

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, March 11, 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, Trustee Richard Hults and Trustee Matt Soper

Absent: Treasurer Mike Weber

Also Present: B. Derman, Sheriff Hoch, Commissioner Hefferan, Chief Williamson, and 1 member signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** D. Reynolds – Fishing Expo
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. February5, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report – February 2024
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$14,474.98 Fire Fund - \$14,174.83

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

5. **Antrim County Road Commission: B. Thompson:**

Thompson submitted the projects and estimated costs for road maintenance in the township for the 2024/2025 fiscal year for Chip Seal work as follows:

 - East and West Harbor Drive and Inwood Circle: \$39,000
 - Winters Road: \$8,500
 - Birch Point Drive: \$8,000
 - Timberlake Dr.: Crack filler work instead of Chip Seal: \$4,000

MOTION/S: Amos/Hults to approve this upcoming work. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No. (Weber is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

6. **Sheriff:** Sheriff Hoch: Report as presented – Discussed Opioids in the area.
Commission Report: B Hefferan: Report as presented – Recycling Costs for all the Townships and the Public Safety Center
7. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – The contract with MMR is up this year. We are waiting for a draft of a new contract.
8. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Fire is still at 22 members, the Department received a grant from the Tribe for radios, and the Car Seat program is underway – 6 new car seats were donated for the project.
9. **Meeting Dates for F/Y 2024/2025:** Second Monday of each month at 9:00 AM. Schedule is posted at the Governmental Center and on the Township website. **MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** to approve the scheduled dates. **MOTION APPROVED.**

10. **Newspaper of Record: MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to continue to use the Elk Rapids News as the news paper of record. **MOTION APPROVED.**

11. **Salary Resolutions for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025**
 - A. Resolution 2024-1 : Supervisor Salary (*\$24,000, plus health stipend of \$9,600*)
MOTION/S: Soper/Hults to approve Resolution 2024-1 for the Supervisor Salary and stipend.
Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No (Weber is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - B. Resolution 2024-2 : Treasurer Salary (*\$24,000, plus health stipend of \$9,600*)
MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos to approve Resolution 2024-2 for the Treasurer Salary and stipend.
Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Hults, Soper and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No (Weber is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - C. Resolution 2024-3 : Clerk Salary (*\$34,000, plus health stipend of \$4,800*)
MOTION/S: Amos/Soper to approve Resolution 2024-3 for the Clerk Salary and stipend.
Roll Call Vote: Hults, Soper, Amos and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No (Weber is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - D. Resolution 2024-4 : Trustee Salary (*\$3,000, annual*) **MOTION/S: Amos/Boisvert** to approve Resolution 2024-4 for the Trustee Salary. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No (Weber is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - E. Resolution 2024-5: Staff Salary: **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos** to approve Resolution 2024-5 for Staff Salary. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No (Weber is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

12. **Resolution 2024-6 : Appropriation Act for 2024-2025 Budget. MOTION/S: Hults/Amos** to approve Resolution 2024-6 – Appropriation Act for 2024-2025: Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Hults, Soper and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No (Weber is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

13. **Generator for Government Center:** Bids: Shoreline Electric - \$84,674.53
This cost should be split with the Village.

14. **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.

15. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**
 - HERTHA: T. Resig - Letter for Facade Grant

Adjourned: 10:29am

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