

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, May 9, 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 Trustee Richard Hults and Trustee Matt Soper.

Also Present: B. Derman, Chief Williamson and 5 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 2. **Public Comments:** L. Prentice-concern over sewer project, L. Shumate-Governance Training coming up and Citizen's Academy schedule. B. Hefferan – introduction-he will be running for our district's County Commission seat.
 3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Soper to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION APPROVED.**
 4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. April 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$44,809.36, Fire Fund - \$2,807.28
- MOTION/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Soper, Szymanski, Amos and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No MOTION APPROVED.**
5. **Sheriff /Commissioner Report:** Reported as submitted
 6. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as submitted
 7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented
 8. **Kacey Cook – Watershed Council: Presentation** – Septic Regulations, Maintenance and Ordinances
Cook talked about the Tip of the Mitt Watershed's efforts to inform the residents in northern Michigan about septic system maintenance and to try to involve the local governments by adopting septic inspection policies and/or a property transfer ordinance. There was discussion about the surrounding lakes and how septic systems may be affecting the water quality. It was mentioned that is one of the reasons the Township is trying to install sewer. This township, as opposed to other areas, has the availability of a wastewater treatment plant which makes sewer a very valid option to control septic waste getting into our lakes.
 9. **Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Comm. Appointments:**
Recommendation by Supervisor Amos for reappointments for another 3 year term of the following members:
Zoning Board: John Conrad, Planning Board: Shen Smith and Zach Amos.
**MOTION/S: Soper/Boisvert to approve the recommendations for reappointment for these members.
MOTION APPROVED.**
 10. **Township Sewer:**
 - Resolution Authorizing 2022-8 Special Assessment Bonds. Amos has recused himself for the vote on this resolution and turned the meeting over to Szymanski as acting Supervisor. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults to approved this resolution authorizing the 2022 special assessment bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation) for the Cairn Highway Sanitary Sewer Project. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Szymanski, Boisvert, Hults all voting Yes, 0 No, (Amos is recused) MOTION APPROVED.**

Szymanski turned the meeting back over to Amos.

- Response from the Village – REU Purchase: The Village Council voted to charge the Township \$1,030 per REU. This amount is much larger than the \$600/REU Milton Township paid two years prior. **MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** to purchase the REU's at the \$1,030 cost but to have our engineer review ordinances and calculations to be able to move forward for future projects, and if there are reductions in the cost, we would apply that to additional REU's. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults, Soper and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**
- **Sewer Easement to the Plant:** No news from the Village yet on this.
- **Sewer Easement across the Pollister/Amos property.** The details of this easement had been resolved during the Special Township Board Meeting held on Friday May 6, 2022.

11. **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 answered the complaint. Now waiting on the Court.

12. **Government Center:**

- Parking Lot Quotes: Quotes received by Elmer's and Reith Riley to resurface the government center parking lot: including the fire station section, the police department section, behind the government center and the main parking lot section. Elmer's quote came in lower than Reith Riley. **MOTION/S: Soper/ Hults** to contact Elmer's and have them move forward with the project. Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Hults, Soper, Szymanski, and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**

13. **Antrim County /Township Road Project:**

- Williams Road Culvert repair and Tree Removal (if necessary) at the Birch Lake access totaling \$17,000. **MOTION/S: Soper/Szymanski** to approve the work at the Birch Lake access. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Soper, Szymanski, Amos and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.** Williams Road is one of the roads on the schedule for chip/seal this year.

14. **Attorney Report:** As reported

15. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**

- Szymanski said Auditors will be here May 18 and 19, 2022.
- ARPA Report has been filed with the State.
- HERTH will make application to the State Historic Society for a grant to help with the windows.
- A library survey is out to assess the needs of the community, align library resources to meet those needs and ensure they are serving everyone in the community. One of the places you can get a copy of the survey is at the governmental center along with a drop box once your survey is complete.

Adjourned: 10:31 am