

Elk Rapids Township
Regular Meeting Minutes, November 14, 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,
Trustee Dorance Amos

Absent: Trustee Aaron Isenhart

Also Present: B. Derman, L. Harrett, Fire Chief VanDenBerge, J. Lata-MMR, 9 members in the audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comment:** none at this time
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Motion/S: Amos/Szymanski to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION APPROVED.
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. October 11, 2016 Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund - \$22,025.07, Fire & Amb. Fund – \$23,878.35MOTION/S Amos/Boisvert approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Amos, Szymanski, White and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No. (Isenhart absent) MOTION APPROVED.
5. **Assessor's Report:** as submitted
6. **Sheriff/Commissioner Report:** as submitted
7. **Ambulance Department: John Lata: Report:** as presented.
8. **Fire Department:** Chief VanDenBerge: Report as presented.
 - Chief requested another letter be sent from the Township Board to the County regarding the radio issues and frequent failure problems.
9. **HERTHA:** No report at this time.
10. **Request for Proposals for Engineering Services –** A draft RFP was presented to the Board for review. The Township is looking for a qualified engineering firm to help with the proposed sewer extension to the Maple Grove area. Motion/S: Amos/Szymanski to approve the draft and send out the request. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, White, Boisvert and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No. MOTION APPROVED.
11. **Private Road Name Change:** Antrim County Equalization Department indicated that the private road called "Orchard Drive" was not compliant with the County Street and Numbering Ordinance so the owner submitted the new name of "Orchard View Drive" and it was approved by Equalization but still needed Township Board approval. MOTION/S Szymanski/Boisvert to approve the new name. MOTION APPROVED.

- 12. Attorney's Report:** Mr. Derman was asked to look into the Island House property where the Library is to see if Elk Rapids Township would have any part in the future decisions regarding use of that property. Upon review of the Deed from 1948 the grantor was Katherine Dexter McCormick and the grantee was the Village of Elk Rapids and there is a Lease dated 1998 that goes for forty years with the Lessor being the Village of Elk Rapids and the Lessee being the Elk Rapids District Library. His conclusion is that Elk Rapids Township does not have an interest in the real estate or the lease and therefore would have no decisions to make regarding the future use of that property.

Amos, Szymanski, Hults and Derman were given a tour of the library from Nannette Miller, the Director.

Amos stated he was impressed with the work that has been done and the due diligence to keep the process transparent and to try to inform people.

Szymanski said that there are no tax dollars used for this proposed project. All the Township does is act as a collection agency for the taxes that were established by the millage and approved by the voters.

Boisvert stated that she had attended one of the public meetings with the architects and then also went to the Library to ask more questions and felt comfortable with answers she received and said as a Village resident she is excited about the project.

13. Township Board Announcements and Comments:

- At the Sportsman Club today there was removal of hazardous soil that had been stabilized and more samples and tests. Hopefully the project will be able to wind up this year.
- Szymanski mentioned that he is still looking at projected maintenance costs for the future for the Birch Lake sewer system.
- Township Board members thanked Bill White for his 28 years of service to the community as Supervisor for the Township.

14. Public Comment: none at this time

15. Adjourn: 7:50 pm

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

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