

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, August 14, 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 Treasurer Szymanski at 9:00 am. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

Present: Clerk Shelley Boisvert, Treasurer Mike Szymanski, Trustee Richard Hults

Absent: Supervisor Dorance Amos and Trustee Aaron Isenhart

Also Present: B. Derman, Chief VanDenBerge, B. Muma, L. Nix and 7 members in the audience

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 2. Public Comment:**
 - F. Wettlaufer: Historical Society: Thanked the Board for the collaboration with the Grand Traverse Band Grant for the kitchen at the Historical Society. The grant was approved and \$2,000 was received and deposited in the Township general fund. Wettlaufer submitted an invoice for the materials and work in the amount of \$2,000 so a check could be made out to the Historical Society.
 - Judge Norman Hayes introduced himself and spoke about his position as Probate Court Judge and that he would be on the ballot in November for re-election.
 - W. Spencer: Submitted a petition from property owners along North Bay Shore Dr. against the proposed bike trail route that would share the roadway.
 - S. Castronovo: Library expansion, Milton and Elk Rapids Twps pay taxes toward the library too. He also thinks that Maple Harbor sewer should pay toward the existing township sewer cost.
 - Geronimo Energy: Presentation for solar energy in Michigan
 - 3. Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Szymanski** to approve the agenda removing item #12 GTB Grant for the Historical Society because it was already addressed in public comment. **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - 4. Consent Agenda:**
 - A. July 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$29,092.71, Fire & Rescue Fund - \$7,188.80, Sewer Construction Fund-\$15,188.85
- MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Szymanski and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No (noting that Amos and Isenhart are absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
- 5. Budget Amendments & Adjustments: MOTION/S: Boisvert/Szymanski** to approve budget adjustments in the amount of \$2,000 and budget amendments in the \$23,100. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No (Amos and Isenhart are absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - 6. Sheriff Report:** Sheriff report as presented
 - 7. Ambulance Department: MMR:** Report as submitted
 - 8. Fire Department:** Chief VanDenBerge: Report as presented.
 - A. Requesting approval to hire Garrett Centala. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve hiring Centala as recommended. **MOTION APPROVED.**

9. **HERTHA Report:** T. Vranich: The HERTH building has some foundation issues, fascia board replacement and tree trimming that needs to be addressed. Cost estimates came in at approximately \$6,000. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve suggested maintenance items in an amount not to exceed \$6,000. Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Hults and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No (Amos and Isenhart are absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
10. **Elk Rapids Township Planning and Zoning**
A. Reappointments to the Planning Commission: **MOTION/S: Hults/Szymanski** to approve Gary Peppler and James Lundy for another 3 yr term. **MOTION APPROVED.**
B. Reappointments to the ZBA: **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve Julia Amos and Marshall Wright for another 3 yr term. **MOTION APPROVED.**
11. **Township Sewer:**
A. **Maple Harbor Sewer Project:** B. Muma provided a project update. Punch list items and change order discussions still in progress.
MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults to approve payment of the construction bills in the amount of \$15,188.85. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Szymanski and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No (Amos and Isenhart are absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

B. **Township Sewer Maintenance:** No maintenance this month on the existing sewer system.
12. **GTB Grant:** This item was removed from the agenda. A summary was given to the Board during public comment.
13. **2018 Tax Rate Request:** Form L-4029
This is a tax request form that gets signed and sent to the County Treasurer's office listing the millage requested for the winter taxes. Requested millage amounts for the Township are: General Fund-.9673, Roads-.3428 and Fire & Rescue- 2.1: **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve the above amounts and send the form to the County Treasurer. **MOTION APPROVED.**
14. **Attorney Report:** As presented
15. **Township Board Announcements and Comments:**
 - All the tires have been removed from the Sportsman Club property
 - We now have a link on the elkrapids.com website to access township tax information.
 - The invoice was received today from the Historical Society for the kitchen area in the amount of \$2,000 and the grant money received from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for this project was received and deposited into the general fund. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve making that payment to the Historical Society from those grant proceeds. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No (Amos and Isenhart are absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

Adjourned: 10:20 AM

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