



## Elk Township - Lake County, Michigan

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### ELK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2020

Lou Fitz, Supervisor, called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance, led by L. Fitz

Roll call, officials present: Lou Fitz, Supervisor; Karen Fickies, Clerk; Brandy Myers, Treasurer; Dave Bass, Trustee, Jack Hankiewicz, Trustee. Citizens in attendance, 2; Teleconference caller, 3

Agenda Revisions: Dignitary Report: SEEJBA (Joint Building Authority). Old Business: Web Design Proposal. J. Hankiewicz-motion to approve agenda as revised. K. Fickies-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval- D. Bass-motion to approve April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; J. Hankiewicz- seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

#### Board Member Reports:

L. Fitz, Supervisor

- Trash on Corners, people have been putting trash on various corners, not in front of their properties.

K. Fickies, Clerk

- Non Periodicals –Bloom, Slugget, Atty. \$205; Big Bass Lake SAD \$800 received for Invasive Plant Control Grant
- Request Board approval on bills paid in April 2020. L. Fitz-motion to approve payments B. Myers-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall leases, all activities for the hall have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. Cool Lake Association had requested use of pavilion for May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Due to EO to extend lockdown until 5/28/2020, they will not be able to use the pavilion. K. Fickies to call and let Jackie McKellar know of decision.
- Correspondence – None
- May 5, 2020 Special Election – KND School/ISD Vote by Mail 178 voter, 148 yes, 30 no

B. Myers, Treasurer

- Read Treasurer's report for April. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report. D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.
- Need to prepare the Summer/Fall Newsletter before the middle of June. D. Bass will contact Lisa Adams (BBL Milfoil team) to get her information prior to June 1.

D. Bass, Trustee – No Report

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee –No Report

#### Public Comments:

- Joyce Durdel, the Internet and telephone service provider for Hall is Golden Communications and we have been experiencing problems with loosing service. We need to find a different provider ASAP as we have not been able to get the problem resolved.



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### Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner-No Report
- Sheriff-No Report
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent, April runs – 10 calls.
- SEED Board-Dignitary report for SEED will now be SEEJBA.
- Road Commissioner – No report
- Assessor-No report
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Joyce Durdel, 4 violation sent out, working on approximately 6 more.
- Big Bass Lake SAD-Dave Bass reported that PLM is still scheduled for treatment of lake, letters have been sent out to property owners. Also Bass Lake Association has filed to become a 501C3 and it is in the works. Dashboat project is on hold.
- Harper Lake SAD – No report. D. Bass would like to have their president keep in contact with him.
- Road Committee-No report
- Cemetery Committee-clean up in progress by Boy Scouts
- Emergency Management-No report.
- SEEJBA- Jack Puff on phone, read report, on file

### Old Business:

- Freeconference call.com L. Fitz-motion to make a \$50 donation for services, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0. F. Fickies will call tomorrow to arrange this.
- Weekly Curbside trash pickup. D. Bass reported he has talked to Daryl Fenstemacher from Independent Waste at length and will be getting his team together to go over various options. Goal is to put this item on the agenda monthly and have something to present by the first of the year. They are moving forward.
- No Fishing Access to Bluegill lake at the cemetery has been installed
- Received letter from Maggie Shaughnessy to withdraw her Web Design proposal. We will need to find another designer to assist with a Web page design for the township

### New Business:

- Ordinance Enforcement Officer position. The ad for the position was placed in the BBN, but it did not go out to the public in hard copy, only digital copy and as a result there was only one letter of interest from Joyce Durdel, her letter was presented to the Board for approval. D. Bass-motion to hire Joyce Durdel as permanent Ordinance Enforcement Officer for Elk Township, J. Hankiewicz-seconded. Roll Call Vote: B. Myers, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes; K. Fickies, yes; L. Fitz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0. K. Fickies administered the Oath of Office to Joyce Durdel.
- L. Fitz presented a bid for power washing the township hall, pavilion, etc. from Unique at a cost of \$1,300. The power washing will be done with a cleaning agent designed to prevent mildew, mold, etc and be guaranteed for 3 years, along with the waterproofing the rear deck, hand rails, etc. K. Fickies-motion to postpone accepting until the June meeting when we can get a complete quote for services, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0



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- There is a vacancy on the Board of Review for an alternate and Joann Kucera has accepted the position. L. Fitz-motion to appoint Joann Kucera as alternate and to pay for BOR training when MTA resumes training, D. Bass-seconded. Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0. K. Fickies administered the Oath of Office for Board of Review member.
- L. Fitz discussed the need to have the driveway on the East side of the hall leading down to River Rd. graveled. J. Hankiewicz-motion to authorize L. Fitz to contact Fischer Gravel to purchase necessary gravel not to exceed \$1,000, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- L. Fitz discussed the laser printer in the office and the need to purchase a new printer with a larger touch screen. L. Fitz-motion to purchase new laser printer not to exceed \$800, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- B. Myers questioned the Trash Day event and if we were still going ahead with it. At this time it is still a go, but will need to wait to see what happens after May 28<sup>th</sup> Executive Order expires. If it is cancelled, we will need to post it on the Marque.

### Public Comment:

Gary Nugent, thanked Lou Fitz, Karen Fickies and Jack Puff for the work they have done in getting the SEEJBA paperwork done, they have gone over and above.

L. Fitz-motion to adjourn; D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.

Adjourned @ 7:59 pm  
Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk  
May 12, 2020