

## **Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2024**

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, Trustee Richard Hults

**Absent:** Trustee Matthew Soper and Treasurer Kelly Jensen

**Also Present:** B. Derman, Commissioner Hefferan, Chief Williamson, and 4 people signed in as audience.

1. **Meeting Called to Order - Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** S. Castronovo: Drainage ditch at Twp access on Williams Dr.,  
T. Vranich – HERTHA Communication and rental issues  
J. Derenzy – New Executive Director of Elk Rapids Chamber of Commerce  
S. Guy – Antrim County Clerk: Introduced herself and she is running as a write-in in the November election.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Amos** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - A. September 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes
  - B. Zoning Report
  - C. Treasurers Report
  - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$21,219.39 Fire Fund - \$15,631.21

**MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Amos, Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.** (Soper and Jensen are absent)
5. **Commissioner Report:** B Hefferan: Public Safety Center millage.
6. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as presented
7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented: Fire Board Reappointments: Jim Lundy, Gary Getel, Melvin Matchett, Larry Ball and John Amos: All reappointed for a six (6) year term expiring June 2030.
8. **State Representative J. Roth:** A short update of what’s going on in Lansing. Still working through the Tip Wage Bill that was planned go into effect in February 2025.
9. **Wolverine Power Systems Quote:** \$2,328.27 (to be shared with the Village)  
(Monitoring hardware & sys. for reporting for our generators)  
**MOTION/S: Hults/Amos** to approve moving forward with this. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.** (Soper and Jensen are absent)
10. **Antrim County Road Commission:** Invoice - \$12,371.10 (approved at May 13, 2024 meeting)  
Road Commission submitted the invoice this month.

11. **Bass Lake Weed Special Assessment:** Bass Lake Association requests to apply the balance in the weed assessment fund (\$356.80) toward a study from the Tip of the Mitt Watershed. **Boisvert/Amos** to approve applying that balance to the new study, closing out the special assessment account with the Township.  
Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Hults and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.** (Soper and Jensen are absent)
12. **Woodland Drive Temporary Access: T. Reed and G. Blesma**  
A request for temporary access along Woodland Drive to access a private property. Amos stated the gentlemen had another access to their property and would rather not have them go through the locked gated entrance that protects our sewer easement to the pump station. The Township has denied access in the past to others who have made requests.  
**MOTION/S: Hults/Amos** to deny the access through the property. **MOTION APPROVED.**
13. **Attorney's Report: B. Derman:** As reported.
14. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**
  - Amos stated that the tribunal case for the Elk Rapids Cinema was moving forward.
  - A letter drafted by Varnum Law was sent to the DDA
  - Village Update: L. Shumate

**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