

**Elk Rapids Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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 recorded 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, K. Williamson, E. Hedin and 47 others in the audience

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public comment: The following citizens all commented on the MMR Addendum which is item number 7 on the agenda. B. Holland, C. Thiel, J. Thiel, A. Eagleton, C. Keenan, D. Reynolds, P. Brady, L. Nemshick, C. Brady, M. Holland, T. Pearlman, T. Pressman, I. Gotts, E. Hedin, W. Hibberd, A. Richardson. A. White commented on the roles of the supervisor, and S. Gross stated that petitioners scared the public while obtaining signatures. Public comment ended at 8:50 pm.

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. August 12, 2014 Minutes
- B. Zoning administrators report
- C. Treasurers report

D. Paying of the bills: General Fund - \$12,017.57, Fire and Ambulance Fund - \$13,988.69

MOTION/S Boisvert/Amos 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. Crews Quarters: Chief Hedin will request proposals for renovating a copy room into a small bedroom for the EMT on duty.
- B. Two new EMT's: MOTION/S Boisvert/Isenhart to approve the hiring of Geoffrey Brown and John Grosser as new EMT's after all the back ground checks and other processes are completed. Motion APPROVED.

7. MMR Addendum: Chief Hedin asked that this issue stands alone so it was removed from item number 6 Ambulance Report.

MMR (Mobile Medical Response) submitted an amended proposal on August 26, 2014 that would provide for Ambulance Service just for Milton and Elk Rapids Townships as opposed to their original proposal which was priced to cover the three townships of Elk Rapids, Milton and Torch Lake.

Amos would like to see the terms they specify in their proposal in the form of a contract to see if everything MMR is stating is fact and how things would work out.

MOTION/S Amos/Szymanski to look for a contract from MMR for Milton Township and Elk Rapids Township to review. Roll Call Vote: Amos-Yes, Isenhart-Yes, Szymanski-Yes, White-Yes, Boisvert-No. Motion APPROVED.

8. **Fire Report:** Deputy Chief Ken Williamson: report as presented
Reminder that there will be an Open House on October 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 to celebrate 125 years of service from the Elk Rapids Fire Department.
9. **Phragmites Control Program:**
MOTION/S Amos/Boisvert to contract with Clarke Aquatic Services Inc. for phragmites control for Elk Rapids Township for 2014 in the amount of \$ 3,250.00. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, White, Boisvert, and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No. Motion APPROVED.
10. **Cemetery:**
 - A. Ordinance: MOTION/S Amos/Szymanski to table the ordinance at this time. Motion APPROVED
 - B. Sexton Job Description: MOTION/S Szymanski/Amos to approve the job description and to advertise for the position. Motion APPROVED.
 - C. Purchase of Pontem Software: MOTION/S Amos/Boisvert to purchase the cemetery software package providing data management and standard mapping in the amount of \$2,925.00 along with an annual support amount of \$585.00. Motion APPROVED.
11. **Attorney's Report:** verbal
12. **Township Board Announcements and Comments**
13. **Public Comment:** C. Thiel-cost for proposal from MMR, C. Keenan-Board should review the transcript from the lawsuit against MMR, C. Brady-confused about the urgency to go with a contract when we still have a committee working on the issue, T. Pearlman-why would the Board consider contracting with a company whose integrity is in question, D. Reynolds learn more about the company you are planning to contract with.
14. **Adjourn** 10:20 PM

Shelley Boisvert, Elk Rapids Township Clerk
Minutes are subject to Approval at the next regular Board Meeting.