

**Elk Rapids Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 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, L. Harrett, J. Matthews, P. VanDenBerge, E. Hedin and 16 others in the audience

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public comment: none at this time

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S Boisvert/Amos to approve the meeting agenda. Motion APPROVED.

4. Consent Agenda

A. July 8, 2014 Minutes

B. Zoning administrators report

C. Treasurers report

D. Paying of the bills: General Fund - \$29,062.86, Fire and Ambulance Fund - \$15,936372

MOTION/S Amos/Isenhart to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Isenhart, Szymanski, White and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No. Motion APPROVED.

5. Sheriff Report: as presented, No Commissioner's report

6. Ambulance report: Chief Hedin

A. Draft Policies for Review & Comment

a. Meal and Food Storage Procedure

b. ERTA Vehicle Use

Both policies were received and will be reviewed by the Board for next month's meeting.

7. Fire Report: Chief VanDenBerge: as presented

8. HERTHA: Tom Vranich: as presented

A. Knox box purchase for Old Township Hall: MOTION/S Boisvert/Szymanski to approve the purchase of a knox box for the building to hold keys for the Fire Dept. encase of fire. Motion APPROVED

9. Cemetery Ordinance: A draft ordinance was introduced at the July 8, 2014 Twp Board meeting and is still being updated at this time so it will be brought back to the September meeting.

10. Attorney's Report: verbal

11. Township Board Announcements and Comments

- The Board will be looking at another contract for the treatment of phragmites along the bay.
- The Sportsman Club work has progressed and they will be taking care of a couple of small “hot spots” that were found.
- A new recorder is now being used to get an audio copy of the meeting which will be placed on the Township website until Board Meeting Minutes are adopted for that meeting.
- There is pending legislation that would stop fees for emergency responses to motor vehicle accidents.
- The Tri-Township EMS/ALS Research Team has sent out a request for quotes for a consultant to review all the work they pulled together.

12. Public Comment: P. Brady – audio download capability from the website. C. Keenan – questions regarding the download of the ambulance computers and quote in the Record Eagle regarding ambulance response time. B. Lark – Wanted to catch up on what has been going on with the local ambulance service. T. Pressman – ambulance response times. Reverend A. Martinez – this is a very friendly community and thanked the Ambulance and the Fire Departments for their services. D. Reynolds - ambulance response times stipulated in the request for proposals that went out last January. E. Hedin –Tri Twp team consideration of the option of keeping the Elk Rapids ambulance service as it is currently. J. Matthews – consolidation of services is happening all over and is worth looking into. C. Lark – Commends the ambulance service, quicker response times are better and the quality of care is what is important.

13. Adjourn 8:25 PM