

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, July 11, 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, 6 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:**
 - Letter read from D. Reynolds thanking the Fire Dept. and MMR Ambulance employees.
 - L. Prentice: Water Quality Reports
 - B. Hefferen – Running for County Commissioner
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Soper to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$34,095.38, Fire Fund - \$163,904.10

MOTION/S: Soper/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 reported
6. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as submitted
7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented
 - R. Whisler – New recruit-Explorer Program. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults to approve adding Whisler to the roster. MOTION APPROVED.**
8. **Township Sewer Invoices:**
 - Performance Engineering: \$4,496.50
 - Varnum Law: \$2,541.00
 - William Derman: \$1,087.50

MOTION/S: Hults/Soper to approve the invoices for the sewer project totaling \$8,125.00. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No MOTION APPROVED.

 - Village Approval for Sewer Easement to the Plant. Boisvert will get this document signed and recorded.
9. **Maple Grove Cemetery**
 - Watermain Issues: The large water system line has been turned off due to breaking lines and leaks. A new line was put in along the front of the cemetery that has four (4) working faucets near the entrance of the main sections. A faucet can be found at Bartlett, McIntosh, Gala and Bing.
 - ProImage Design Invoice: Invoice in the amount of \$680.60 for road sign replacement and signs for the new water faucets. **MOTION/S: Soper/ Hults to approve the invoice in the amount of \$680.60. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No. MOTION APPROVED.**

10. **Antrim County Road Commission**

- Village Road Project: The Village requested \$30,000 from the road millage fund to put towards their road projects for the year. Szymanski stated that the road fund for this year will have a balance of \$23,000 so we won't be able to handle the request for \$30,000. The Township is also waiting to see if the road millage renewal passes this August. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Szymanski** to approve paying the Village \$23,000 toward their road projects for 2022 pending notice from the Road Commission near the end of the summer about our costs for our approved projects. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults, Soper and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**
- 365 Invoice: Landscaping, \$3,750.00. Birch Lake Road Access Site: **MOTION/S: Soper/ Hults** to approve the invoice by 365 Outdoor. Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Hults, Soper, Szymanski and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**

11. **Governmental Center:** R. Hults

- Governmental Center repairs and painting have been completed
- Parking lot asphalt project to begin in the fall.
- The generator for the governmental center will be re-addressed at the next joint building committee meeting between the Village and the Township.

12. **Attorney Report:** As reported

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

- Water quality correspondence was provided by L. Prentice.
- HERTH has made application to the State Historic Society for a grant to help with the windows. The flag was replaced and new rope and equipment will be installed soon.
- Amos stated that there have been some questions regarding a bond being necessary for projects going before the planning commission. He said that there was a specific circumstance where a bond was needed for a project but that is not normal business for the planning commission.
- Boisvert stated that absentee ballots are available at the office.
- **The Township Road Millage Renewal will be on the August 2nd Primary Ballot.**

Adjourned: 9:56 am

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