

**Elk Rapids Township
Regular Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2015**

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, Bill White, Clerk, Shelley Boisvert, Treasurer, Mike Szymanski, Trustee, Aaron Isenhart and Trustee, Dorance Amos

Also Present: B. Derman, L. Harrett, P. VanDenBerge, M. Holtcamp, J. Matthews, 13 members in the audience.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Comment:** J. Braun-invoice question, Ambulance questions from C. Keenan, T. Pressman, C. Thiel
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Motion/S Amos/Boisvert Motion APPROVED
- 4. Consent Agenda:**

- A. January 13, 2015 Minutes
- B. Zoning Administrators Report
- C. Treasurers Report
- D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund: \$7,888.68 and Fire & Amb. Fund: \$10,268.67

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

- 5. Sheriff Report:** As presented
- 6. Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Agreement**
Agreement for collection of summer taxes: Motion/S Amos/Szymanski to approve the agreement. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, White, Boisvert and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No, MOTION APPROVED.
- 7. Ambulance Report:** M. Holtcamp, MMR-verbal report and attached run reports.
 - A. Claim Dispute for April 2014: Motion/S Amos/Boisvert to waive the \$300.00 cost for services due to reasons stated in the letter of dispute. Motion APPROVED.
- 8. Fire Report:** Chief VanDenBerge:
 - A. Request to hire Stephanie Gildersleeve as photographer. Motion/S Amos/Szymanski to approve the hiring of Gildersleeve as requested. Motion APPROVED.
 - B. Approval of Officers:
 - Fire Chief: Pete VanDenBerge – 3 year term
 - Deputy Chief: Ken Williamson – 3 year term
 - Captain: Chris White – 2 year term
 - Lieutenant: Phil VanDenBerge – 2 year termMotion/S Szymanski/Boisvert to approve the officer's position as requested. Motion APPROVED.

9. **HERTHA Report:** No report at this time

10. **Attorneys Report:** As Presented

11. **Township Board Announcements and Comments:**

- Treasurer Szymanski mentioned that taxes are due by Feb. 17th before interest is added and on March 3rd any unpaid taxes will be sent to the County as delinquent taxes
- Amos wanted to recognize the passing of former Elk Rapids Township Board member Bernie Schmitz.
- A Budget Workshop for the 2015/2016 fiscal year budget was set up for Tuesday, February 24th at 3:00 pm at the governmental center at 315 Bridge Street.
- The final report from the Tri-Township Research Committee on Ambulance service in the area is now in the Township office for review.

12. **Public Comment:** Ambulance Questions: T. Pressman and T. Pearlman

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Shelley Boisvert, Elk Rapids Township Clerk, 231-264-9333

Meeting minutes are subject to approval at the next regular Board Meeting