

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, May 13, 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, Treasurer Mike Weber, Trustee Richard Hults and Trustee Matt Soper

Also Present: B. Derman, Sheriff Hoch, Commissioner Hefferan, Chief Williamson, and 11 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:**
 - * Stacy Truesdale: Candidate for Probate Judge – Introducing herself
 - * B. Finlayson: Convention of States
 - * M. Zelenak, Conservation Executive Director – MI Green Communities Program
 - * E. Fitzgerald: Conservation Dist. MI Healthy Climate Coordinator
 - * S. Quinn: Riverstreet Market, DDA
 - * J. Parliament: Antrim Co. Director of Senior Services
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. April 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$38,235.55 Fire Fund - \$6,045.40

MOTION/S: Soper/Weber to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Soper, Weber, Amos, and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
5. **US Representative Jack Bergman:**

Representative Bergman discussed the territory he covers in Michigan, and the various committees he is on including: Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and he Chairs the Oversight Committee of the Budget Committee.
6. **DDA Presentation: B. Matthews:** Chair of Downtown Development Authority: Matthews presented information from the DDA Biannual Report and the 2024 Restated Development & Tax Increment Financing Plan.
7. **Sheriff:** Sheriff Hoch: Report as presented; focused on drug issues such as fentanyl in the County. They are working with TNT and other surrounding Counties fighting the drug issues.
Commission Report: B Hefferan: Report as presented, the County received a grant for the Bellaire Dam and Hefferan mentioned there is discussion of possibly putting a millage on the ballot for the Public Safety Center.
8. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as presented
9. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented

10. **Highstreet Insurance:** Renewal: 3-13-2024/4-14-2024: **MOTION/S: Hults/Weber** to approve the invoice in the amount of \$32,645.78. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Weber, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
11. **Cherry Capital Connections:** Metro Act Application: L. Schrepfer: Contract was updated as requested and he is requesting signature on the contract. **MOTION/S: Soper/Weber** to approve the Metro Act Right of Way permit as written. Roll Call Vote: Weber, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
12. **Consumers Energy Electric Franchise Ordinance:** B. Derman requested some changes so they will be back with a new draft.
13. **Antrim County Road Commission:** Invoice #77 - \$27,750.00
This is half of our payment for proposed jobs approved at an earlier Township Board meeting.
MOTION/S: Weber/Soper to approve payment of Invoice #77 in the amount of \$27,750.00.
Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults, Soper and Weber all voting Yes, 0 No
MOTION APPROVED.
14. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:** none at this time
 - Village Update - L. Shumate: As presented
15. **Attorney's Report: B. Derman:** 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. Bill Derman will be retiring as of May 17, 2024.

Adjourned: 11:44 am

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