

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2019

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, Treasurer Mike Szymanski, Trustee Richard Hults, and Clerk Shelley Boisvert

Absent: Trustee Aaron Isenhart

Also Present: B. Derman, Chief Williamson, Sheriff Bean, B. Muma, L. Nix and 14 members in the audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** D. Reynolds-Maple Grove Cemetery
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Boisvert** to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION APPROVED.

4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. August 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$21,148.68, Fire & Rescue Fund - \$5,628.93

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Szymanski, Amos and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No (Isenhart is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

5. **Sheriff / Commissioner Report: Sheriff Bean:** As reported.
6. **Ambulance Department: MMR:** Report as submitted.
7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: as Reported
8. **Antrim County Drain Commissioner- Mark Stone:**
 - Licensing for the Dam went alright.
 - A successful Open House – over 600 people visited the site.
 - The roof of the building will need repair in the near future.
 - Lake levels in the County are very erratic. We have the opportunity to do a hydrology study for the Antrim Chain of Lakes. The Army Corp of Engineers would come in with funds and software to do this study and create a model. The Antrim County Board still needs to approve the study.
9. **HERTHA:** Hults Reporting – Mason work for this year has been completed. Still working on grant applications for window replacement in 2020.
10. **Township Sewer:**
 - Water samples were collected in the Inwood Harbor area. An average mean of 164 (colonies per 100 mL) was established over a 7 week period Results have not been received yet as to what the source of the e-coli bacteria was that had been detected in earlier samples.

Comments:

*D. Handley – Asked if there had been any movement to try to find individual sources for some of the samples. Muma said No.

*R. Manns – Asked what levels were alarming. Muma said that the levels coming from two drainage pipes that were installed to help control the ground water were higher than normal.

*C. Keenan – Thought the Twp would have the results for the DNA of the samples taken but Muma said that is a very expensed process but we are working with ELSA to try for results from a lab they use in Canada.

*B. Mullaly – The Village is working on an ordinance that would require regular testing of septic systems.

10. Township Sewer (continued)

Amos asked Muma about spraying a herbicide along the sewer pipeline near the pump station at Wilcox Park. **MOTION/S: Hults/Szymanski** to move ahead with the spraying and to approve an amount of not to exceed \$2,500. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes,0 No (Isenhart is absent) **MOTION APPROVED.**

11. Township/Wilcox Park: Derman says that the Wilcox heirs have not made a decision yet regarding the Quit-Claim Deeds that were distributed to them.

12. Maple Grove Cemetery: The millage request did not pass in the August election. Funds are still needed to complete some major improvements. Hoping to establish a page on the Township website with suggestions of where volunteers could help out with smaller maintenance items.

13. Acme to Charlevoix Trail Update: Julie Clark, Tart Trail – Julie gave the Board an update on the trail project. In June the Elk Rapids Village Council voted to support the preferred alignment of the Acme to Elk Rapids Segment of the Trail which is along the West side of US 31 in the MDOT right of way. The Council will move forward to identify a route through the Village with opportunities for the public to participate.

The Township will continue to attend the Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings where the design development will move forward. We hope to work with Township property owners that may already be close to right of way.

14. Attorney Report: As reported.

15. Township Board Announcements and Comments:

- Nix is working on a zoning violation where a pole barn was built inappropriately on the lot because no survey was completed before the work.
- Szymanski stated that you can get Township Property Tax information on line at elkrapids.com or on BSAonline.com. Taxes are due on Monday September 16th.
- Amos has been talking with B. Thompson of the Road Commission regarding 2020 road projects.
- Hults\Library: The campaign for funding is moving forward. The Library Board will hold a fund raiser on September 12th at the HERTH Bldg.
Hults will also suggest that the Library Board move their meetings to the Governmental Center and record the meetings. He would also like to see some Insurance and Bonding for the Friends of the Library who are collecting the money for construction.
- Boisvert mentioned that before next year the Township should purchase another voting tabulator to keep up with the new rules regarding “no reason” Absentee Ballots and the important elections coming up in 2020.

Adjourned: 10:54 AM