

## **Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2022**

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 Matt Soper, and Trustee Richard Hults

**Also Present:** B. Derman, Chief Williamson, Sheriff Bean, E. Boettcher and 4 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  2. **Public Comments:** L. Prentice- proposed creating a citizen’s committee for water quality.
  3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
  4. **Consent Agenda:**
    - A. December 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes
    - B. December 14, 2021 Special Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes
    - C. Zoning Administrator’s Report
    - D. Annual Report for Zoning and Planning for 2021
    - E. Treasurers Report
    - F. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$16,749.34, Fire Fund - \$1,365.91
- MOTION/S: Boisvert/ Szymanski** to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Soper, Szymanski, Amos and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
5. **Sheriff /Commissioner Report:** as reported
  6. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as submitted
  7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Presented verbal report and also submitted the 2021 Fire Department Annual Report. This report is posted on the Township website, elkrapids.com.
  8. **School Agreements for Tax Collection in 2022**
    - Elk Rapids Schools: \$2.50 per parcel: **MOTION/S: Szymanski/ Boisvert** to approve Agreement for Collection of 2022 Summer School Property Taxes. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
    - Northwest Education Services: \$2.50 per parcel: **MOTION/S: Szymanski/ Amos** to approve Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
  9. **Island House Property:** Tenancy In Common Agreement (TIC): No new information yet. The survey by Farrier is being certified.
  10. **Township Sewer:**
    - Proposed Sewer Agreement – We believe this will be addressed at the Village Council meeting to be held on Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Purchase of REU’s for Sewer. – The Township plans to utilize money received by the American Rescue Plan to purchase REU’s (residential equivalent units) from the Village to reserve capacity at the sewer wastewater treatment plant for our current and future sewer projects. **MOTION/S: Hults/ Boisvert** to use the funds received by the ARPA to purchase REU’s from the Village. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

11. **Government Center:** CBSI cleaned the outside of the building and replaced ceiling tiles on the inside. Door repair will happen in the spring. Hults is still looking into a generator for the building and has received word of another company to check with. We still need the Village to opt in and set money aside for the project.
12. **Maple Grove Cemetery Tree and Brush Cleanup.** Ralph's Tree Service has been cutting and clearing at the cemetery and will continue as weather allows.
13. **Attorney Report:** As reported
14. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**
  - Boisvert stated that we have received a certification from the State of Michigan stating that Elk Rapids Township has a population of 2000 or more and is thereby eligible to become a charter township. Whether the Township would like to or not, there is action that needs to be taken and publications that are necessary. Boisvert will check with the Township attorney's on how to proceed.

**Adjourned: 10:15 am**

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