

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, December 8, 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 7:00 pm. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

Present: Supervisor: Bill White, Clerk: Shelley Boisvert, Treasurer: Mike Szymanski, and Trustee: Aaron Isenhart
Absent: Trustee: Dorance Amos,

Also Present: B. Derman, L. Harrett, P. VanDenBerge, 6 members in the audience.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Comment:** none at this time
- 3. Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Motion/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION APPROVED.
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
 - A. November 10, 2015 Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrators Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund - \$9,644.11, Fire & Amb. Fund – \$114,626.10
 - E. Budget Adjustments: Removed from Consent Calendar and placed before Attorney ReportMOTION/S Isenhart/Boisvert to approve items A-D of the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, White, Szymanski and Boisvert all voting Yes, (Amos Absent) 0 No. MOTION APPROVED.
- 5. Sheriff/Commissioner Report:** as presented
- 6. Ambulance Department:** John Lata: Reports as presented.
- 7. Fire Department:** Chief VanDenBerge: Report as presented. Chief mentioned that the Department awarded David Gildersleeve the Fire Fighter of the Year award for 2015.
- 8. HERTHA Report:** no update at this time
- 9. Antrim County Recycling:** Janet Koch-Assistant Planner
Koch presented information on the County's Recycling Program and said that the County Board of Commissioners have funded the program through 2016 but after that they are looking for funding from the individual Townships. Currently, Elk Rapids Township collects approximately 494.43 tons, the largest in the County, and the projected cost for the Township would be \$80,125.95. The Township Board will look at some options for recycling but did not take any action at this time to sign an agreement with the County.
- 10. Planning Commission Appointment:** William Larsen was reappointed to the Planning Commission at the October 2015 Township Board meeting but has requested to be replaced for this new term. Based on this request Supervisor White has recommended Gary Pepler for the position on the Planning Commission. Motion/S: Szymanski/Isenhart to appoint Mr. Pepler to the Township Planning Commission for a three (3) year term. MOTION APPROVED.

- 11. Bass Lake Management Proposal:** PLM Lake & Land Management Corp.
Motion/S: Szymanski/Isenhart to sign the agreement with PLM for monitoring Bass Lake for a three (3) year period focusing on aquatic plant management. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, White, Boisvert and Isenhart all voting Yes, 0 No. MOTION APPROVED. Bass Lake Association will be contacted to see if other services are also necessary for the upcoming years.
- 12. Budget Amendments:** Motion/S: Szymanski/Boisvert to make the requested budget amendments to the General Fund which consisted of adding \$15,500 to the Zoning and Planning Budget and adding \$7,681 to the Cemetery Budget, removing funds from the Assessing Budget, Clean-up Day, Phragmites Control and Contingency. Roll Call Vote: White, Boisvert, Isenhart, and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No. MOTION APPROVED.
- 13. Attorneys Report:** as reported
- 14. Township Board Announcements and Comments:** Nothing to report
- 15. Public Comment:** none at this time
- 16. Adjourn: 8:15 pm**

Shelley Boisvert, Elk Rapids Township Clerk, 231-264-9333
Meeting minutes are subject to approval at the next regular Board Meeting