

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, October 13, 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

Absent: Szymanski

Also Present: B. Derman, L. Harrett, P. VanDenBerge, 4 members in the audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comment:** none at this time
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Motion/S: Amos/Isenhart to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION APPROVED.
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. September 8, 2015 Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrators Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund - \$23,478.45, Fire & Amb. Fund – \$3,005.67MOTION/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 absent) MOTION APPROVED.
5. **Zoning Matters**
 - A. **Zoning Amendment 2015-1:** An ordinance to amend the Elk Rapids Township Zoning Ordinance: To amend sec. 1.03 to add new definitions; to amend sec. 3.03 to provide for additional signs, and to amend sec. 6.01 to provide for a winery in the agricultural zone. MOTION/S Amos/Boisvert to approve Zoning Amendment 2015-1 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, White, Boisvert and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No, MOTION APPROVED.
 - B. **New Road:** Elk Pointe Road, servicing parcels 05-06-029-006-15 and 28-06-029-006-00 which contain new storage units. Following discussion there was Board consensus acknowledging this as a new road per requirements from the County.
6. **Sheriff/Commissioner Report:** Sheriff report submitted. Commissioner Boetcher talked about recycling and how to finance it for the future.
7. **Ambulance Department:** John Lata: Reports as presented. Amos would like to follow up on the EMS audit performed on the previous ambulance department. The Township had refunded money to customers for billing errors but no final report was presented.
8. **Fire Department:** Chief VanDenBerge: Report as presented
 - A. Request to hire two new employees: Kyle Clark and Nick Strine. MOTION/S Boisvert/Amos to approve hiring Clark & Strine pending all the necessary background checks. MOTION APPROVED
9. **HERTHA Report:** no update at this time
10. **ZBA Appointments:** MOTION/S Boisvert/Isenhart to confirm the appointments of Julia Pollister Amos and Marshall Wright to the Zoning Board of Appeals. MOTION APPROVED, Trustee Dorance Amos abstained.
Planning Commission Appointments: MOTION/S Amos/Boisvert to confirm the appointments of William Larson and Jim Lundy to the Planning Commission. MOTION APPROVED.

- 11. Assessor Contract with Karleen Helmreich:** This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- 12. Attorneys Report:** as reported
- 13. Public Comment:** Commissioner Ed Boetcher mentioned that a vote may be coming up at the County level regarding a new fence at the hydro-dam location.
B. Altonen submitted a State form that will need local government approval for his new license application for the winery. This will come back to the Board at the November meeting.
- 14. Adjourn: 7:43 pm**

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