

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, September 14, 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, M. Zimmerman, B. Muma, L. Nix, 9 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** None at this time.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Soper /Hults** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. August 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$10,754.32, Fire Fund - \$4,548.47

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.
 - Re-instatement of Ryan Forfinski as a member of the department. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to re-instate Ryan Forfinski to the Fire Department. **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - On Sunday Oct. 10th there will be a dedication ceremony and open house at the Station.
8. **District Library:** Tom Stephenson: Library Board Chair:
 - Current status of the library expansion project. The capital campaign project is on hold. They may look at hiring a professional consultant to move forward. There are still ongoing discussions regarding the lease. The original vision of the project is over five years old and the needs of the community may have changed. The Board would like to put their focus back on the community and have or will implement many projects, including new laptop computers, hot spots and online programs.
 - Library Appreciation Month: Resolution 2021-13. **MOTION/S: Hults/ Soper** to approve Resolution 2021-13 designating October as Library Appreciation Month. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
9. **Township Sewer:**
 - Overgrowth Maintenance – Existing Forcemain: B. Muma from Performance Engineering submitted a cost for minor tree removal and spraying to clear the area on top of the forcemain between the pump station at the old sportsman club and the treatment plant at a cost of \$2,225.
MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults to approve the work for the cost submitted. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

9. **Township Sewer** (continued)
Resolution 2021-14: Resolution to Make Preliminary Determination and Set Hearing on Establishing a Special Assessment District. MOTION/S: Hults/ Soper to approve Resolution 2021-14. Amos is recused from this vote due to having property along the proposed assessed route and because a portion of the proposed sewer will require an easement through another piece of property owned by he and his wife. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No, Amos-Recused, **MOTION APPROVED.**
10. **Bass Lake Week Control:** Weed treatment for Bass Lake was performed this year as it has in past years utilizing funds gathered from a special assessment. Even after the treatment this year there is still a heavy concentration of lily pads and large weed packs. Szymanski has talked to PLM the weed control company and they are working to pull out the large packs but the lake level and terrain have made it very difficult. Also funds in the special assessment account may only take care of one or more years so if the residents would like to continue with this special assessment process in the future they should begin to work through that process.
11. **Attorney Report:** As reported
12. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**
- Correspondence: Sewer vs Septic: submitted by Mr. Hutchins
 - Dept. of Treasury: AMAR Audit: Elk Rapids Township received a perfect score on the audit
 - Amos: There has been some debris and tree clearing at Maple Grove and the water will be turned off for the season soon.
 - Hults and Soper reviewed the Gov. Center Reserve and Replacement worksheet from 2019 and gave a copy to the Village Manager so we could all stay on top of possible issues with the building.
 - There is discussion about getting a generator for the Governmental Center

Adjourned: 10:00 am

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