

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, September 8, 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, Trustee Richard Hults

Absent: Trustee Aaron Isenhart

Also Present: B. Derman, Chief Williamson, and 2 members in the audience.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comments: S. Castronovo – Fireworks
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda: **MOTION/S: Hults /Boisvert** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. Consent Agenda:
 - A. August 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$15,756.25, Fire Fund - \$723.02

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Szymanski, Amos, and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No (Isenhart is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
5. Sheriff Report: Sheriff Bean read his monthly report and talked about a proposed Fire Works Ordinance
6. Ambulance Department: MMR Report: As submitted
7. Fire Department: Chief Williamson: As reported:
8. Road Commission: Burt Thompson from the Antrim County Road Commission will attend our October 2020 meeting to discuss plans for the future and repairs for North Bayshore Drive.
9. Bass Lake Weed Control: Szymanski spoke with CAKE (Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska and Emmet) who handle invasive species in our waterways, regarding the weeds and lily pads in Bass Lake. They are looking into what would cause this.
10. Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments: Three (3) Yr Terms
Recommendations from Supervisor Amos.
 - Planning Commission: Emile Sabty and Tom Crandall: **MOTION/S: Szymanski/Boisvert** to approve the recommended appointments. **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - Zoning Board: Vince Cooper and Robert McCrie: **MOTION/S: Hults /Boisvert** to approve the recommended appointments. **MOTION APPROVED.**
11. Maple Grove Cemetery: Still working on road signs. They should be installed this month.

12. Government Building Maintenance: Hults
 - The HVAC Digital Control System work by Temperature Control has begun.
 - There have been no new roof leaks yet so we are hoping that the water proofing to the masonry has solved the problem. Hults did say that we have not seen rain and winds from the East yet and that could be an issue.
13. District Library: The Library Board Chairman made a decision on personnel issues without Board approval. The Personnel Committee is reviewing everything and will have a recommendation to the Board.
14. Township Sewer: Generators: B. Muma from Performance Engineers submitted an estimated cost of \$25,080 to purchase and install a generator from North Country Power Generation, at the sewer pump station located off of Woodland Drive. **MOTION/S: Hults /Szymanski** to approve the purchase and installation of the generator in the amount of \$25,080. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No (Isenhart is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
15. Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail: Design development for the trail between Acme and Elk Rapids is progressing. The Engineers hope to start scheduling outreach and meetings with property owners over the next few months.
16. Attorney Report: No Update at this time
17. Township Board Announcements and Comments:
 - Amos stated that the Road Millage ends in 2021 and asked Derman what our timeline may be to get a renewal on the ballot in 2021.
 - Hults said that the new gutter is falling off the HERTH building due to the soffit rotting in areas. He will be looking into the issue.
 - Boisvert stated that Absentee Ballots for the November 3rd General Election should arrive in the Township office around the last week in September. They should be ready for distribution by October 1st. If voters would like to come in to the office to pick up their ballot, they could call the office at 231-264-9333 so the ballot isn't put in the mail before they come in.
 - Szymanski said that taxes are due next week (Sept. 14th). Taxes received after that will be charged an interest fee.

Adjourned: 10:08 am

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