

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2017

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 7:02 pm. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

Present: Supervisor: Dorance Amos, Clerk: Shelley Boisvert, Treasurer: Mike Szymanski, and Trustee Richard Hults

Absent: Trustee Aaron Isenhart

Also Present: B. Derman, L. Harrett, Fire Chief VanDenBerge, T. King MMR, K. Helmreich, M. Stone
6 members in the audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comment:** none at this time
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Motion/S: Szymanski/Hults to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION APPROVED.
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. January 10, 2017 Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund - \$15,056.89, Fire & Amb. Fund – \$5,961.02MOTION/S Hults/Boisvert to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Szymanski, Amos and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No. (Isenhart is absent) MOTION APPROVED.
5. **Assessor's Report:** as submitted
 - Amended Assessor's Contract: The original contract was revised to fit into the Township's fiscal year of April 1 through March 31. This shortened that original contract by 3 months ending it on March 31, 2017. This amendment then extends the contract for a period of 36 months April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2020 at the rate of \$3,200 per month. Motion/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve the amended contract with Karleen Helmreich. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No. MOTION APPROVED.
6. **Sheriff/Commissioner Report:** as submitted
7. **Ambulance Department:** Tom King: Report: as presented.
8. **Fire Department:** Chief VanDenBerge: Reported that Elk Rapids Fire Dept. has received a \$14,000 grant from the GTB Economic Development Corp. for the training facility and a \$500 grant from Elk Rapids Rotary for our smoke detector project.
 - Approval of Officers: Motion/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to follow the recommendations of Chief VanDenBerge and approve Chris White for the 2 year term of Captain, and Phillip VanDenBerge for a 2 year term of Lieutenant. MOTION APPROVED.

9. Fire Board Appointments

Fire Board appointments are for a six (6) year term but since clear documentation on previous terms was not located appointments will be made this time in an effort to stagger the terms for the future.

- MOTION/S Hults/Boisvert approve John Amos and Larry Ball to a 2 year term expiring June 30, 2018. MOTION APPROVED.
- Motion/S: Szymanski/Hults to approve Jim Lundy and Gary Gretel to a 4 year term expiring June 30, 2020. MOTION APPROVED.
- Motion by Boisvert to approve Don Reynolds to a 6 year term expiring June 20, 2022 did not have support so the motion failed. The Township will discuss this position with the Village of Elk Rapids for a future appointment.

10. HERTHA: no report at this time.

11. Agreement for Collection of 2017 Summer School Property Taxes:

MOTION/S Hults/Boisvert to approve the agreements with the Elk Rapids Schools and with the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District for the collection of the summer taxes for 2017. MOTION APPROVED.

12. Elk Rapids Power Dam Update: Mark Stone, County Drain Commissioner

Stone reported that the FERC license was approved and it is a 35 year license (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission). This allows them to generate power and to sell that power. Stone also stated that the Antrim County Board approved a bid to rehab the interior of the dam. This amount will be just under \$180,000.

13. Township Engineer Selection:

MOTION/S Hults/Szymanski to contract with Performance Engineering for design services and related scope for the Maple Harbor sewer project. The contract and scope will be agreed to between the Board and Performance. Additionally he would like to enter in an agreement for engineering service and discovery and immediate assessment and opinion on what action, if any, should be taken to analyze the existing sewer system at Birch Lake and to bring us a recommendation to either repair it to make it sustainable or to replace it. After more discussion the Board held a Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults, and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No. MOTION APPROVED

14. Attorney's Report: as presented

15. Township Board Announcements and Comments:

- Additional survey work and documentation has been proposed for Maple Grove cemetery and Boisvert requested approval of payment totaling \$4,900 to Farrier Survey once all of the work has been completed. MOTION/S Hults/Boisvert to approve payment to Farrier. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Szymanski, Amos and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No. MOTION APPROVED

16. Public Comment: P. Brady – Clarification on intent for Twp Engineer

17. Adjourn: 8:02 pm