presented for 2021.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ELY TOWNSHIP COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN

Motion by Gischia, supported by Wing to accept the Covid-19 Plan with a few minor changes that the Supervisor will make. The changes include, changing the Board from the Gull Lake Sewer &

Water Township Board, to Ely Township Board. Also taking out the part in the first paragraph that states that there is not a vaccine at this time. The last change is that the Supervisor, not the Board shall examine every department and employee's job description according to the worker exposure risk to COVID-19 pursuant to the Occupation Risk Pyramid developed by OSHA.

MARQUETTE COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY DESIGNATED ASSESSOR

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to accept and sign the Agreement with the Marquette County Designated Assessor. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ADDING TREASURER SCHUHKNECHT'S NAME TO CD'S

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to add Treasurer Schuhknecht's name to the CD's at MBank. They are currently just in Betty Grund's name. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Harris said that the PFAS tests came back and there was none in Greenwood or Diorite.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed

BOARD COMMENTS

Treasurer Schuhknecht noted:

That she wanted it noted in the minutes that Molly Taseris is now the Clerk, not the Deputy Clerk and Kim Wing is now the Deputy Clerk, not the Clerk. She wants to update the signature cards at MBank.

That she attended a Treasurer training on November 30, 2020 and learned that taxes should be kept in a non-interest bearing account unless the interest is disbursed to all tax collecting units. She said that we earn such a small amount it doesn't get disbursed. She checked with the auditors and they have looked past this in previous years because of the small amount. She is not comfortable with this and will be closing the tax money market account after this tax season to keep clean books.

That she will be taking a class in the new year on Investing.

Supervisor Laakso noted:

That he took The Citizen Planner Course through MSU and highly recommends this course for every PC member.

That Dawn Schuhknecht and Steve Wing were paid for COVID-19, while they had to be off, which falls under Federal Law. Steve received 15 hours and Dawn received 14 hours.

He is going to get an account with Zoom, due to the meetings having to be virtual because of COVID-19. The cost is \$150.00

That he is enrolled in a Zoning Administrator Certification Course that will start in February 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Taseris, supported by Gischia to adjourn the Meeting at 7:10pm. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Taseris, Clerk