

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, May 12, 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, Trustee: Dorance Amos, Trustee: Aaron Isenhart, Treasurer: Mike Szymanski-arrived at 8:15pm

Also Present: B. Derman, L. Harrett, P. VanDenBerge, 10 members in the audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comment:** none at this time
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Motion/S: Amos/Boisvert to approve the agenda as presented. Motion APPROVED.
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. April 14, 2015 Minutes
 - B. April 28, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes
 - C. Zoning Administrators Report
 - D. Treasurers Report
 - E. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$10,704.48, Fire & Amb. Fund-\$12,685.18MOTION/S Amos/Isenhart to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Isenhart, White, and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No, (Szymanski is absent), MOTION APPROVED.
5. **Antrim County Dam Department:** Mark Stone: Update for the Hydro Licensing for the dam. Processing from the County has been completed and they are waiting for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to finish their evaluation so the license can be obtained. Mr. Stone is hoping for a 40 year license.
6. **Sheriff Report:** Sheriff Bean: as presented
7. **Ambulance Department:** Matt Holtcamp: Reports as submitted
 - A. Dedication Rock: MOTION/S Isenhart/Amos to go forward and order the dedication rock for the front of the Fire/EMS Station. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, White, Boisvert and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No, MOTION APPROVED.
8. **Fire Department:** Chief VanDenBerge: Report as presented
 - A. Probationary Fire Fighter: Travis Mark
MOTION/S Amos/Boisvert to approve hiring Travis Mark as recommended by Chief VanDenBerge pending the back ground checking process. Motion APPROVED.
9. **HERTHA Report:** no report at this time
10. **Sportsman Club:** Global Engineering: Chris Griffin – Update on the clean-up at the property. Quotes from Northern A1 for costs this year. The quotes submitted totaled \$63,899.50 and covered excavation, hauling and disposal of 50 tons of hazardous soil along with the demolition of 4 buildings on site. In addition to that there will be an approximate cost of \$500 for well abandonment and continued cost for testing. These amounts exceed the Township budgeted amount of \$50,000 for this fiscal year. MOTION/S Amos/Isenhart to do the project as presented with a not to exceed amount of \$80,000, taking the additional funds needed from the fund balance and amending the budget to accommodate this. Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Amos, Isenhart, and White all voting Yes, 0 No. MOTION APPROVED.
With this in mind, Amos would like to try to keep next year's cost around \$30,000.

11. **Joint Building Committee:** Copy Machine Purchase. Resolution 2015-07.
MOTION/S Boisvert/ Amos to approve Resolution 2015-07 to jointly purchase a new copy machine with the Village of Elk Rapids. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Isenhart, White and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No.
MOTION APPROVED.
12. **Birch Lake Sewer Rates:** Resolution 2015-08. MOTION/S Amos/Isenhart to approve Resolution 2015-08 increasing the rates for the Birch Lake Sewer. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski (*who arrived at the meeting at 8:12 pm*), White, Boisvert, Amos all voting Yes, 0 No. MOTION APPROVED. The new rates will take effect 30 days after publication.
13. **Freedom of Information Act Policy:** Updated Township FOIA policy and submitted it for review. This will come back to the June meeting.
14. **Attorneys Report:** as presented
15. **Township Board Announcements and Comments:**
16. **Public Comment:** S. Gross – Suggested the Township look at setting up a fund for Maple Grove Cemetery
17. **Adjourn : 8:35 pm**

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