

Elk Rapids Township  
Special Meeting Minutes, October 24, 2014

The special 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 order by Supervisor White at 7:00 pm. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

**Present:** Supervisor, Bill White; Clerk, Shelley Boisvert; Treasurer, Mike Szymanski; Trustee, Aaron Isenhart; Trustee, Dorance Amos

**Also Present:** B. Derman, E. Hedin, M. Holtcamp (MMR) and approximately 33 other people

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Public Comment:** R. Bishop-Patriot Voice Radio submitted questions to the Board asking if ambulance employees and Township ambulance resources were used in the organization of the recall election.

C. Keenan read a history of the request for proposals for ambulance service.

**3. Update from MMR:** Matt Holtcamp: Discussed the status of the transition process from Elk Rapids Township Ambulance Service to MMR. He mentioned the applications for employment that have been received, the status to date with the Medical Control Board and the transition process to coordinate MMR with Antrim County Dispatch.

**4. Audit of Calls:** MMR reviewed reports and interviewed some current employees and reported to the board of changes in procedure that were made immediately.

**5. Past Billing Practices:** M. Holtcamp reported that at this point he believes that there may have been errors in the billings and reports based on information he has reviewed. His conclusions were based on the department utilizing ambulance vehicle unit 55A1, which is a licensed Advanced Life Support Unit for transport of some patients when there was no paramedic on board. He stated further that it is a violation of the minimum staffing requirements established by the MDCH EMS Division under the EMS Act within the Public Health Code. He went on to report that because of this, it was unlawful to bill CMS (the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services). Any runs billed under these circumstances will need to be refunded to CMS. Mr. Holtcamp is recommending that the Township contracts with a medical auditor for a full certified audit with a firm that has experience in this field.

E. Hedin stated that she does not know where Mr. Holtcamp would have come up with his numbers and she believes he is confused.

**6. Board Action That May Be Required:**

MOTION/S: Szymanski/Amos to have a full certified audit performed on the ambulance department with the billing being the priority. Roll Call Vote: Amos-Yes, Isenhart-Yes, Szymanski-Yes, White-Yes and Boisvert-Yes. Motion APPRVED.

MOTION/S: Amos/Szymanski to give White the authority to secure or contract with a medical auditor to do the audit as soon as possible. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart-Yes, Szymanski-Yes, White-Yes, Boisvert-Yes and Amos-Yes, and for the record Amos stated that we want to find out what's going on with the run differences and what we are hearing tonight. Motion APPORVED.

**7. Public Comment:** The following citizens had comments on M. Holtcamp's report: E. Hedin, D. Reynolds, C. Thiel, J. Thiel, S. Shockly, C. Keenan, T. Pressman. A. White read a citizens prospective, M. Jorgenson and C.Boals also addressed the Board.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 pm.