

ELY TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
1270 CO RD 496 PLAN DEVELOPMENT
January 31, 2022 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Laakso called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

Ed Young, Dustin Kennedy, Matt Annala, Kristine Tyrrell, Garnet John Tyrrell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Taseris to approve the presented Agenda with the following changes, add a Public Comment (3 Minute Time Limit) to line #5 and move 1270 CO RD 496 Repairs and/or Demolition discussion to line # 6. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Dustin Kennedy: He was asking about the December 2, 2021 meeting with Hearing Officer, Richard Uren from Northern Design Works, what the determination was. Supervisor Laakso said he would be reading the letter to the public.

Mr. Kennedy also stated that he would like to see the building demolished, as he has lived next door to the building and for the last 2 years has dealt with the running water, the smell and also has had to keep people away from the property.

John Tyrrell: Stated that he put a bid in on the property, and wasn't the high bidder. He put his bid in after researching the costs of asbestos abatement, disposal and removal of the house, the mobile home and a small barn. He was told by the realtor that demolishing the building was his only option.

Matt Annala: He moved into his home last October, and asked to have a brief synopsis on the 1270 CO RD 496 property. He did a walk through with the realtor, and noticed the mold and the asbestos. He also stated that the 55 gallon drums in the trailer in the back of the property, were a

cause for concern for him. He is wondering what is in them and how costly it would be to dispose of them.

Ed Young: He stated that his intention was to purchase the property, do extensive renovations, and live in the home by this time next year. He also stated that he was told by the realtor that the property needed to be cleaned up or demolished within 60 days. The realtor also told him that Ely Township will work with you.

1270 CO RD 496 REPAIRS AND/OR DEMOLITION DISCUSSION

Supervisor Laakso gave a brief synopsis of the water freezing, and running at the 1270 CO RD 496 property, causing the mold issue.

Laakso then read the letter from the December 2, 2021 Dangerous Buildings Hearing.

Laakso questioned if the building can be made safe.

Laakso said the 60 days being referred to in the Dangerous Building Hearing letter, ends today, January 31, 2022.

Trustee Gischia commented: Should Mr. Young purchase this property with the intention of remodeling, he will have to comply with the codes and take care of the hazardous materials.

Gischia also stated that the Hearing Officer stated in his letter that "It is not believed to be structurally unsound"

Gischia also stated that we should be discussing this with the bank, who still currently owns the property.

Wing stated that we should be discussing this with the owner, the bank.

Motion by Wing, supported by Gischia to follow through with the timelines on the Letter from Rich Uren and also the Dangerous Building Ordinance. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THIS SPECIAL MEETING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Annala asked what the procedure is now, he was told that he would be given a copy of the Dangerous Building Ordinance.

BOARD COMMENTS

Gischia thanked everyone in the public for additional information.

Schuhknecht talked to Mr. Young, explaining that when she got the call from the Title Company, she was under the assumption that the building was to be torn down. She thought it was a demolition only order. She was mistaken.

Laakso expressed to Mr. Young that he was sorry, he thought this was a make it safe or tear it down situation. He didn't realize that the township should be dealing with the bank, as they are still the current owners.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly A. Taseris, Clerk