

Elk Rapids Township
Regular Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2014

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 order by Supervisor White at 7:30 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, L. Harrett, K. Williamson, M. Holtcamp and approximately 26 people in the audience

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor White acknowledged that it was Veteran’s Day and thanked all the Veterans present for service to our country.

- 2. Public Comment:** M. Holland-three announcements; 1) a powerpoint presentation from the Northport Energy Action Task Force regarding renewable energy use. 2) Crowd Funding presentation- State program; website patronicity.com 3) Open enrollment begins November 17 for the Affordable Health Care. Assistance will be available at the Elk Rapids Library.

C. Thiel: would like the Board’s responses to questions he submitted to be part of the minutes. Also commented on the format of “Public Comment” for the Board. D. Reynolds- transition of MMR. He submitted written questions to the Board.

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. October 14, 2014 minutes
- B. October 7, 2014 special meeting minutes
- C. October 8, 2014 special meeting minutes
- D. October 24, 2014 special meeting minutes
- E. Zoning Administrators Report
- F. Treasurers Report
- G. Paying of the bills: General Fund: \$14,425.07 and Fire & Amb. Fund: \$8,224.38.

Supervisor White asked to remove item A. October 14, 2014 minutes from the consent agenda until a later time.

MOTION/S: Amos/Isenhart to approve items B. through G. on the consent agenda.

Roll call vote: Amos, Isenhart, Szymanski, White and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 no. Motion APPROVED.

Item A that was removed from the Consent Agenda:

- A. October 14, 2014 minutes. There was a typing error on the 4th line of the motion by Amos. A period and the word “The” were removed from that motion so the motion now reads correctly as follows: “MOTION /S Amos to approve the ambulance service agreement with Mobile Medical Response Inc. (MMR) conditioned upon Northwest Medical Control Authority’s approval of MMR to operate in the Elk Rapids Service Area, and that per the “Township’s request for proposal: Ambulance Service” The Township Board hereby waives any irregularities, inconsistencies and bidding provisions that conflict and determines that approval of the MMR Ambulance Service Agreement is for the best interest of the Township.” That Motion was seconded by Szymanski.

MOTION/S Boisvert/Amos to approve the meeting minutes from October 14, 2014 as amended. Motion APPROVED

5. Sheriff Report: as presented, No Commissioner report at this time
6. Ambulance Report: M. Holtcamp – MMR: Transition Updates
 - MMR has received local Med Control approval for the Part 1 and it has now been sent to the State for approval.
 - Interviews are underway for personnel and he is pleased to see so many local applications
7. Fire Report: Deputy Chief Williamson: as presented
8. Ambulance Advisory/Oversight Board Appointments: Milton Township already appointed Mary Hoadley and Brett Pharo as their representatives for that Board. White recommends Dorance Amos and Jim Lundy to be the Elk Rapids Township representatives. MOTION/S Boisvert/Szymanski to approve the recommendations of Amos and Lundy. Motion APPROVED.
9. Consumer's Energy Franchise Agreement: Tim Petrosky: Renewal of the existing franchise agreement with Consumer's Energy to do local electric business in the Township of Elk Rapids. The existing franchise was for thirty (30) years and will expire in March of 2015. The Township would like to change the purposed franchise to a ten (10) year franchise.
 - Ordinance No. 2014: Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance. MOTION/S Szymanski/Amos to approve Ordinance 2014-1, a Franchise Agreement with Consumer's Energy for a Ten (10) year period. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, White, Boisvert and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No. Motion APPROVED.
 - Amos asked Mr. Petrosky about Consumer's policy on reimbursement to local Fire Departments who are called on site for downed power lines. Petrosky will send the policy.
10. Planning Commission Appointments: Term expiring 2017. White recommends re-appointing Renee Mischel and Jean Derenzy to the Planning Commission. MOTION/S Amos/ Boisvert to reappoint Mischel and Derenzy to the Planning Commission. Motion APPROVED.
11. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments: Term expiring 2017. White recommends re-appointing Vincent Cooper to the Board and appointing William (Pug) Sliger as the Planning Commission representative to the ZBA. MOTION/S Szymanski/Boisvert to approve the recommendations of Cooper and Sliger to the ZBA Board. Motion APPROVED.
12. Attorneys report: Bill Derman, Verbal
13. Township Board announcements and comments:
14. Public Comment: C. Keenan- Advisory Board and MMR transition-she will submit those questions in writing.
C. Thiel-Advisory Board duties.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16 pm.