

Elk Rapids Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2014, 7:30 PM.

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 White at 7:30 pm. The meeting was taped to provide accuracy.

PRESENT: Supervisor, William White; Clerk, Shelley Boisvert; Treasurer, Michael Szymanski; Trustee, Aaron Isenhart; Trustee, Dorance Amos.

Also Present: B. Derman, E. Hedin, F. Bachi, P. VanDenBerge, and: 28 others in the audience

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment: E. Richardson-ambulance bids, C. Keenan-requesting correction of March 20, 2014 meeting minutes and comments about the vendor MMR who had a presentation at the March 20 meeting, M. Holtcamp, MMR responding to other comments.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Amos/Szymanski: to approve the agenda as presented. Motion APPROVED

4. Consent Agenda:

A. March 11, 2014 Minutes

B. March 20, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

C. March 25, 2014 Budget Hearing Minutes

D. March 25, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

E. Zoning Administrator's Report

F. Treasurer's Report

G. Paying of the Bills: General Fund - \$11,610.97: Fire and Ambulance - \$32,928.16:

Move item B. March 20, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes from the consent agenda and make item 4a.

MOTION/S: Amos/Isenhart: Approve items A, C, D, E, F, G on the Consent Agenda: Roll Call Vote: Amos, Isenhart, Szymanski, White and Boisvert all voting Yes: 0 No: Motion APPROVED.

4a March 20, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes: C. Keenan questioned the wording in the minutes regarding her comments about MMR's 501 C3 status. Boisvert will review the tape from that meeting. MOTION/S: Amos/Boisvert to table these minutes and bring them back to the next meeting. Motion APPROVED.

5. Sheriff Report: as presented

6. Fire Report: Chief VanDenBerge:

A. Offer to buy ERT old Pumper Truck: MOTION/S: Amos/Szymanski to approve the bid of \$3,000 for the pumper truck from Clearwater Fire Protection District. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, White, Boisvert, Amos all voting yes. 0 No. Motion APPROVED.

B. Job Description for Station Employee: Amos would like to get with Chief VanDenBerge and go over the position with him in more depth. MOTION/S: Amos/Szymanski to table this item until the next meeting. Motion APPROVED.

7. **Ambulance Report:** Deputy Chief Bachi:
 - A. Hiring Brittany Lockman EMT: MOTION/S: Boisvert/Isenhart to approve hiring Lockman. Motion APPROVED.
 - B. Intercepts with Torch Lake Township: Supervisor White sent Torch Lake Township a letter stating that an agreement has to be in place for the Elk Rapids Township Ambulance service to continue to do intercepts in Torch Lake Township. He requested that an agreement be in place by April 16, 2014 or the Elk Rapids Ambulance intercepts will have to stop. MOTION/S: Amos/Boisvert to contact Antrim County 911 dispatch to let them know that Elk Rapids Ambulance intercepts will stop in Torch Lake Township if an agreement is not in place after that date. Motion APPROVED

8. **Opinion Letter re: On-Call Wages:** The Township contacted an attorney for an opinion regarding on-call wage compensation. The opinion letter had not been received when this Board packet went out.

9. **Mobile Medical Response (MMR) Response to Lawsuits:** A letter was received from MMR answering questions brought up with regards to past law suites. MOTION/S: Szymanski/Amos to have our Township Attorney review the letter. Motion APPROVED.

10. **HERTHA:** no report

11. **ZBA Appointment for Dr. Lawrence's unexpired term:** Supervisor White recommends appointing Steve Francis to the ZBA Board. MOTION/S: Amos/Szymanski to approve the appointment of Mr. Francis to the ZBA Board. Motion APPROVED.

12. **Attorneys Report:** verbal report

13. **Township Board announcements and comments:**

14. **Public Comment:** Tony Dell'Acqua, MiSpot letting the Board and the public know that their high speed wireless broadband internet service is now available in the Township.
 - C. Keenan-Fire Dept. job description should be ADA compliant.
 - D. Amos- He wanted to clarify three things: 1) Many letters he has read in the newspaper in his opinion are not completely truthful or factual. 2) He and Supervisor White had been accused of having illegal meetings but after an investigation the prosecutor's office gave them a clean bill of health. 3) Jim Braun had filed a re-call petition against him, Supervisor White and Treasurer Szymanski. After a hearing in front of a County panel all three complaints/petitions failed. He encouraged the public to ask pertinent questions to the Board and not go by hearsay. The whole Board is trying to do the best job they can.
 - D. Reynolds-He was told by the Torch Lake Township Supervisor that Torch Lake Township was going to sign up with North Flight. With that being the case how will Elk Rapids Township move forward if they were considering MMR, who will only sign an agreement to service all three townships (Elk Rapids, Milton and Torch Lake). White stated that the Board has not discussed that or made any decision at this time.

Adjourn: 8:21 pm

Shelley Boisvert, Elk Rapids Township Clerk

Minutes are subject to Approval at the next regular Board Meeting.