

ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 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, Andrew Slawski, Nick Taseris, Kevin Nancarrow, Dennis Conery, Sam Conery

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to approve the Agenda with moving item #14, Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance Discussion to item #16, moving the CUPPAD invoice and contract to #14, and UPEA invoice to #15. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dennis Conery asked to speak on item #17

Mr. Andrew Slawski is questioning his water bill dating back to March 2014.

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

Motion by Wing, supported by Taseris 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 February-March 2022. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Laakso updated the Board on the Planning Commission meeting. The PC is reviewing the Zoning Ordinance, reviewing the Master Plan and Aaron Carr is working on the DNR Grants.

RESCUE FUND MONEY DISTRIBUTION

Motion by Gischia, supported by Wing to hold on to the Rescue Grant Money at this time. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

WEST END RESPONDERS RESOLUTION ADOPTION

Supervisor Laakso read the Resolution Adopting the Interlocal Agreement Forming the West End Townships Emergency Services Authority.

Motion by Laakso, supported by Taseris to accept the Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso, Nays- Gischia. Motion carried.

Supervisor Laakso declared the Resolution Adopted.

ASSESSOR AD

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Wing to add Licensing and that this is a Contracted Position to the Ad. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

2022 ROAD DUST CONTROL

Motion by Wing, supported by Gischia to accept the estimated bid for \$2,454.48 from the Marquette County Road Commission for Road Dust Control for 2022. Ayes-Gischia, Wing, Nays-Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso. Motion denied.

LIBRARY SERVICE FEE

Motion by Wing, supported by Schuhknecht to pay the Invoice for the Library Service Fee in the amount of \$2358.87. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gischia, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso, Nays: none. Motion carried.

CUPPAD INVOICE AND CONTRACT

Motion by Schuhknecht, supported by Taseris to pay the membership dues to CUPPAD in the amount of \$390.00. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Gischia, supported by Wing to pay the invoice in the amount of \$2900.00 to CUPPAD. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gischia, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso, Nays: none. Motion carried.

UPEA INVOICE

Motion by Wing, supported by Gischia to pay the Invoice to UPEA in the amount of \$1417.00. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gischia, Wing, Schuhknecht, Taseris and Laakso, Nays: none. 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. Trustee Gischia said he will make changes to the Ordinance and bring it back to the Board for approval.

DAWN SCHUHKNECHT TO ADDRESS ALLEGATIONS MADE AT 3/2/22 SPECIAL MEETING

Schuhknecht addressed the following: She is upset with the Board because the Board Members are equals, Jeremy is not the Board boss, so if anyone is upset with her about anything, they should address her, not go to Jeremy.

She said that the allegations from Shane Nault are not true. She did get angry with the loggers who were logging by her house, but she did not say anything to Shane.

She did tell Mr. Ed Young, that she thought he did not get the house fairly. She said she would have liked to see the house torn down. She sent Mr. Young the email as a resident, not as the Treasurer or Office Manager.

Dennis Conery stated that he felt the email to Mr. Young was a personal attack on him.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Pepin stated that he feels that Dawn Schuhknecht should have more hours in the office.

Andrew Slawski asked who he should deal with moving forward. Supervisor Laakso told Mr. Slawski that for the Board to move forward, he needs to satisfy MIOSHA and get the Board a Site Plan.

CLOSED SESSION

Office Manager Schuhknecht stated that she would like to go into Closed Session to discuss Grievances. Motion by Wing, supported by Gischia to go into Closed Session at 7:16 p.m. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

BOARD COMMENTS

Gischia stated that he noticed a couple of mistakes in the report from UPEA. He also commented that he would like us to have work studies on the Water Systems and the Garbage.

Supervisor Laakso stated that he would like to send each of the Ely Township First Responders a \$25.00 gift card for EMS week again this year.

Laakso stated that he read the rules, and we do not have to have a Roll Call Vote for Budget Adjustments or Re-Zoning as previously stated.

Laakso said he would like to schedule a work session for the Garbage and Water. We will have a work session on March 24, 2022 at 3:15 p.m. to discuss the Garbage.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. by Supervisor Laakso.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly A. Taseris
Clerk