

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Elk Rapids Township Board was held at the Elk Rapids Government Center located at 315 Bridge St. Elk Rapids. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Amos at 9:00 am. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

Present: Supervisor Dorance Amos, Clerk Shelley Boisvert, Treasurer Mike Szymanski, and Trustee Aaron Isenhart

Absent: Trustee Richard Hults

Also Present: B. Derman, Chief Williamson, Sheriff Bean, and 3 members in the audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** no comments at this time
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Amos suggested moving #11-Township Sewer up on the agenda to #7 so that Muma, from Performance Engineering could speak before he has to leave for an appointment.
MOTION/S: Isenhart/Boisvert to adjust the agenda as requested. **MOTION APPROVED.**
MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos to approve the agenda as adjusted. **MOTION APPROVED.**

4. **Consent Agenda:**

- A. December 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- B. December 12, 2019 Special Mtg Minutes
- C. Zoning Report – December 2019
- D. Zoning Report – Annual Report for 2019
- E. Treasurers Report
- F. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$7,581.02, Fire & Rescue Fund - \$6,322.11

MOTION/S: Isenhart/Szymanski to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, Amos and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No (Hults absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

5. **Assessor:** Request to the Board to approve Wednesday, March 11, 2020 as the second meeting date of the March Board of Review for the purpose of hearing appeals, per MCL211.30(2).
MOTION/S: Boisvert/Isenhart to approve March 11th as the second meeting date as requested.
MOTION APPROVED.

6. **Antrim County Road Commission:** Burt Thompson: Thompson talked about the State Cost Sharing for our road projects for 2020. Elk Rapids Township share this year is \$30,874. Thompson also talked about the shore erosion along North Bay Shore Drive that is very close to compromising the road. The Road Commission has already taken some emergency steps to stabilize the banks but there is much more work necessary. He is working with property owners and has contacted State Representatives to look for funding help to put a permanent fix in place along the troubled areas that may affect North Bay Shore Drive. Amos said that budget preparation will start soon for the fiscal year 2020/2021 and we'll see if there are any road funds available to work with the Road Commission on this.

7. **Township Sewer: B. Muma – Performance Engineering**

- A. Cairn Hwy Sewer: Three Options for Review. Each option presented had a specific area mapped out along with an estimated cost for that project. All options start just north of Herman Road up Cairn Hwy to a different end point.
 - **Cost Option A:** Ends at Williams Rd.: Estimated cost of \$947,493
 - **Cost Option B:** Ends at the north end of the Wandawood parcel.: Estimated cost \$827,580
 - **Cost Option C:** Ends at the south end of the Wandawood parcel.: Estimated Cost \$800,000

The Board reviewed the options with Muma. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos** to present Option C to the property owners along Cairn Hwy. rounding the estimated cost up to \$800,000. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No (Hults absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

A mailing will go out to all property owners along that suggested route with the detailed cost sheet (estimate) and a map, and a special Informational Meeting will be held at the governmental center at 315 Bridge Street in Elk Rapids on Tuesday February 11th at 6:00 pm. to discuss the proposal for sewer.

8. **Sheriff / Commissioner Report:** As reported
9. **Ambulance Department: MMR:** Report as submitted.
 - Signed Service Contract Addendums were received today for our files.
 - EMS System Report: A satisfaction survey of EMS services covering December 2014 through December 2019 was submitted with an overall score of 91.13.
10. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: as Reported
 - Annual Report (A copy of this report will be placed on the Township website)
 - Budget Adjustment for 2019: **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos** to approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$15,000. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Isenhart and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No (Hults absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - At the Awards Banquet on January 11th Vince Cooper was named the Fire Fighter of the year.
11. **Street Light Installation:** Sunset Shores and US 31 N.: Resolution 2020-1, Enter into a contract with Consumers Energy for lighting service.
MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos to approve Resolution 2020-1, which will accompany a \$100 fee to install a street light near the intersection of Sunset Shores and US 31. Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Isenhart, Szymanski, and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No (Hults absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
12. **Maple Grove Cemetery:** It has been suggested that the Township name all the roads in the cemetery. Trees indigenous to the area were suggested but to avoid duplication of the common trees it was suggested to use fruit tree names. This will be initiated with the County.
13. **Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail:** Report as submitted.
14. **Attorney Report:** As reported.
15. **Township Board Announcements and Comments:**
 - A new voting machine was purchased and has arrived in time for the busy election year.
 - The Board of Review will be meeting on Wednesday March 11th from 9:00am to 3:00pm and on Thursday March 12th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Adjourned: 10:56 AM

Shelley Boisvert, Elk Rapids Township Clerk, 231-264-9333
Meeting minutes are subject to approval at the next regular Board Meeting