

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2021

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. Quorum of 4 members. **Current Vacancy on the Board for Trustee Isenhardt's position.**
Also Present: B. Derman, Chief Williamson, M. Stone-Drain Commissioner and 2 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:**
 - S. Leassser: Looking for more availability for the public. Suggests that the clerk keep the audio of all meetings on the website for a full year.
Note: Current Township policy is to have audio available on the website until the meeting minutes from that meeting are approved.
 - Letter from M. Holland was read regarding COVID -19 vaccination availability and the importance to our whole area of getting as many people vaccinated as possible.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Szymanski to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. April 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - B. May 3, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
 - C. Zoning Report
 - D. Treasurers Report
 - E. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$15,391.17, Fire Fund - \$2,661.01

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 MOTION APPROVED.
5. **Sheriff Report:** Report as submitted.
6. **Ambulance Department:** Report as submitted
7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: As presented.
8. **Elk Rapids Dam: Mark Stone-Antrim County Drain Commissioner:** Report on the Elk Rapids Dam. Good report and discussion of the Dam and the chain of lakes. Available in audio of meeting minutes on the Township website.
9. **New Road Name: Petobego Pines Lane:** L. Nix suggests that we take no action on this road name at this time because there are a lot more questions regarding the road itself. As of now this is just a driveway but it looks like it needs to be designated as a private road. **MOTION/S: Hults/Amos to Table the naming of the road to a future date. MOTION APPROVED.**

10. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Antrim County Approval Received.**

Amendment #2021-1: **MOTION/S: Amos/ Hults** to approve the amendment. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

Amendment #2021-2: **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos** to approve the amendment. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**

11. **Township Sewer:**

- The generator came in for the pump station at the old Sportsman Club property
- June 3rd Sewer Meeting set for 6:00 PM at the Governmental Center at 315 Bridge St.
- There may be some COVID-19 relief funding for state and local governments. This may be used toward sewer infrastructure. More details and amount available to come.

12. **Attorney Report:** As reported

13. **Township Board Announcements and Comments:**

- Trustee Vacancy: Applications and description of the position is at elkrapids.com
- Special Township Meeting set for May 27th at 9:00 AM to appoint a new Trustee.
- Boisvert stated that the flags for Maple Grove Cemetery for Memorial Day have arrived. Purchase Order had been issued in the amount of \$483.00. A check will be sent.
- Boisvert also mentioned that she verified with the Township Insurance agent that there would be no liability if the Township were to hold the easements that may be needed for the Trail project. Derman asked if there was an agreement between the Township and the Trail people for the easements.

Adjourned: 10:13 am

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