

**Elk Rapids Township
Regular Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2017**

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 Amos at 7:00 pm. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

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

Absent: Trustee Richard Hults

Also Present: B. Derman, L. Harrett, Fire Chief VanDenBerge, T. King MMR, Sheriff D. Bean, B. Muma - Performance Engineering, 13 members in the audience.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment: V. Cooper, D. Veliquette, D. Kopkau, and Dave Arvizu all voiced opposition to the Township's support of the Traverse City to Charlevoix TART Trail System. MOTION/S Szymanski/Amos to rescind Resolution #2016-5 supporting the development of the Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail connecting the TART Trail in Acme Township to the Lake Trail in the City of Charlevoix. Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Isenhart all voting Yes, Boisvert voting No. (Hults is absent) MOTION APPROVED.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion/S: Szymanski/Boisvert to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION APPROVED.

4. Consent Agenda:

A. February 13, 2017 Interview Meeting and Insurance Review

B. February 14, 2017 Minutes

C. Zoning Administrators Report

D. Treasurers Report

E. Budget Adjustment

F. Paying of the Bills: General Fund: \$15,545.30, Fire & Amb: \$10,737.51

MOTION/S Isenhart/Szymanski to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda

Roll Call Vote: Isenhart, Szymanski, Amos and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No.

(Hults is absent) MOTION APPROVED.

5. Sheriff/ Commissioner Report: Sheriff Bean - As Submitted.

6. Ambulance Department: MMR: T. King – As Presented.

7. Fire Department: Chief Pete VanDenBerge: As Reported.

The Village recommendation for Fire Board Member is Melvin Matchett.

This is a 6 year term. MOTION/S Boisvert/Isenhart to support the Village recommendation of Mel Matchett to the Fire Board for a 6 year term. MOTION APPROVED.

8. Board of Review Appointment. MOTION/S Szymanski/Boisvert to appoint Jim Lundy to the Board of Review to replace Bill Larson who verbally informed Township Assessor that he can no longer be on the Board. MOTION APPROVED.

9. **HERTHA:** T. Vranich. As Reported.
10. **Meeting Dates For Fiscal Year 2017/2018:** Motion/S: Boisvert/Szymanski
Motion to approve the Meeting Schedule as presented, with the following 2 revisions: April 6, 2017 meeting will be held at 11:00 AM and the October Meeting Date is 10/10/2017. MOTION APPROVED.
11. **Newspaper of Record:** Elk Rapids News: Motion/S: Szymanski/Amos to approve the Elk Rapids News as the Newspaper of Record as presented. MOTION APPROVED.
12. **Salary Resolutions:**
 - A. Resolution 2017-1: Supervisor Salary (*\$22,000, same since 2015*)
Motion/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve Resolution #2017-1.
Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert, and Isenhardt all voting Yes, 0 No. (Hults absent) MOTION APPROVED.
 - B. Resolution 2017-2: Treasurer Salary (*\$22,000, same since 2015*)
Motion/S: Amos/Boisvert to approve Resolution #2017-2.
Roll Call Vote: Amos, Boisvert, Isenhardt, and Szymanski all voting Yes, 0 No. (Hults absent) MOTION APPROVED.
 - C. Resolution 2017-3: Clerk Salary (*\$25,000, same since 2015*)
Motion/S: Szymanski/Isenhardt to approve Resolution #2017-3.
Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Isenhardt, Szymanski, and Amos all voting Yes, 0 No. (Hults absent) MOTION APPROVED.
 - D. Resolution 2017-4: Trustee Salary (*\$2,000, same since 2015*)
Motion/S: Boisvert/Amos to approve Resolution #2017-4.
Roll Call Vote: Isenhardt, Szymanski, Amos, and Boisvert, all voting Yes, 0 No. (Hults absent) MOTION APPROVED.
 - E. Resolution 2017-5: Staff Salary – Annual and Hourly
Motion/S: Szymanski/Amos to approve Resolution #2017-5.
Roll Call Vote: Szymanski, Amos, Boisvert and Isenhardt all voting Yes, 0 No. (Hults absent) MOTION APPROVED.
13. **Birch Lake Sewer Discussion:** Brad Muma, Performance Eng. – Report on the preliminary findings on the condition of the existing sewer. Mr. Muma also suggested a rate increase because the Birch Lake Sewer fund will be running in deficit this year.

- 14. Maple Grove 3 Yr. Maintenance Agreement:** 365 Outdoor Inc.
Motion/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to approve the renewal and update of the contract agreement with 365 Outdoor, Inc. as presented. Roll Call Vote: Boisvert, Isenhart, Szymanski, Amos, all voting Yes, 0 No. (Hults absent) MOTION APPROVED.
- 15. Attorneys Report.** As presented.
- 16. Township Board Announcements and Comments.**
 - A. Supervisor Amos presented a letter of support to Milton Township for their proposed park. Motion/S: Boisvert/Szymanski to provide letter of support to Milton Township as presented. MOTION APPROVED.
 - B. April Meeting Date Change Due to MTA Conference changed from Tuesday April 11 to Thursday April 6, 2017 at 11:00 AM.
 - C. Acknowledgement of Leonard Harrett for his years of service to the Township. Len's retirement is effective April 1, 2017.
- 17. Public Comment:** V. Cooper thanked the Board for their action to rescind the TART Trail System – Resolution #2016-5.
- 18. Adjourn: 8:35 pm**