

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2022 – 6pm
MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

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; Glenn Wing, Trustee; Art Gischia, Trustee; Molly Taseris, Clerk; Dawn Schuhknecht, Treasurer, present

PUBLIC PRESENT

Al Harris, Ted Pepin, Randy Ruppel, Matthew Treado, Kevin Nancarrow

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris to approve the Agenda with moving item #18, UPEA Invoice to item #9 a, making that UPEA Invoices. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ted Pepin asked a few questions under First End Responders: “Do you have a vehicle committed?” Supervisor Laakso stated “Yes, we have two.”

Mr. Pepin asked, “How did you come up with the Budget, did you have input from other Supervisors?” Laakso said “yes”

Mr. Pepin asked, “Was the Specific Ore Tax included for Tilden Township, when figuring the percentage of what each Township will pay?” Laakso said “No, it was not”

Mr. Pepin asked, “How did you come up with the \$30,900.00 for Ely Township, did you go by equalized valuation?” Laakso stated that he would get the formula to Mr. Pepin, as to how he came up with that amount.

Mr. Pepin asked, “How did you base the number of calls?” Laakso said, “He took an average over a 3 year span”

Mr. Pepin stated that he thought there should be a final budget. Laakso told him that he will explain the budget when discussing #15, West End Responders.

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
- I. Planning Commission Minutes

Trustee Gischia asked to pull out the First Responders Report. He questioned the 5 people who are consistently not taking calls. Supervisor Laakso stated that with Covid and forming the authority, they decided to keep that on hold for now, to deal with it at a later date.

Motion by Wing, supported by Gischia to accept the Consent Agenda. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Motion by Gischia, supported by Wing to accept the Budget adjustments as stated in the Supervisors Report dated January-February 2022. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Trustee Gischia updated the Board on the Planning Commission Meeting, February 14, 2022.

Some of the things discussed were: Minutes from the January 17, 2022 Special Meeting have an error that will be fixed, so they will submit the minutes from January 17, 2022 and the February 14, 2022 minutes to the Board at the March meeting for approval.

Gischia stated: The PC received the Zoning Request from the County, item #11 on the Agenda, that the Board will take action on.

The PC had a lengthy discussion about the Zoning Administrator's Report, and decided they had nothing to act on.

They received a letter from the DNR pertaining to the availability of grants, Aaron Carr is going to look into the 3 grants.

Since the digital file for the 2014 Master Plan has been located, the Planning Commission will now move on to final editing.

The PC and Zoning Administrator are also reviewing the Zoning Ordinance and hope to have that ready for presentation at the April Board meeting.

UPEA WATER SYSTEM STUDY

Kevin Nancarrow and Matthew Treado went over the Water System Study with the Board. Kevin will be dropping off Copies of the Water System Study to the office.

A. UPEA INVOICES

Motion by Taseris, supported by Wing to pay the 2 invoices to UPEA for \$4,057.00 and \$3,231.00. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

ZBA APPOINTMENT-MICHAEL NARDI

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to appoint Michael Nardi to the ZBA. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried.

160-ACRE REZONE TP TO RS-10

A letter of support from the County Planning Commission dated February 3, 2022 was sent to Ely Township.

Motion by Gischia, supported by Wing to approve the 160-Acre Rezoning Timber Production to Recreational Structure 10 based on the approval from the County Planning Commission and also Ely Township's Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gischia, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso, Nays: none. Motion Carried.

GREENWOOD WATER TANK REPAIR ESTIMATE

Motion by Gischia, supported by Wing to accept the proposal from Corrpro for repairs in the amount of \$8,900.00. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gischia, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso, Nays: none. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME GUIDELINES AND ASSET TEST

Supervisor Laakso read the Resolution

Motion by Gischia, supported by Wing to adopt the Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gischia, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso, Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Laakso declared the Resolution adopted February 16, 2022.

MILLAGE DISCUSSION

Clerk Taseris updated the Board on the Garbage and Operating Millages. She will be putting them on the Ballot at the August 2, 2022 election, and if it does not pass, she will put it on the Ballot at the November 8, 2022 election. The Board has all the information on the mills, and the wording for the Ballot and is going to look it over and discuss in the future. The resolutions for these will be presented at the May 18, 2022 meeting.

WEST END FIRST RESPONDERS

A. ROUGH DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION

Supervisor Laakso presented the Rough Draft Budget to the Board. He stated that this is a Rough Draft. The final budget that the Authority Board puts together must be approved by all Townships in the Authority before its final approval at the Authority Level. If each Township decides to adopt the Articles of Incorporation, this does not mean you have to go with whatever budget that's put in front of you.

B. ADOPTION OF WEST END FIRST RESPONDER AUTHORITY ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Supervisor Laakso stated that Humboldt, Champion, Tilden and Republic have all adopted the Articles of Incorporation.

Gischia voiced concerns with the unknown costs that we are not foreseeing.

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to Adopt the West End First Responder Authority Articles of Incorporation. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso, Nays: Gischia. Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS DEBRIS ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance. Supervisor Laakso said he would like to see some things taken out of the Ordinance. He would like the Building Materials and Dead Grass sections removed. The Board decided to take some more time to look over the Ordinance and table it until next month.

WHAT TO SPEND RESCUE MONEY ON

Supervisor Laakso presented the Board with his list of what to use the Rescue Grant money for. The Board discussed many options. Trustee Gischia stated that he would like to use the money for the Service Line Inspection. Road repairs, hall roof replacement, hall air conditioning, and water systems were all talked about. Treasurer Schuhknecht is going to come up with a spread sheet with \$ amounts for the Board.

UP OFFICE COPIER CONTRACT

Motion by Schuhknecht supported by Wing to pay the invoice to UP Office for \$515.00. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Laakso presented the Board with a letter from Angela Yu from EGLE. The letter is in regards to Ely Township's prospective Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Trustee Gischia and Supervisor Laakso will meet virtually with her on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 from 1-4pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ted Pepin stated that he feels that we are "throwing away Ely Township 1st Responders name" by going with the Authority.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Treasurer Schuhknecht stated that the recycling carts with Ely Township's logo are ordered. Also, there is an online store to purchase Tees, sweatshirts and hats with the Ely Township logo. Schuhknecht will put a link on the Facebook page.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm by Supervisor Laakso.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly A. Taseris
Clerk