

**Elk Rapids Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 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;  
Absent: Trustee, Dorance Amos.

**Also Present:** B. Derman, L. Harrett, E. Hedin, P. VanDenBerge, and: 12 others in the audience

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Public Comment:** J. Thiel: Letter regarding mediation for ambulance issues. D. Reynolds: Mediation is a good idea. C. Keenan: Questions regarding D. Amos statements from last meeting.

**3. Approval of Meeting Agenda:** MOTION/S: Boisvert/Szymanski: to approve the agenda adding meeting minutes from the joint Township meeting held on April 23, 2014 to the Consent Agenda. Motion APPROVED

**4. Consent Agenda:**

A. April 8, 2014 Minutes

B. April 23, 2014 Special Joint Twp Meeting Minutes

C. March 20, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

E. Zoning Administrator's Report

F. Treasurer's Report

G. Paying of the Bills: General Fund - \$23,967.71: Fire and Ambulance - \$18,599.54:

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

**5. Commissioner Report:** Commissioner Boettcher stated that there are still two vacancies on some County Boards if anyone is interested. He also asked the citizens how they felt about a County wide road millage that may be put on the ballot.

**Sheriff Report:** As presented

**6. Ambulance Report:** Chief Hedin – as presented

A. Paramedic Hires: MOTION/S: Boisvert/Isenhart to re-hire paramedics Danielle Dymora and Gary McGhee, and to hire Amy Wiggins as a new paramedic as recommended by the ambulance chief pending all department processes and reference checks. Motion APPROVED.

B. Write off ACCUMED account #127272 in the amount of \$125.00:

MOTION/S: Szymanski/Isenhart. Motion APPROVED

**7. Fire Report:** Chief VanDenBerge: as presented

A. Job Description for Station Employee: MOTION/S: Boisvert/Isenhart to go forward with the position requested based on the job description and application presented. Motion APPROVED.

8. **HERTHA:** HERTHA would like to reapply for the PAR Plan Grant to help with fire and temperature alarms for the old Township Hall building. MOTION/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to help HERTHA apply for the grant. Motion APPROVED.
9. **Accepting Credit Cards for Tax Payments:** Treasurer Szymanski would like to research the process for the Township to be able to accept credit cards for tax payments. He will get back to the Board with his findings.
10. **Attorneys Report:** verbal report
11. **Township Board announcements and comments:**
- Adam Schuler is retiring from the Sexton position effective April 30, 2014.
  - Township received a letter from MMR's CPA firm Yeo & Yeo regarding MMR's tax returns and 501(c)(3) status.
  - Tentative treatment schedule for Bass Lake
  - The Township is utilizing the services of the Varnum Law Firm who has arranged to perform computer forensic and electronic discovery on the computers in the fire and ambulance department.
  - Letter submitted by J. Thiel regarding considering mediation to address the issues between the ambulance department, the Township, the fire department and the concerned citizens group.
  - Tri-Township EMS Committee that was set up last month has met on a couple of occasions. The Chair of that committee is Char Lundy. The committee is requesting the three townships (Elk Rapids, Milton and Torch Lake) schedule another joint meeting to clarify their purpose and guide lines. This committee will only address questions that are put in writing to them as a committee.
12. **Public Comment:** C. Thiel: Tri-Township EMS committee, C. Keenan: 501(c)(3) status for MMR, and D. Reynolds: cemetery questions.

**Adjourn:** 8:35 pm

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Shelley Boisvert, Elk Rapids Township Clerk

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