

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2016

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: Dorance Amos

Absent: Trustee Aaron Isenhart

Also Present: B. Derman, L. Harrett, Chief VanDenBerge, J. Lata-MMR, County Commissioner Boetcher and 7 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 12, 2016 Minutes: Removed from Consent Agenda for Correction.
 - B. Zoning Administrators Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund - \$5,073.51, Fire & Amb. Fund – \$7,868.24MOTION/S Amos/Szymanski to approve items B. C. and D. on the Consent Agenda, removing the April 12 minutes. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Szymanski, White and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No. (Isenhart is absent) MOTION APPROVED.
 - April 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Correction of sentence under item #11. Resolution 2016-8. Change “continuation of road millage that ends this year” to “continuation of road millage that ended in 2015.” MOTION/S Amos/Szymanski to amend the April 12, 2016 meeting minutes as stated above. Motion APPROVED.
5. **Sheriff/:** as presented
Commissioner Report: Commissioner Boetcher stated that there will be millage proposals on the August Ballot. He was in favor of the Recycling millage proposal in the amount of .25 mills, but he was not in favor of placing the Antrim Conservation District millage in the amount of .1 mill on the ballot because he thought the County would be able to handle those costs without a millage.
6. **Ambulance Department:** John Lata: Reports as presented.
7. **Fire Department:** Chief VanDenBerge: Report as presented. The Board thought it would be good for Supervisor White to get with the Chief to write a letter of concern to the County regarding the issues that have been occurring with the County’s primary radio system.
8. **HERTHA Report:** no report at this time
9. **Elk Rapids Planning Commission:** Resignation Letter from Jean Derenzy. MOTION/S Amos/Szymanski to appoint Emile Sabty to the Planning Commission on a temporary basis to replace Derenzy. Motion APPROVED.

10. **Birch Point Drive: Road Condition:** G. Osterberg, property owner on Birch Point Dr., explained the issues as he and other property owners along the Drive see them with regard to the pitted and broken down surface of the road and the multiple drainage issues that go along with it. Burt Thompson from the County Road Commission submitted documentation stating that the part of the road in question is a “Private Road” and that the Road Commission cannot do work on private roads. The DNR has a Boat Access site right at the point of the road that needs the most work and representatives from the DNR stated they will have their staff evaluate this site to see if there is anything they can do to help. The Board took no action.
11. **Attorneys Report:** as reported
12. **Township Board Announcements and Comments:**
 - The Township Board will be holding an informational meeting regarding the possibility of installing sewer in the Maple Harbor area. The proposed meeting date will be Thursday, May 26th at 3:00 pm at the Governmental Center.
13. **Public Comment:** none at this time
14. **Adjourn: 8:09 pm**

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