

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, August 12, 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 and Trustee Matt Soper

Also Present: B. Derman, T. Morgan, Commissioner Hefferan, Sheriff Hoch, Chief Williamson, and 9 people signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** S. Castronovo: Drainage ditch at Twp access on Williams Dr.,
N. Baker: N. Bayshore Dr. speed limit
T. Brown and K. Ripmaster: Swan Point – Short Term Rentals
3. **Township Treasurer Position:** M. Weber Resignation. Due to a move out of the Township Mike Weber submitted his resignation as Township Treasurer. The Board considered appropriate options for appointing someone to the position and had asked Debbie Husband, Kelly Jensen and Mike Wnek to attend the meeting. Husband said that she would decline the position of Treasurer because she was currently on the ballot for Township Clerk. Wnek was not at the meeting. Jensen stated that she and Wnek had been coming in periodically to train with Weber while he was here and she feels that she has a very good understanding of the position and the process and she would be happy to fill the position for the remainder of Weber's term. **MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** to nominate Jensen as the interim Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Soper, Amos, and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No. Weber abstained. **MOTION APPROVED.** The Board thanked Weber for his services.
4. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. July 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$44,872.39 Fire Fund - \$4,975.20

MOTION/S: Soper/Boisvert to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Weber, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
6. **Sheriff Report:** Sheriff Hoch addressed issues stated earlier about Swan Point and N. Bayshore Dr.
Commissioner Report: B Hefferan: Public Safety Center millage.
7. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as presented
8. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented:
9. **HERTHA:** Supervisor Amos asked that we have the representatives for HERTHA meet with Hults (our Board liaison for HERTHA) from now on so he can fill the Board in during the monthly meeting.

10. **Partridge Trail:** Proposed Road Special Assessment. Attorney E. McLachlan
Petitions were submitted to the Township requesting a special assessment district be created to contract for the maintenance and improvement of Partridge Trail, a private road within the Township. Atty B. Derman addressed the documents and suggested that the Board turn this over to Zoning Administrator, L. Nix so he can write a formal report to the Board breaking down the project and the process that would be necessary. **MOTION/S: Soper/ Hults** to push this petition and documentation to Zoning Administrator Nix for his review. **MOTION APPROVED.**
11. **Township Sewer:** Invoices
- Performance Engineering: \$195.00
 - Performance Engineering: \$1,671.50
 - Sensaphone Subscription: \$299.40
- MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve the above invoices. Roll Call Vote: Weber, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
12. **Attorney's Report: B. Derman:** As reported.
13. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**
- Village Update: L. Shumate
 - J. Matthews: Power dam and spill way
 - R. Hults: Gov. Center Generator Installation

Adjourned: 10:31 am

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