

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, February 11, 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 Aaron Isenhart, and Trustee Richard Hults

Also Present: B. Derman, Chief Williamson, Patty Niepoth, Register of Deeds and 3 members in the audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** P. Niepoth, Register of Deeds: visiting Antrim County locations.
V. Cooper: Twp. should put more information in their publications for Zoning updates and meeting minutes.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Isenhart** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. January 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report – January 2020
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$15,077.98, Fire & Rescue Fund - \$42,895.45

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Isenhart, Szymanski, Amos and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
5. Sheriff/Commissioner Report: As submitted
6. Ambulance Department: MMR Report: As submitted
7. Fire Department: Chief Williamson:
 - Officer Recommendation: Shawn Fitzgerald for 2nd Lieutenant

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults to approve Shawn Fitzgerald for 2nd Lieutenant as recommended.
MOTION APPROVED
8. **Township Sewer: Rate Review: Sewer Rate Resolution 2020-2.**

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults to approve the Sewer Rate Resolution 2020-2 which increases the sewer Operation and Maintenance fee from \$15.00 a month to \$15.40 a month and also increases the Repair and Replacement fee from \$19.10 a month to \$19.75 a month making the total monthly fee beginning in April 2020 \$53.75. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No,
MOTION APPROVED.
9. **Maple Grove Cemetery: Proposed Road Names**
 - A. New North Section: Pear Tree, Bosc and Bartlett
 - B. Old North Section: Sweet Cherry, Sams, Queen Anne, Bing, Gold, Ulster
 - C. Old South Section: Apple Blossom, Honey Crisp, Gala, Ida Red, Rome, Empire

MOTION/S: Hults/Boisvert to approve the proposed names for the roads in Maple Grove Cemetery.
MOTION APPROVED.

10. 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budgets for Review:

Budget Hearing set for Tuesday March 24th at 9:00 AM and then a Special Township Board meeting to be set for Tuesday March 24th at 9:30 AM to approve the budgets. Both to be held at 315 Bridge Street.

11. Governmental Center HVAC System Evaluation: A report was received from Nealis Engineering regarding the HVAC system at the Governmental Center. Hults will get back with Nealis to get some specifications for equipment and suggests that the Township and the Village go out for bids for based on those spec's.

12. Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail: Report as submitted.

13. Board of Review: Meetings at the Governmental Center, 315 Bridge Street

- Organizational Meeting – Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 5pm
- Assessment Appeals – Wednesday March 11 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday March 12 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

14. Attorney Report: As reported.

15. Township Board Announcements and Comments:

- Szymanski: Taxes due February 14th. Interest added after that. March 2nd is the last day to pay taxes at the Township office. After that they are sent to the County for collection.
- Hults: HERTHA has applied for grants to replace the windows and has received \$6,000 from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and are still waiting on other grants to come through.
The Library Board: In the process of re-working the operating agreement for the old lease.

Adjourned: 10:23 am

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