

**Elk Rapids Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 08, 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, P. VanDenBerge, and 20 others in the audience

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public comment: R. Hall-status of Clearwater Point house.

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

4. Consent Agenda

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B. Zoning administrators report

C. Treasurers report

D. Paying of the bills: General Fund - \$26,966.62, Fire and Ambulance Fund - \$24,592.59

MOTION/S Isenhart/Boisvert 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: C. Keenan

A. Consultant for Tri-Twp Team: MOTION/S Boisvert/Isenhart to support the Tri-Twp Team going out for bids for a consultant to review all the information they have pulled together. Motion APPROVED.

7. Fire Report

A. They received bids to put in a 24' x 24' concrete pad behind the station. Steuer Excavating submitted a bid of \$3,495 for the pad plus \$150 for a soil erosion permit. MOTION/S Isenhart/Amos to approve the installation of the pad. Motion APPROVED

B. Fire Station Staff: After interviewing three very qualified applicants, Chief VanDenBerge is recommending to hire Ken Williamson for the staff position at the fire station.

MOTION/S Szymanski/Boisvert to approve hiring Ken Williamson for the fire station staff position.

Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, White, Boisvert, Amos all voting Yes, 0 No. Motion APPROVED.

8. HERTHA: Terry Miller

9. Zoning Amendment: Home Occupation: This amendment went in front of the Planning Commission but ended up with a tie vote so it did not pass. B. Derman stated he didn't think the Board could just send it

back to the Planning Commission if we are not changing the current document. He said that the Board needs to approve the amendment or deny it. MOTION/S White/Amos to turn down the amendment at this time and leave the ordinance as it is, then allow the Planning Commission to bring it back if they want to. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, White, Boisvert, Amos, Isenhart all voting Yes, 0 No. Motion APPROVED.

10. **Cemetery Ordinance:** Introduction. The full ordinance can be viewed on the website. Looking for review and comments and then the ordinance will be brought back to the Board for the August meeting.
11. **Wetland Clean-Up Behind Township Offices:** The Village Chamber of Commerce and the Village Beautification Committee has been working with Heidi Schaffer, the Antrim County Soil Erosion officer and MDOT on plans to clean up the wetland area on the Township property along US 31 to present a better looking entrance to the Village of Elk Rapids. MOTION/S Amos/Isenhart to support the wetland clean up behind the Township offices. Motion APPROVED.
12. **Attorneys Report:** verbal
13. **Township Board Announcements and Comments**
14. **Public Comment:** E. Boettcher – County Roads, C. Keenan – meeting to draft a policy for ambulance use. D. Reynolds – Ambulance use, D. Amos – Recall Petitions being circulated, J. Braun – Recall Petitions, T. Pressman – Outsourcing ambulance service
15. **Adjourn** 8:44 PM