

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2020

This meeting date of December 10th 2020 was due to a change in the schedule made back in November 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 and Trustee Aaron Isenhart

Also Present: B. Derman, Chief Williamson, and 4 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** None at this time
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Boisvert stated that #12 on the agenda should read Maple Grove Cemetery instead of Maple Harbor Cemetery. **MOTION/S: Hults /Boisvert** to approve the agenda as corrected. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes, spelling error under public comment had been corrected
 - B. Zoning Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$9,145.83, Fire Fund - \$142,707.93

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Isenhart all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
5. **Budget Adjustments:**
 - General Fund Adjustments totaling \$20,000
 - Fire Dept. Adjustments totaling \$30,602

MOTION/S: Szymanski/Hults to approved the budget adjustments as presented. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, Isenhart and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
6. **Emergency Operating Resolution 2020-13.** Resolution for temporary emergency measures for Township operation. This Resolution can be found on the Township website elkrapids.com and posted in the Township Notice Window at 315 Bridge Street. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Isenhart, Hults and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
7. **Sheriff Report:** A draft Fireworks Ordinance was distributed by Sheriff Bean for Townships to review.

Commissioner Report: Boettcher commented on the November Election tabulating error that occurred in Antrim County and the fact that it was detected and corrected and the canvased results were posted. Then he also mentioned a lawsuit against the County from an individual to do a forensic audit of all of the documents and machines. The County eventually needed to comply due to an injunction from the court that would allow the audit. This was directed more to a ballot issue in Central Lake.
8. **Ambulance Department:** MMR Report: As submitted

9. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: As reported:
 - MERS Retirement 457 Contribution for Fire Fighters in the amount of \$9,750.00,**MOTION/S: Boisvert/Isenhart** to approve the Township contribution of \$9,750.00. Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Isenhart, Hults, Szymanski and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
10. **Antrim County Road Commission:** The Road Commission is currently working on North Bayshore Drive. Township allocations for roads for 2021 will be the same as 2020, \$30,874.
11. **Government Building Maintenance:** Hults
 - The HVAC Digital Control System work by Temperature Control looks to be completed. The engineer issued a punch list and will finish the formal paperwork. Training of the DPW for the system still needs to be completed.
12. **Maple Grove Cemetery:** Areas that need gravel work have been identified. The Township will be going out for bids in 2021 for grounds maintenance and mowing.
13. **Township Sewer:** The house at 7236 Birch Lake Rd has still not connected to the sewer. A new permit application was filled out and signed by the property owner last month with the condition that the property be connected to the sewer before the end of the year. A final notice will be sent to the owner.
14. **Attorney Report:** As reported
15. **Township Board Announcements and Comments:**
 - Amos said that the Tax Tribunal is waiting for the assignment of a Judge.
 - The Township Board of Review will be meeting on December 15th at 9:00 am at the Governmental Center.
 - HERTHA – Hults: a gutter needs repair and the funding for the window project is on hold.
 - There is a District Library zoom meeting at 5:00 today. The Township Board commented on a grievance that was submitted to the District Library.
 - Boisvert stated that the Governmental Center is closed due to Health Dept restrictions but the Township is still operating and answering emails, phone messages and the telephone during hours that someone is in working.
 - Szymanski stated that Tax Bills have been sent and an envelope was included with the bills so tax payers can put their tax payments in the drop box at the entrance to the Governmental Center. Tax information can also be found on our website, elkrapids.com under the title of “Ask about my property taxes”.

Adjourned: 10:32 am

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