



Elk Township - Lake County, Michigan

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ELK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2020

Lou Fitz, Supervisor, called the meeting to order @ 7:02pm

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, 14;

Agenda Revisions: 1) New Business; Correct error on Land Division Act Ordinance 2) Lake Co. Treasurers office Land available for Right of First Refusal. L. Fitz-motion to approve agenda as revised. J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval- Correct date on Draft. K. Fickies-motion to approve June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as revised ; L. Fitz- seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

L. Fitz, Supervisor

- LCRC meeting, work has been resumed on Snowmobile trail 614; Next brining to be late July/early August; reported on signage removal and new policy as to set back from edge of road (10').
- Board of Review July 21, 2020 Noon to 3pm. Michael Beach told about changes effected by Covid-19
- Ballot language for Elk Township Proposal.

K. Fickies, Clerk

- Non Periodicals –Bill received from Beach Services for mailing of 2020 Assessment tax notice of change. L. Fitz-motion to approve for payment, B. Myers-seconded; Roll Call Vote: J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes; B. Myers, yes; K. Fickies, yes; L. Fitz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Request for buy-back of 7 cemetery lots at \$150 each - \$1,050. L. Fitz-motion to approve request, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment: From General \$1,000 to 101-276-965 Cemetery Reimbursement to cover buy-back of lots. L. Fitz-motion to make budget amendment, K. Fickies-seconded, Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Request Board approval on bills paid in June 2020. L. Fitz-motion to approve payments B. Myers-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall leases, Sikkenga party 7/18/2020 cancelled, Board of Review 7/21/2020 Noon to 3pm, Monday Exercise class not sure if they are still holding these, call put into J. Sonsmith to verify-no response yet. Scrapbooking Mondays 7/20-27/2020 9am-6pm
- Correspondence – 1) Accident Fund Worker's Comp. policy available reviewed. 2)Burnham & Flower Insurance Liability policy available for review. L. Fitz-motion to authorize L. Fitz & K. Fickies to approve and sign policy, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0. 3)Harper Lake spraying done 7/13/2020. 4) DNR idea sharing July 6-August 5, 2020 at Cadillac Unit. 5) Executive Order 2020-147 re:



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face coverings and how we will deal with this during the election. 6) Deadline for Independent Candidates to file with local clerks 7/16/2020 at 4pm.

B. Myers, Treasurer

- Read Treasurer's report for June. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report. D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.

D. Bass, Trustee

- Reported on concerns about Gypsy Moth invasion

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- No Report

Public Comments:

- Kelli Allen candidate for Lake County Treasurer
- Cheryl Steenwyk working as the BBL SAD chairperson, would like to meet to review MTA Special Assessment manual and discuss preparation for new SAD. Lou will meet with her Wednesday. She would also like to be on the August agenda
- Joan Runnels has been appointed to the Lake Co. Road Commission to fill the vacancy.

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner-Don Arquette gave report .
- Sheriff-Sheriff Dept. short staffed, ORV complaints, ORV signage for speed limits
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent, June runs – 19
- SEEJBA Board-Jack Puff next meeting August 5, 2020
- Road Commissioner – Joan Runnels No report
- Assessor-L. Fitz read report. Michael Beach also commented
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Joyce Durdel, the Junk Ordinance will need to be revised to better serve it's purpose. Working with the Attorney on revised wording. Has ordered new citation forms.
- Big Bass Lake SAD-Dave Bass reported that going well. DASH boat program will be later in August
- Harper Lake SAD - D. Bass Good meeting of the Harper Lake Association
- Road Committee-No report
- Cemetery Committee-cemetery looks great
- Emergency Management-No report.

Old Business:

- Contract for lawn mowing of Township Hall and Cemetery by Meyers Lawn Service prepared. K. Fickies-motion to authorize L. Fitz to sign contract, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

New Business:

- Year-to-date actuals reviewed. No issues
- Revised Junk Ordinance L. Fitz read the revisions to Ordinance as prepared by Atty. Cliff Bloom. L. Fitz-motion to offer for adoption the revised Junk Ordinance as prepared, D. Bass-seconded. Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, no; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 4-1-0. This will need to be summarized and published in the Lake County Star and it will become effective 30 days after publication.



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- Land Division Act Ordinance, Section VII, A currently states “....have a minimum width of 4 to 1ft.....” and should read “.....have a maximum depth of 4 to 1.....” this was a typographical error. K. Fickies-motion to approve corrections, L. Fitz-seconded, motion passed 5-0-0. A corrected copy will be filed with the Lake County Clerk.
- Lake County Treasurer’s office offered a parcel Lot 6, Block 4, Lakeland Heights for Right of First Refusal. L. Fitz-motion to reject offer, B. Myers-seconded, Roll Call Vote: B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0. Request signed as rejected and given to Kelly Allen from Treasurer’s Dept. Minutes of this meeting will be forwarded to her when approved.

Public Comment:

- Cheryl Steenwyk question regarding Junk Ordinance regarding fencing materials.
- Kelli Allen Property auction to be September 25, 2020 online only. Missi Nelson celebration of life on Saturday
- Joyce Durdel asked question regarding Starry Stone Wart in Harper Lake. Kevin Storeberg responded.

B. Myers-motion to adjourn; D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.

Adjourned @ 8:45 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk
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