



## Elk Township - Lake County, Michigan

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### ELK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2021

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, 4; Teleconference caller, 1

Agenda Revisions: K. Fickies-motion to approve agenda as Printed. D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval- L. Fitz-motion to approve May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

#### Board Member Reports:

##### L. Fitz, Supervisor

- The Elk Township Web Site is now on the internet. The site is: [www.elktwsplakecomi.org](http://www.elktwsplakecomi.org).
- Gravel on the east drive was put down the Tuesday after our May meeting at a cost of \$500

##### K. Fickies, Clerk

- Non Periodicals –Received check from Michigan Par Plan Dividend \$382.28; received check from Manistee County ISD for May 5<sup>th</sup> election reimbursement \$2,012.42; bill from Jackpine Internet Service for web page set up \$404.95; Baird, Cotter & Bishop \$6,265 for Audit and \$250 for setting up Harper Lake SAD Account in Sage
- Budget Amendment: From General \$1,000 to 101-191-800 Accounting and Auditing to cover additional cost to rebuild BBBSAD account in Sage. The current account was originally set up incorrectly and has caused problems for years, Baird, Cotter & Bishop will work with us to rebuild correctly. L. Fitz-motion to make budget amendment to cover costs, D. Bass-seconded, Roll Call Vote: J. Hankiewicz, yes; B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes; D. Bass, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment: From Harper Lake Income to 845-801-806 Legal & Professional to cover the cost of setting up the account in the Sage Accounting program. L. Fitz-motion to move \$250 from Income into 845-801-806 to cover costs, K. Fickies-seconded, Roll Call Vote: B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Request Board approval on bills paid in April 2020. L. Fitz-motion to approve payments B. Myers-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0
- Request to pay bill for May, 2020 L. Fitz-motion to approve bills paid, J. Hankiewicz-second, Roll Call Vote: D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Freeconferencecall.com not able to make donation, only option was to pay a monthly fee with use of debit card. L. Fitz-motion to rescind motion of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to make donation, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0



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- Hall leases, Little Bass Lake Association June 20, 2020 11am-2pm; Harper Lake Association June 27, 2020 7:30am-12pm. D. Bass will attend and open hall for the meeting; Stapley graduation at Pavilion June 27, 2020 12pm-5pm.
- Bill Payment: L. Fitz-motion to approve payment of bill for Baird, Cotter & Bishop for \$6,265, K. Fickies-seconded, Roll Call Vote: K. Fickies, yes; L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Motion Carried 5-0-0
- Correspondence – House Bill 5782: End election day voting at polls, please check this out. K.Fickies read e-mail from Phil Sanders regarding the web page. Also read e-mail from Phil Sanders regarding Trash Day. Big Bass Lake June 11, 2020 treatment information. August State Primary ballot proof has been reviewed by attorney's and approved and returned to County Clerk's office.

### B. Myers, Treasurer

- Read Treasurer's report for May. D. Bass-motion to accept Treasurer's report. L. Fitz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.
- Tax information received from County and will be uploaded and sent to KCI for mailing

### D. Bass, Trustee – No Report

### J. Hankiewicz, Trustee –No Report

### Public Comments:

- None

### Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner-Don Arquette gave report on Covid-19 and opening of State. County Road Commission vacant seat will be discussed at next Meeting
- Sheriff-L. Fitz reviewed report for April & May
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent, May runs – 24
- SEEJBA Board-Jack Puff read report.
- Road Commissioner – No report, comments on brining, good job, with some rain it should regenerate
- Assessor-No report
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Joyce Durdel, Gave report. Matthew Forsyth, corner of Brooks Rd. and 12 Mile was asked to attend to discuss noncompliance of his property with the board and give them his plan for coming into compliance. After approximately 20 minutes of discussion, it was apparent that the only plan that he has is to build a fence. The board acknowledges that the plan does not address his noncompliance and directed the Ordinance Enforcement Officer to issue a \$100 citation.
- Big Bass Lake SAD-Dave Bass reported that PLM is still scheduled for treatment of lake, June 11, 2020. The DASH boat survey has been done and 2 sites will be done in July.
- Harper Lake SAD – No report. D. Bass Thank you for the list of board members
- Road Committee-No report
- Cemetery Committee-cemetery needs mowing
- Emergency Management-No report.

### Old Business:

- Contract for power washing Township hall, etc. Received a new quote, but it needed to be clarified to add North feck, wash outside windows. L. Fitz will contact contractor to add wording and if acceptable,



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will sign the contract. L. Fitz-motion to accept quote as revised and is authorized to sign contract, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

### New Business:

- 2020 Price Protection Program is \$1.39 fixed for June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. No action required
- MTA annual dues \$1,341.08, K. Fickies-motion to make payment, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, Roll Call Vote: B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Summer/Fall Newsletter. Reviewed contents of newsletter, no corrections needed. K. Fickies-motion to approve newsletter as printed and authorize Treasurer to send to KCI for printing and mailing with the summer tax bills, L. Fitz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- B. Myers suggested that we change the name of "Trash Day" to "Large Item Collection" to avoid people bringing household garbage/trash.
- Audit Review, Board has reviewed our audit and is satisfied with the results.
- Lawn mowing contract. Our current contractor, Rich Hunt, has resigned due to health problems. L. Fitz contacted Bob Meyers to give us quotes on Township Hall and Cemetery. He mowed the township hall using his own equipment at a cost of \$70. He will mow the cemetery this week and determine the cost. After that is done, a contract will be drawn up for signature. Since we are not going to be using large tractor, Jack Haniewicz will winterize the mower. Dave Bass asked if volunteers can do trimming etc. Yes. L. Fitz-motion to postpone hiring Lawn Maintenance contractor until our July meeting, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

### Public Comment:

Joyce Durdel discussed Ordinance Citation amount.

B. Myers stated there are 23,040 acres in the township

K. Fickies-motion to adjourn; B. Myers-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.

Adjourned @ 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk

June 9, 2020