

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, April 11 2022

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 and Trustee Richard Hults. **Absent:** Trustee Matt Soper,
Also Present: B. Derman, Chief Williamson and 2 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** T. Stephenson-Library Board President, told the Board that their director N. Miller will be retiring as of Friday April 15, 2022.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Szymanski** to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION APPROVED.
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. March 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - B. March 10, 2022 Budget Public Hearing Minutes
 - C. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - D. Treasurers Report
 - E. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$48,522.78, Fire Fund - \$2,976.98

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

5. **Sheriff /Commissioner Report:** Reported as submitted
6. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as submitted
7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented
 - Fire Fighter Ryan Forfinski is no longer with the Elk Rapids Fire Dept.
8. **Township Sewer:** Cairn Hwy Sewer Project: Performance Engineering:
Amos recused himself and stepped away. Meeting turned over to Szymanski as acting Supervisor.
 - 2 quotes were received March 30, 2022 – Bid Tabulation was presented.
Roemer Utility Services - \$998,679
Matt's Underground - \$738,293

MOTION/S: Hults/Szymanski to accept the bid from Matt's Underground in the amount of \$738,293. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.** (Amos is recused and Soper is absent).

Supervisor Amos has rejoined the Board meeting.

- The generator for the Maple Harbor lift station has arrived and work to connect it is underway.
 - Great Lakes Packing, Milton Twp, is looking for help with treatment for their process water. They will need to work with the Village regarding treatment availability at the wastewater treatment plant. They will also work with Elk Rapids Township regarding transportation of their waste through township sewer lines to the plant.
9. **Island House Property:** The Township received a complaint/lawsuit from the Village of Elk Rapids regarding the Island House Property ownership. Varnum, the Township Attorney in this case, has asked for an extension of time for our response to the complaint.

10. **Government Center:** Supervisor Amos met with Village Manager, B. Gruesbeck regarding several issues. Amos understood that the REU purchase, the updated sewer agreement and the easement to the plant should be addressed at the April 18th Village Council meeting so we should have answers after that.
 - B. Gruesbeck, J. Janisse, D. Amos and an electrician met to evaluate the current generator at the police station to see if that could handle the governmental center also.
 - Chief Williamson said that he expects a bid for asphaltting the parking lot from Reith Riley and maybe an updated bid from Elmers.
 - Building Authority Appointments. **MOTION/S: Amos/Szymanski** to appoint Boisvert and Hults to represent the Township for a new building authority committee with the Village. **MOTION APPROVED.**

11. **Antrim County Roads Projects for 2022:**
Herrman Rd.- \$21,000: Williams Rd.- \$32,000: Winters Rd.- \$6,000: Indian Rd.- \$4,500
The Road Commission will be in charge of scheduling this work. This will probably take place in June and July and most of the work will be chip/seal.
 - The Township will have a Road Millage Renewal on the August 2022 ballot.

12. **Township Spring Clean-up:** Szymanski stated that the Township pays for this clean up each year but it seems that there has been a lot of duplication in these services available in the area. **MOTION/S: Szymanski/ Hults** to vacate the Township spring clean-up usually held in May due to duplications of services with the County and Green ER. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Green ER Super Recycling: Elk Rapids Recycling Center on Bridge St. - Saturday, May 14th from 9 am to 3 pm.
Antrim Co. Household Haz. Waste Drop-off: Elk Rapids DPW Garage on Lake St. – Saturday June 11th 8am to noon

13. **Attorney Report:** As reported

14. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**
 - Szymanski said that the special assessment software from BS&A should be installed soon.
 - Amos stated that it looks like the Land Conservancy has now added the former Sportsman’s Club property as one of their projects for 2022.
 - Boisvert said that there is no May Election for Elk Rapids Township but they will be gearing up for the upcoming August 2nd Primary Election and then the November 8th General Election.
 - Hults said that the HERTH Board is still searching for grants for their window project.

Adjourned: 10:10 am

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