

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, February 5, 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, Treasurer Mike Weber

Absent: Trustee Richard Hults and Trustee Matt Soper

Also Present: B. Derman, Sheriff Hoch, Commissioner Hefferan, Chief Williamson, and 6 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** A. Jenema: Axe My Tax issue and the serious ramifications of this subject.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Boisvert/Weber** to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION APPROVED.

4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Reports – December 2023 and January 2024
 - C. Zoning Administrator’s Annual Report
 - D. Treasurers Report
 - E. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$12,158.31 Fire Fund - \$2,043.69

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Weber to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Weber, Amos, and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No (Hults and Soper are absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

5. **State Senator John DaMoose:**

The Senator took questions but also touched on the following subjects being discussed at the State level: Axe My Tax issue, The Mackinac Bridge, Renewable Energy, Proposition 2, Elections, Solar farms and Wind farms and Workforce housing, Sewer Systems and Septic Point of Sale. He said that Michigan is the only state in the Country that does not have a Statewide Septic Code and there are bills being looked at now that have a good possibility of passing. Having to test your septic routinely may show problems that will have to be fixed or cause the replacement of septic systems which could be very costly.
6. **Village Manager: J. Matthews:** Matthews talked about the Village Council meeting together for workshops once a month and then a Council meeting later each month. Some of the things they are working on: Their 2024/2025 FY Budgets, Bridge Street Housing and Shoreline Management.
7. **Sheriff:** Sheriff Hoch: Report as presented
Commission Report: B Hefferan: Report as presented
8. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as presented
9. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented
10. **HERTHA:** T. Resig - Requests that the Township budget \$10,000 for HERTHA for this fiscal year. This will count as a match for grants they are applying for to put in more windows.
11. **Cuttin It Close:** 2024 Estimate – Maple Grove Cemetery: **Boisvert/Weber** to approve the extension of the Lawn and Maintenance Agreement at Maple Grove Cemetery with Cuttin It Close for an amount of \$29,050 per year. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert and Weber all voting Yes, 0 No (Hults and Soper are absent)
MOTION APPROVED.

12. **Attorney's Report:** As reported. Derman restated in his report that the deadline for connecting to the Cairn Hwy Sewer before the benefit charge of \$4,000 starts up is June 30, 2024. Everyone needs to get a sewer permit before they connect.
13. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:** none at this time

Adjourned: 10:52am

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