

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, May 9, 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 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, Larry Nix, Fire Chief VanDenBerge, A. Nordman (Performance Engineering) and 27 members in the audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comment:** none at this time
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Motion/S: Boisvert/Hults to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**

4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. April 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund - \$34,858.64, Fire & Amb. Fund – \$8,494.92
Birch Lake Fund-\$5,000.00, Road Fund-\$35,393.00MOTION/S Hults/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 presented
6. **Ambulance Department:** Report: as presented.
Amos mentioned that Nick Bernelis, Director of Operations for MMR passed away suddenly. The interim Director will be Scott Kernicky
7. **Fire Department:** Chief VanDenBerge: Report as presented
8. **HERTHA:** no report at this time.

9. **Grant for Voting Equipment: Resolution 2017-8.** Motion/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve Resolution #2017-8 authorizing the Clerk to be part of the Grant application with Antrim County to the State of Michigan for new voting equipment. **MOTION APPROVED.**

10. **Zoning Administrator Field Position:** Motion/S: Hults/Isenhart to appoint Jim Lundy as a field assistant to the Zoning Administrator. **MOTION APPROVED.**

11. **Road Name Change Request:** Kewadin – Swartz Drive change to Tricks Way
Motion/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve the request to change the name of Swartz Drive to Tricks Way as requested by property owners. **MOTION APPROVED.**

12. **Sportsman Club: Global Engineering:** Jill Auger-Global Engineering will start working on a Certificate of Closure report for the Sportsman Club. She reported that all verification samples are below clean up level so we should be done excavating. Final reports will follow.

13. **Agreement with Antrim County: Assessor Charge:** MOTION/S Szymanski/Boisvert to approve a Letter of Agreement between Antrim County and Elk Rapids Township to maintain tax and assessment records for a two year period at a cost of \$.45 per parcel. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No, **MOTION APPROVED.**

14. **Birch Lake Sewer:** A. Nordman –Performance Engineering went over sewer costs on a five (5) year financial projection on the existing Birch Lake sewer system.
 - Amendment to the Sewer Use and Rate Ordinance of 1982 (Ordinance 82-1, as amended): **Ordinance No. 2017-1** Motion/S: Szymanski/Hults to approve the amendment. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Isenhart, all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - Special meeting will be held on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 2:00 pm for Birch Lake property owners to go over sewer funding and rates.
15. **Maple Harbor Sewer:** A meeting will be held on Friday May 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM with Performance Engineering at the Governmental Center regarding the proposed sewer project for Maple Harbor.
16. **Antrim County Road Commission:**
 - A. Contract for chip sealing Lakeshore, Sunset Shore and Herman Roads. Deposit needed (75%) in the amount of \$35,393.
 - B. Birch Point Drive work scheduled: Township share \$10,800.

MOTION/S Hults/Szymanski to approve all the work proposed with the funds coming from the Road Millage Fund. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults, Isenhart and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**
17. **Regulation of Medical Marijuana Facilities:** **MOTION/S Hults/Szymanski** that Elk Rapids Township NOT adopt an ordinance to authorize the location of any medical marijuana facilities within Elk Rapids Township as provided by and as identified in the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, Mich. Comp. Laws § 333.27101, et seq. (2016). Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Hults, Isenhart, Szymanski and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**
18. **Attorney’s Report:** as presented
19. **Township Board Announcements and Comments:**
 - The auditors from Tobin & Company have completed the Twp. audit this week.
20. **Public Comment:** M. Wright - Birch Lake sewer; P. Brady - Birch Lake replacement fund, and meeting minutes that were not published; C. Brady-Birch Lake replacement fund
21. **Adjourn: 10:30 am**