

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, May 12, 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 1 member in the audience.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comments: None at this time
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda: **MOTION/S: Isenhart/Szymanski** to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION APPROVED.

4. Consent Agenda:
 - A. April 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report
 - C. Assessor's Report
 - D. Treasurers Report
 - E. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- 8,481.67, Fire Fund - \$171.71

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

5. Sheriff/Commissioner Report: Sheriff Bean – As reported
6. Ambulance Department: MMR Report: As submitted
7. Fire Department: Chief Williamson: As reported
8. Zoning Administrator Annual Contract Renewal: The annual contract with Larry Nix for the position of Zoning Administrator has been extended for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.
9. Assessing: Timeline for Field Inspections: The assessing field inspectors have 400 or so more properties to visit and document this year. The Board desires to have this job completed this summer if possible. An add will go into the paper stating that these inspectors will be out doing their job beginning June 1, 2020 and property owners may see them around. They will be in a marked vehicle and will be prepared to follow the COVID-19 protocols. These inspectors will not need to enter the buildings.
10. Township Sewer: The water quality report for the Inwood Harbor area was received this month. There had been concern about faulty septic systems and the high E-coli results we were getting last spring so the Elk Lake Skegemog Association sent one of our Inwood Harbor samples for more in depth testing along with samples they had taken from other lakes in the area. The DNA sample was determined to be negative for human enterococcus. We were cautioned on how this data should be interpreted given the mild E-Coli numbers and the fact that it was just one sample taken. The results from a single day provides very limited data. This report was sent to the Inwood Harbor Association for their information.

11. Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail: The name of the Trail has been renamed to Nakwema Trailway. Updates and general information can be found at nakwematrailway.org.
12. Attorney Report: As reported
13. Township Board Announcements and Comments:
 - Cemetery Road Names: A quote was received for street signs for the cemetery but the cost was much higher than we had hoped. A suggestion was made to contact some of the local artist to see if someone could help to create some road signs that would be durable, charming and affordable. This will be followed up on.
 - Antrim County Road Commission says that the road projects that were scheduled will go on as planned but next year there may be a big cut in the State funding.
 - Mike Szymanski, the Township Treasurer says that this General Fund fiscal year budget should be ok but due to State Revenue Sharing cuts we will have to be diligent and keep an eye on it.
 - A request was made for the Township to provide leaf and brush pick up like the Village does. This was addressed last year and was placed in front of the Board again now. The Township does not have staff or equipment to handle jobs like that. There are landscape companies that would haul leaves and brush away on an individual basis. Boisvert asked if the Board would be interested in advertising and contracting for one pick up day per year but after discussion that idea was not accepted.

Adjourned: 10:13 am

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