

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, June 10, 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

Absent: Trustee Matt Soper

Also Present: B. Derman, Commissioner Hefferan, Chief Williamson, and 2 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 2. **Public Comments:** B. Finlayson: Convention of States
 3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Boisvert** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
 4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. May 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$30,908.60 Fire Fund - \$29,253.29
- MOTION/S: Boisvert/Weber** to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Weber, Amos, and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.** (Soper was absent)
5. **Thaddeus E. Morgan:** Attorney: Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap: Amos introduced Thad and mentioned that we had interviewed a couple of candidates that could possibly replace Bill Derman as the Township attorney. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve the contract with Thaddeus E. Morgan of Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap to represent the Township. Roll Call Vote: Weber, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.** (Soper was absent)
 6. **Commissioner Report:** B Hefferan: Report as presented. He mentioned there is a vacancy on the Commission of Aging Board; FEMA will hold an open house regarding Flood Plain; and Hefferan plans to make a motion to the County Board that they place a proposal for a .75 mill for 20 years on the November 2024 ballot for the Public Safety Center.
 7. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as presented
 8. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented: Chief mentioned that M. Rainy is currently off the fire fighter roster due to training requirements.
 9. **Consumer Energy Franchise Ordinance No. 2024-01:** This Ordinance would take affect November 11, 2024. Costs for printing and publications for this ordinance will be reimbursed by Consumers Energy. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos** to approve Ordinance No. 2024-01 which should run for a ten (10) year period. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Weber all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.** (Soper was absent)

10. **Varnum Law: M. Shaver**

Closed Session to discuss a matter pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos to recess to a closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, specifically a written legal opinion by legal counsel regarding the Elk Rapids Village Downtown Development Authority. The matter discussed is exempt from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Hults, Weber and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

(Soper was absent) The Board went into Closed Session at 9:32 AM.

The Township Board Meeting was reconvened at 10:54 AM

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos to authorize Supervisor Amos, Member Hults and/or counsel to proceed in accordance with the recommendations of counsel as outlined in the written legal memorandum discussed in closed session under Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

- Village Update - L. Shumate: As presented
- John Stimpson – HomeStretch: 0% Pilot

12. **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 but will be available to discuss matters with the new Township Attorney Thad Morgan.

Adjourned: 11:34 am

Shelley Boisvert, Elk Rapids Township Clerk, 231-264-9333

Meeting minutes are subject to approval at the next regular Board Meeting