

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 17, 2025 – 6:00pm
MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Laakso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Glenn Wing, Clerk present, Treasurer Dawn Schuhknecht present, Supervisor Laakso present Trustee Andrews present, Trustee Hosang present

PUBLIC PRESENT

Lou Ouellette, John Reck, Maury Schultz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Andrews, support by Hosang to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Opened: 6:04 Closed 6:05

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Previous Minutes (as amended)
- 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 Hosang, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

There were some adjustments, and they are listed in the supervisor's report. Motion by Hosang, supported by Andrews to approve the discussed budget adjustments. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW

- A. Traylor Park Motel was discussed and a request was made for better plans.

- B. Diorite School was discussed and none of the promised improvements were started.
- C. Request was made to IOHT to line the trail with fine aggregate and compact it.
- D. Master Plan needs to be completed in the near future.

Barnes Hecker-Hecker Park Update

- A. A motion was made Schuknecht and supported by Laakso to approve the contract with UP Fabricating to build the statues and 51 individual plaques with a down payment of \$60,000 Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried
- B. An update was given on the planning and fundraising progress.

Attorney Invoice (\$1750)

Motion by Schuknecht and support by Wing to pay the \$1750 invoice. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

GEI Invoice for Greenwood Water Study and Design (\$15662.50)

Motion by Laakso with support by Schuhknecht to pay the invoice Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Miss Dig 2026 Invoice(\$978.62)

Motion by Wing with support by Laakso to pay the invoice Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Review of UPAWS Contract

The contract with increased fees and costs was discussed

Motion by Hosang with support by Schuhknecht to approve the updated contract Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Milage Reimbursement Policy Discussion

Discussion was held on paying mileage and it was tabled_waiting on more information and sample policies from MTA

HMA Resurfacing Invoice for County Road CKC(\$114,017.11)

A motion was made by Laakso with support by Andrews to pay the invoice. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

County of Marquette Invoies : Winter Tax Reprint Discussion

A motion was made by Laakso with support by Hosang to pay our share of the costs. Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried. Note: It was later discovered we were not at fault and the IOHT Board will pay us back.

Attorney Zappa Rate Increase

A motion was made by Schuknecht and supported by Andrews to approve the rate increase from \$120 to \$140 per hour Ayes 5 Nay 0 Motion Carried

Invoice from Anderson Tackman (\$8755)

A motion was made by Laakso with support by Andrews to pay the invoice with each water system paying its portion. Ayes 5 Nays 0 motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Opened 7:15 Closed 7:16

BOARD COMMENTS

Andrews: Mentioned that LS Tractors are sold in Skandia and we should invetgate them whe we dedcide to buy

Hosang: Planning commission running smoothly and making progress with the help of the new members

Schuknecht: Praise Wing and Laakso for all the hard work and progress on the Barnes-Hecker Park and water system this past year

Wing:

Laakso: Transfer station meeting. Tipping fees are going up again and Garbage Millage may not be able to cover the cost of the increase.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Wing, Clerk