

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2021

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, 4 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 2. **Public Comments:** None at this time.
 3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
 4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. July 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$46,609.67, Fire Fund - \$4,614.44
- 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 Report:** Report as submitted.
 6. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as submitted
 7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented.
 8. **Michigan Participating Plan:** Netguard – Cyber Liability Coverage: Boisvert will check with the Township IT Company to see what they think about this coverage. Hults and Soper believe this would be a good thing.
 9. **GTB’s NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Support:** A letter of support was requested by the GTB of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians because they applied for a grant for their Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program. A letter from the Township will be sent in support of their request.
 10. **Township Sewer:** Another Sewer Informational Meeting is set for 6:00 PM at the Governmental Center at 315 Bridge Street on Wednesday August 25, 2021. A mailing notice has been sent to property owners.
 11. **District Library:**
 - Forward motion on the expansion of the library has stopped for the time being.
 - B. Derman summarized the status of the survey by Farrier Survey for the Island House property.
 - Director Miller listed some repair issues for the library building that are being looked at.

12. **Attorney Report:** As reported
- According to L. Nix's zoning report, it seems like there are more property owners moving forward with home and property improvements without obtaining a zoning permit. It is suggested that the Township place a small notice in the paper and on the website reminding owners that permits may be necessary before work is done on the property.
13. **Township Board Announcements and Comments:**
- N. Bayshore Drive – Resurfacing: Correspondence
 - 2020 Audit information available at Township Office: Audit Performed by Baird, Cotter & Bishop
 - Tabled from May 2021 Meeting: Petobego Pines Lane: No action yet
 - Putting gravel on the roads in the cemetery right now.
 - Bass Lake Weed Control Special Assessment is almost finished. Looking for someone from their homeowner's association to contact the Township to see what they'd like to do for the future, if anything.
 - Hults will submit a future repairs list for the Governmental Center Building.
 - Szymanski stated that he has applied for the COVID Relief funds for the Township
 - Boisvert stated that there have been multiple water line breaks at Maple Grove Cemetery creating very large water bills. We will look into shutting the main line water off and keeping a few faucets in a general area on for people to get water for their plants.

Adjourned: 10:12 am

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