

## **Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2019**

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, Treasurer Mike Szymanski, Trustee Richard Hults, Trustee Aaron Isenhart and Clerk Boisvert

**Also Present:** B. Derman, Chief Williamson, Brad Muma, 1 member in the audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** T. Vranich-Update on the HERTH Building. Bricks along the bottom of the building need replacing and they are working on funding for the large window project coming up.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Isenhart** to approve the agenda as presented.  
**MOTION APPROVED.**

4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - A. April 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes
  - B. May 9, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
  - C. Zoning Report
  - D. Treasurers Report
  - E. Paying of the Bills: General Fund - \$26,276.99, Fire & Rescue Fund - \$2,381.30.

**MOTION/S: Isenhart/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:** Report as submitted
6. **Ambulance Department: MMR:** Report as submitted.
7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: as Reported
  - **Tuition Assistance Program: MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve the Tuition Assistance Program as submitted by Chief Williamson. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
8. **Maple Grove Cemetery Update:** Performance Engineering – Brad Muma spoke about the estimated costs of each of the project tasks outlined for the cemetery millage budget.
  - Task 1: Mapping and Reconciliation of Records - \$100,000
  - Task 2: Irrigation Supply & System Installation - \$250,000
  - Task 3: Landscaping & Site Restoration - \$600,000
  - Task 4: GIS and Database Management - \$15,000
  - Task 5: Columbarium Area - \$175,000
  - O & M Over 10 Years - \$437,989More detail for these tasks can be viewed on the Township website [elkrapids.com](http://elkrapids.com).  
At this time the estimated design and construction cost is \$1,140,000, which would be paid for over a 10 year period if the .6 millage request passes in the August 6, 2019 election.  
There will be a Special Meeting set for **Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm** at the Governmental Center to go over the plans for the Cemetery project.

9. **Farm Land and Open Space Development Rights:** Amos summarized the substance of Farm Land and Open Space Development again for the Board. The Grand Traverse Land Conservancy will head this issue for both Milton and Elk Rapids Townships and there is a ballot millage request of 1 mill for Elk Rapids set in place for the August 6, 2019 election.
10. **Antrim County Road Commission:** 2019 Road Projects: The Township has already agreed to the projected projects for this year. Contracts for Timberlake Drive in the amount of \$40,425 and Winters Road in the amount of \$7,000 have been submitted to the Township. A deposit of \$14,213 is due up front to the Road Commission. The Treasurer will issue a check out of the Road Fund.
11. **Township Sewer:** Brad Muma provided a status report on the sewer. Pressure testing was completed on a section of the Birch Lake System which confirmed that a valve previously thought broken was just a left handed valve so no new work will be necessary on that.

A follow up informational meeting for the property owners in the Inwood Harbor and N. Bayshore area is set for **Wednesday, June 19 at 4:00 pm** at the Governmental Center.

Muma will pull water samples to test water coming from the Birch Lake area and also from the canal/harbor area at Inwood Harbor.

The Board further noted that at this point in time, there are no plans to build or do anything regarding a sewer system in this area. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to see if property owners have interest and answer questions they may have.

12. **Township/Wilcox Park:** Derman is working with Zimmerman from Varnum on deeds and documentation for this property.
13. **Acme to Charlevoix Trail Update:** The trail committee will present the preliminary design plans to the Village Council later in May and hoping the Council will take action on the final preliminary design at their regular meeting in June.
14. **Attorney Report:** As reported.
15. **Township Board Announcements and Comments:**
  - Township Spring Clean-Up – May 18 - DPW Garage – 8 AM-Noon
  - Antrim Conservation District – May 18 – DPW Garage – 9 AM-3 PM – TIRES ONLY
  - Green ER Super Recycling – May 18 – Police Dept. – 9 AM-3 PM
  - Antrim County Hazardous Waste Pick-Up – June 15 – DPW Garage – 8 AM-Noon

**Adjourned: 10:55 AM**