

## Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, September 9, 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 Kelly Jenson, Trustee Richard Hults and Trustee Matt Soper

**Also Present:** B. Derman, T. Morgan, Commissioner Hefferan, Sheriff Hoch, Chief Williamson, and 7 people signed in as audience.

1. **Meeting Called to Order - Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** S. Castronovo: Drainage ditch at Twp access on Williams Dr.,  
Circuit Court Judge K. Elsenheimer: 2023 Annual Report, drug issues here in the northern twps.
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - A. August 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes
  - B. Zoning Report
  - C. Treasurers Report
  - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$84,187.54 Fire Fund - \$2,807.27

**MOTION/S: Soper/Jenson** to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Soper, Jenson, Amos, Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

5. **Sheriff Report:** Sheriff Hoch – Drugs in our northern area, Public Safety Building  
**Commissioner Report:** B Hefferan: Public Safety Building millage.
6. **State Representative J. Roth:** Update of what may be going on in Lansing. Short term rentals bill doesn't look like it will be addressed before the end of the year, which means it will die and have to be reentered again next year. The same with the septic. There may be more direction toward point of sale instead. It was also conveyed that the Tip Wage Bill will go into effect in February 2025. It does not look like the house will be in session until after the election to attempt to work out an agreement to exclude seasonal workers.
7. **Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023:** M. Adamek, Antrim County Emergency Operations  
The 2023 Antrim County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan provides a set of actions to reduce risk from natural hazards through education and outreach programs, establishes a foundation for coordination among agencies in Antrim County, identifies future mitigation projects, and meets the qualifications for federal assistance programs in order to be eligible for FEMA pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation grant funding. This is a five (5) year plan.  
**MOTION/S: Jenson/Amos** to adopt the 2023 Antrim County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.  
Roll Call Vote: Soper, Jenson, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

8. **Voices From Maple Grove:** N. Baker and R. Ford. This group consisting of three non-profit entities, is proposing an event for September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> utilizing actors from the ER Players that would perform a historical walk through of the cemetery to approximately 5 different locations of families that have history in this area. They would provide an informative, biological performance based on the life of the person who is interned at that site and who helped to build Elk Rapids. Board members mentioned that something like this would really help with the awareness of Maple Grove and all the family history and veterans that we have there. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Soper** to allow and support Voices from Maple Grove to move forward with their process and keep us informed and included along the way, and to provide us a copy of their liability insurance for the event to be held September 20 and 21 of 2025.  
Roll Call Vote: Jenson, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
9. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented:
10. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as presented
  - MMR Contract for Jan. 1 2025 through December 31, 2029.  
A draft of the new contract was delivered to the Board members and to our Twp Attorney for review. The contract has increased approximately 25% and Amos would like to review our Township’s lease and share amount to see if that should be increased also. **MOTION/S: Jenson/Amos** to allow Amos to finalize this agreement with an increase from us for the rental of space at the Fire Dept Bldg. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Hults, Soper and Jenson all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
11. **Township Sewer Bills: \$765.00**  
North Country Power Generation - \$635.00: Performance Engineering - \$130.00  
**MOTION/S: Boisvert/Hults** to approve payment in the amount of \$765.00 from the Sewer O & M account.  
Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Hults, Soper, Jenson and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
12. **Attorney’s Report: B. Derman:** As reported.
13. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**
  - Amos stated that there may be a possible Board of Review issue for the Elk Rapids Cinema that will go to the Tax Tribunal.
  - Memo Received from L. Nix regarding the private road improvement for Partridge Trail
  - Village Update: L. Shumate
  - J. Matthews: Power dam and spill way
  - R. Hults: Gov. Center Generator Installation has been completed but there is an issue being resolved.

**Adjourned: 10:56 am**

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