

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2018

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, Trustee Richard Hults and Trustee Aaron Isenhart (arrived at 9:15 am)

Also Present: B. Derman, Chief VanDenBerge, B. Muma, L. Nix and 3 members in the audience

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comment:** T. Yocum-Library Board: There is a Q & A session for the updated proposed library layout on July 23rd at 6:30 pm at the HERTH building. B. McCaughy-Master plan-proposed language change about the Island House and the District Library. Barry Cole-Candidate for Probate Court Judge in November introduced himself. Haider Kazim-Candidate for 86th District Court Judge in primary election introduced himself.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Boisvert** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. June 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$14,247.51, Fire & Rescue Fund - \$130,572.93, Sewer Construction Fund-\$103,472.24

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

5. **Sheriff Report:** Sheriff report as presented
Commissioner Report: Commissioner Boetcher stated that the County is against the proposed Assessing Bill before the State right now and they are working with the Michigan Association of Counties to emphasize the weaknesses of this proposed bill.
6. **Ambulance Department: MMR:** Report as submitted
7. **Fire Department:** Chief VanDenBerge: Report as presented. Requesting approval to hire Neil Harris. **MOTION/S: Szymanski/Hults** to approve hiring Neil Harris as recommended. **MOTION APPROVED.**
8. **HERTHA Report:** T. Vranich: The HERTH building has some foundation issues, fascia board replacement and tree trimming that needs to be addressed. Cost estimates to come back in August.
9. **Elk Rapids Township Zoning**
 - A. **New Fee Schedule:** Resolution 2018-12. **MOTION/S: Hults/Isenhart** to approve Resolution 2018-12. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - B. **Draft Collaborative Master Plan:** Larry Nix described the suggested changes in the draft and stated that at this time the Board is just approving the draft for distribution to the County and neighboring municipalities. **MOTION/S: Szymanski/Hults** to approve the plan for distribution. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Isenhart all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

10. Township Sewer:

A. **Maple Harbor Sewer Project:** B. Muma provided a project update. They are at the punch list stage but the project is mostly completed.

Construction Bills: \$103,472.24.

MOTION/S: Szymanski/Boisvert to approve payment of the construction bills in the amount of \$103,472.24 with an amount of \$88,442.89 coming from the Township Road Fund and \$15,031.35 coming from the bond issue. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults, Isenhardt and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

B. **Township Sewer Maintenance:** No maintenance this month on the existing sewer system.

C. **Brady Letter: Grinder Pumps at Birch Lake:** Letter received from Pat and Carole Brady dated 6-28-18 regarding their purchase of grinder pumps. A response from Township attorney Matt Zimmerman was read at the meeting and sent to the Bradys stating that revenue from the purchase of grinder pumps from the Township goes into the fund for the sewer district.

11. Attorney Report: As presented

12. Township Board Announcements and Comments:

- Hults stated that he compliments the County Road Commission for how nice the resurfacing of Townline Road turned out. The same was mentioned for roads in Inwood Harbor.
- Boisvert stated that Absentee Ballots were available at the Township office for the upcoming primary election on August 7, 2018 for those that are 60 years or older or for people who will be out of town on that day.
- Amos stated Performance Engineering and Harbor Springs Excavating did a good job on the Maple Harbor project.

13. Adjourn: 10:36 am