

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, October 10, 2023

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, and Treasurer Mike Weber

Absent: Trustee Richard Hults and Trustee Matt Soper

Also Present: B. Derman, Chief Williamson, and 6 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** None at this time
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Boisvert/Weber** to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION APPROVED.
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. September 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$13,906.21, Fire Fund - \$9,234.10

MOTION/S: Boisvert/Weber to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Weber, Amos, and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.** (Hults and Soper are absent)
5. **Sheriff:** Sheriff Hoch reported on current staffing, opioids in this northern area and the County building renovations.
Commission Report: B Hefferan: County building construction and openings in various County Boards.
6. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as submitted
7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson:
 - Report included hiring 3 new fire fighters. Russell Fryske, Kelly Lark and Brian Lark.
MOTION/S: Amos/Boisvert to add the new fireman to our roster. **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - The Truck Committee recommends the purchase of a new Pumper Tanker from Spencer pending Fire Board approval. The contract price is \$446,893. \$259,000 would be a down payment and upon final inspection and delivery \$187,893 would be paid. A contingency amount of \$10,000 should be included in the total to take care of unforeseen details. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Weber** to move forward with the purchase of the pumper truck, including contingency. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert and Weber all voting Yes, 0 No. **MOTION APPROVED.** (Hults and Soper are absent)
8. **HERTHA:** K. Morris and T. Resig: HERTH has now been recognized as a Historical Building. They are working toward having Bingo in the hall but forms need to be completed for charitable gaming licenses. Resig stated that she continues looking for grants such as the Elk Rapids Foundation grant, and the DAR grant which would be a matching grant.
9. **Antrim County Road Commission:** B. Thompson – Road repair update for 2023 with an invoice #41 in the amount of \$26,745.22 for the projects. **MOTION/S: Weber/Amos** to approve invoice #41 in the amount of \$26,745.22 to the Road Commission. Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Weber and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.** (Hults and Soper are absent).

10. **Village Manager: J. Matthews:** Matthews mentioned the workforce housing project by HomeStretch, the RAP grant for the Ames Street project, and the DDA informational meeting coming up on November 7th at 7:00 pm, and he is still meeting regarding the spillway near the Dam.

11. **Township Sewer: Sewer Bills:**

O/M Sewer Bills: Total \$4,710.14

Const. Fund Bills: Total - \$4,520.00

- Sewer O/M Bill – Performance Engineering: Invoice 13540 - \$660.00
- Sewer O/M Bill – Matt’s Underground: Invoice 7869 - \$4,050.14
- Construction Acct – Performance Eng: Invoice 13541 - \$1,482.50
- Construction Acct – B. Derman Law: \$3,037.50

MOTION/S: Weber/Amos to approve the O/M Sewer Bills totaling \$4,710.14: Roll Call Vote: Weber, Amos, Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No MOTION APPROVED. (Hults and Soper are absent)

MOTION/S: Weber/Amos to approve the Construction Bills totaling \$4,520.00. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert and Weber all voting Yes, 0 No MOTION APPROVED. (Hults and Soper are absent)

Attorney’s Report: As reported. Derman stated in his report that the deadline for connecting to the Cairn Hwy Sewer before the benefit charge of \$4,000 starts up is June 30, 2024. It was advertised on November 24, 2022 that the sewer was completed and ready for connection and that beginning January 1, 2023 properties have 18 months to make their connection.

12. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**

Village Update – L. Shumate

DDA Informational Mtg set for November 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Village Awarded the RAP 2.0 Grant for Ames Street Improvement Project

Orchard View Condos: Road Escrow Acct (\$150.00 payment)

Adjourned: 10:25 am

Shelley Boisvert, Elk Rapids Township Clerk, 231-264-9333

Meeting minutes are subject to approval at the next regular Board Meeting