

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, August 8, 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, 3 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:**
 - L. Shumate – Village of Elk Rapids has become a Monarch Village for the Monarch Butterfly
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. July 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrator’s Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$29,402.85, Fire Fund - \$1,895.37

MOTION/S: Soper/Hults 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. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment:** Amendment Number 2022-01
This amendment addresses restrictions applicable to property abutting lakes, rivers and streams: amending the text to provide more informative details when work is being done in the protected 25’ strip of natural vegetation. **MOTION/S: Soper/Boisvert** to approve Amendment #2022-01. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
9. **Township Sewer B. Muma – Performance Engineering:** Project update: Construction started a couple of weeks ago. They started with the 6” pipe and have approx. 1,000’ installed. They have discussed some of the more difficult services with some homeowners, but mostly things are going smoothly.
 - Szymanski stated that we will utilize the first appropriation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money for some piping in the amount of \$51,342.04. The piping cost is part of the total construction amount.
 - Construction Bills: \$197,674.88 (Matt’s Underground, Performance Eng., Varnum Law, B. Derman)
This amount was corrected in the meeting due to an error in addition, from what the agenda first listed as \$191,737.04.

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults to approve payment of the construction bills totaling \$197,674.88. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

Fund Transfers:

- Reimburse the General Fund \$93,179.25 from the Sewer Construction Fund to cover costs incurred before bonding.
- Transfer ARPA money in the amount of \$51,336.42 from the General Fund to the Sewer Construction Fund.

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Amos to approve these fund transfers as detailed above. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults, Soper and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.**

10. **Maple Grove Cemetery: Boisvert-** We need funding to help run and maintain the 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. We have already had an issue with the mistreatment of one of the faucets.
 - Resolution #2022-10: Ballot Language for Cemetery Millage: **MOTION/S: Soper/Boisvert** to approve Resolution #2022-10. Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Hults, Soper Szymanski and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.** This resolution along with the Ballot Language will be sent to Antrim County for placement on the November 8th ballot.
11. **Swan Point Road: Short Term Rentals**
L. Nix has talked to some residents at Swan Point who are having issues with three properties that have been turned into short term rentals. Nix will work with the residents to try to develop a reasonable approach to the situation out there.
12. **Governmental Center:** R. Hults. Our joint building committee is set to meet again next week.
13. **Attorney Report:** As reported
14. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**
 - Boisvert stated that the August 2nd election went smoothly and wanted to thank the staff and the election workers for all their hard work.
 - Hults stated that HERTH is still working getting on the windows replaced.
 - The Township Road Millage Renewal was on the ballot on Aug. 2nd and has passed.

Adjourned: 10:13 am

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